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President's Message

Hi Everyone!

I can't believe how fast time is flying! Here it is already December and my NOCALL "to do" list seems to have gotten longer, not shorter! But that just means we have more to look forward to, right? And we have accomplished a few things . . .

Thirty-seven people attended our September Business Meeting on the 30th at Frank Fat's in Sacramento, which was a resounding success! Professor John G. Sprankling from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law spoke to us about "Foreclosure in California: the Past, Present, and Future." Professor Sprankling was a very engaging speaker. The quarters were a little close, but the food and company were great!

Our Fall Workshop on October 21st at Preservation Park in Oakland was equally successful. The workshop, sponsored by West and organized by Tibisay Turner, our intrepid Education Committee chair, featured Jim Wagstaffe, who taught us how to engage listeners by "Romancing the Room." Forty-two people, including six San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science students, enjoyed Mr. Wagstaffe's entertaining and educational stories and tips on public speaking. After the workshop a group of us treated the students to lunch at Le Cheval, a neighborhood Vietnamese restaurant. After lunch a smaller group went on to tour CEB's nearby Oakland headquarters. Ellen Platt, our enterprising Networking Committee chair, arranged the luncheon and the CEB tour.

Georgine O'Connor kindly agreed to host our Holiday Party at her home in Oakland for the second year in a row. Eighteen people attended the December 7th party, from 2 to 5 p.m. We had a great time, sipping egg nog, singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and playing Christmas Movie Trivia (won by yours truly; the others, sadly, didn't have a chance). CEB sponsored the event.

The law librarians of Santa Clara University Heafey Law Library have graciously offered to host our January Business Meeting on

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Tuesday January 27th at Santa Clara University. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science Director Dr. Ken Haycock will speak to us about "Law Librarianship: Surviving in Challenging Times" from 10:45 to 11:45, and a delicious lunch provided by CEB will begin a noon. We'll have our business meeting during lunch. We have invited SJSU SLIS students interested in law librarianship to be our guests at the January Meeting, hoping to entice them into joining NOCALL. I visited the Santa Clara University campus during the California Library Association's annual meeting in San Jose in November, and it is a beautiful place. I think it will be the perfect setting for our January meeting!

Vice President Diane Rodriguez and her Spring Institute Committee have been very busy planning the upcoming Spring Institute, to be

held at the Hotel Whitcomb in San Francisco on April 24th and 25th, 2009. The Institute's theme is "Clearing the Economic Fog: Understanding the Issues & Moving Forward in the Economic Crisis." Diane has lined up a variety of interesting speakers on number of very timely topics. I can't wait!

Last but not least, we have a new Treasurer! Our treasurer of four years, Julie Horst, left California in September and moved to Seattle to help take care of her ailing mother. We will miss Julie terribly (see "A Tribute to Julie Horst: A Woman of Many Hats," on page 8 of this issue of the NOCALL News), but luckily Holly Lakatos, the new Law Librarian at the Third Appellate District Court of Appeal in Sacramento, has volunteered to fill in until elections in the Spring. Thanks, Holly! We hope the experience makes you decide to run for the office permanently!

NOCALL News

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MUSINGS FROM MARK

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A FUTURE WITHOUT LIBRARIES?...Judith Siess has been the person behind "One Person Library" for as many years as I can remember. Soon, Judith will retire and that will be the end of OPL. I will miss it. Judith recently posted "A Future without Libraries? A Radical New Idea" on a number of listservs. It's worth reading, it's thought-provoking, but you may or may not agree with her contentions. She envisions a future without physical libraries. Instead, librarians will be "embedded" within the units of the organization. These librarians would be professionally trained not only in librarianship, with an emphasis on customer service, but would also be subject-matter specialists.

WHAT'S A "JAYBRARIAN"?...In the September issue of American Libraries, Jen Waller (MLIS candidate at the University of Washington) writes about "jaybrarians." "Jaybrarian" is a takeoff on the word "jaywalker." She explains that in the early 20th century, "jay" was slang for a newcomer who was unfamiliar with city life. And "jaywalkers" were pedestrians who would endanger themselves through their ignorance of traffic safety laws. So, what's a "jaybrarian"? A "jaybrarian" is a new librarian who is unfamiliar with library ways. Jen encourages all of us to be jaybrarians. In Jen's prior career, her boss sat her down and warned her, "You have six months to make change. After six months you start seeing the same things the rest of us see day in and day out. Take full advantage of your first impressions. See things with fresh eyes so that you can improve on the status quo." The message to all of us: Just because "that's the way it's always been" does not mean that that's the best way of doing things.

WORDS THAT PACK POWER...Writing in the November 3 issue of Business Week, Frank Luntz offers five words that resonate in the business world:

"Consequences": personalizes and dramatizes the potential result of a particular action.

"Impact": causes people to assume that they will see a measurable difference.

"Reliability": more important to customers than price.

"Mission": explains what you do, why you do it, and why you care. This is not a "mission statement."

"Commitment": you're willing to put your credibility on the line to achieve a successful outcome.

AND FINALLY...As I write this column, Barack Obama has been elected President of the United States. My neighbors are in the street, and they're lighting sparklers and firecrackers. There is an air of excitement bordering on euphoria. And coming down the street is a battered old pickup truck. The lone occupant of the truck is pulling recyclables from the trash containers which my neighbors and I have put out for pickup tomorrow morning.

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WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Nora Levine

OBAMA: FROM PROMISE TO POWER by David Mendell
David Mendell was a reporter for the Chicago Tribune and covered Senator Obama during his formative years as a state senator, through to his rise today. And by today, I actually do mean "today" - I'm writing this on November 4. Regardless of the outcome of this election, I wanted to know more about the man who seemed to appear out of nowhere in August 2004 to give John Kerry's keynote address at the Boston DNC, and who, somewhat miraculously, managed to not just get, but keep, in the public eye, gaining notoriety and power. The book details Obama's political career, but it's hardly a fascinating read. Mendell clearly wants to maintain a cordial relationship with the perhaps-President, and is very reluctant to say anything hard-hitting. In wanting to inform the public and entertain a reading audience, but not anger his subject, Mendell's writing loses its way. However, as an account of Obama's life, and as a way to get familiar with the names and personalities of advisors, friends, and benefactors (need-to-know information for the public, about any powerful politician) it was a good book and a relatively fast read. Keep a book of short stories handy so that when it gets too dull, you'll have something else to read on the train and not feel guilty about neglecting your main read.

Sara F. Dudley

Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP

BASIC BROWN; MY LIFE AND OUR TIMES by Willie L. Brown.

Whether you love him or hate him, you have to admit that Willie Brown has been a colorful character in California history in the last half century. The book chronicles his life from his arrival in 1951, from a small town in Texas, to live with his uncle who was already established in San Francisco. Being the resourceful guy he is, Willie worked

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his way through law school and began his rise in politics. In this book, "Da Mayor" details the following: how he works the room at public and private functions, why there are no strings attached to political donations and how to dress for success. He also discusses his wife, family and his relationship with ladies he escorts to various social events. In one anecdote, he mentions that when he and his wife Blanche had reached their 50th anniversary, she announced that she would throw a big party -- in Oakland -- for herself. Although Willie Brown is listed as the author, the book is collaboration with P.J. Corkery, who kept notes during many Saturday breakfasts they shared. Fun, fascinating reading by a larger than life political figure and a romp through the last 40 years of local political history spiced with anecdotes from the San Francisco social scene.

Lauri Flynn
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DEWEY: A SMALL TOWN LIBRARY CAT WHO

TOUCHED THE WORLD by Vicki Myron and Bret Witter
Anybody in the library field should really enjoy reading Vicki Myron's moving and touching book *Dewey: a small town library cat who touched the world*, a best seller. On a freezing January morning, Vicki Myron, director of the Spencer, Iowa library opened the library drop box to find a dirty and severely hypothermic young kitten. It was named after the Dewey decimal system and became Spencer's most famous resident where it lived for 19 years. This book is more than a story of an exceptional cat who loved people; it's also about Vicki Myron and her career as a library director, as well as the people of Spencer, Iowa. For more information on this touching true story go to the Spencer Library website at <http://www.spencerlibrary.com/deweybio.htm>. (The site includes a link to Dewey's Facebook page.)

Mike Ibold
Calaveras County Law Library

DRAWING FROM LIFE: THE JOURNAL AS ART by

Jennifer New
The best quote I have come across in this book is one that says "the journal is the working stiff of creative life." This quote lends the journal (visual or art or text based) an air of humanity. It lends the feeling that it is ok to cross out bits and pieces, to rip pages out, to start over. It gives me the okay to just do whatever I need to in my journal and use it to work out or improve my ideas. I finished this book and felt a sense of relief. Not relief that I had finished it, but a sense of excitement and a new beginning. Imagine letting out a huge sigh of contentment. That is how I felt. I was particularly enamored with the 1000 journals project, which I have begun to explore a little bit subsequent to this book.

I loved reading about the various artists, especially in the creativity section and felt very inspired by their work. Read this book, it is fantastic!

ADHD & ME by Blake Taylor

Each chapter includes a brief memoir, commentary on what the author learned after the experience described in the memoir and then a list of strategies. Though I found the suggestions in the strategies section helpful, I would like more memoir. I can see the usefulness of the format for someone else, however. The lists of strategies are useful even if you are not ADHD, because there are many useful organizational tips. I think 5-7th grade boys who are trying to learn to organize their schoolwork and books are the ones who could benefit from this book. The big problem is that I don't think 5-7th grade boys would read this book and they wouldn't listen to their parents who had read the book. The book is a bit preachy and obvious, but I do admire the accomplishments of the author.

OLD MAID'S PUZZLE by Terri Thayer

Dewey Pellicano, who inherited a quilt store from her mother, is back and the business is in trouble. The book takes place over the course of a very busy week, the end of which is a huge sale that will make or break the store. There are a number of things going on during this week that serve to move the underlying story of the Dewey's life along. Dewey has new ideas for the store and needs to do things differently because of changing market conditions. This doesn't sit well with everyone in her life.

I think this book ends nicely, but VERY surprisingly. I was pleased with the ending, which I didn't see coming at all. I am glad that Terri doesn't torment her readers with bad situations that came up in the first book. Dewey was able to learn some lessons and resolve these situations in order to move forward. I think that haranguing readers with problems of the characters who can never learn their lessons drives readers away. While I was confused during the first couple of chapters and concerned that I blew through them too fast, I am reading them again. I can see that this series will go on. Such series always make me want a compendium with bios of the characters and more background information.

COMING HOME by Rosamunde Pilcher

This is one of my travel books, so I have read it a number of times. I particularly enjoyed it this time, because I was able to reread the second half and pay attention to the details. Coming Home is a really long book and I get so excited by the end of the first half that that I speed through the second half. I sped through the second half, but then went back and enjoyed it again. I like it because of the vivid descriptions as well as the great characters.

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PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

Elisabeth McKechnie and Susan Llano
U.C. Davis Law Library

The story starts in Porthkerris, Cornwall in about 1935 with the main character, Judith, leaving a council school to start the winter term (after Christmas) at a new boarding school. Her mother and baby sister are going back to Ceylon to rejoin the girls' father after 4 years of being on their own in England. Judith's family is a British-India family and her father works in Ceylon. The story tracks Judith's life over a 6 year period after her mother returns to Ceylon, as World War II starts and eventually ends.

This is a long book - 900+ pages, but a real page turner and well worth the thickness of the book. It is a typical Rosamunde Pilcher novel, but longer. It is a great airplane/travel book.

Jaye A. H. Lapachet

Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP

THE ELEMENTS OF LIBRARY RESEARCH: WHAT EVERY STUDENT NEEDS TO KNOW by Mary W. George

This little book is a GEM - it's written so well that it's both professional and fun reading!

Look at this from Chapter 1:

" . . . I want to persuade you, as a serious but uncertain student, that library research is not a mystery or a lucky dodge, but an investigation that you control from start to finish, even though you cannot usually tell what sources you will discover. Like its twin, scientific experiment, library research is a form of structured inquiry with specific tools, rules, and techniques. Also like its twin, it is unpredictable, sometimes frustrating, but ultimately rewarding as you examining your findings, then add your own insights to make a compelling case. As a bonus, when you share your work -- whether through writing, speaking, or technology -- addressing one person or a wide audience, you create a new source, extending the cycle . . ."

Author: George, Mary W., 1948-

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Sometimes, the only current information comes from another human being. For those who must interview others to find data or for those librarians who practice competitive intelligence, *Searcher* has an article this month by **Risa Sacks**, that goes over the hows and whys of the telephonic interview. This includes information on how to give graceful responses to interviewee questions like "Who are you?" "Who are you working for?" Even if not doing competitive intelligence, the average librarian may find telephonic research a normal part of the job. "**Phone Research—The Prequel**", *Searcher*, v.16, no.9, October 1, 2008, p.24; 2008 WLNR 19001787.

"**Immigration: Data Matters**" by Jeanne Batalova and Michelle Mittelstadt, Migration Policy Institute and Population Reference Bureau, 2008, free download available from www.migrationpolicy.org or www.prb.org. This publication by the Migration Policy Institute and the Population Reference Bureau is an excellent resource for tracking down immigration statistics on various topics (i.e. education, health, citizenship, etc.). They provide the information in the form of a table with headers like, "What's available" and "Where can you find it?" They also provide a column that rates each publication's ease of use. In addition to listing data resources on immigrants in the U.S., they also list the key resources on U.S. immigration-related data and annotate each resource giving its key features AND its limitations. Information on international migration data and where to find it is listed by topic. They end with a glossary of terms and a bibliography of resources for additional reading.

"**Cost Recovery: A Team Effort**" by Lyn Warmath and Monice M. Kaczorowski, *Legal Management*, v.27, no.5, September/October 2008, <http://www.alanet.org/publications/legalmgmtissue.aspx>

The authors of this article attempt to provide a guide to starting a cost recovery system in law firms and target what they think are two vital (and many times overlooked) areas: billable hours for librarians' research time and firm-wide costs for online legal research services. They make a case for proving librarians as strategic assets and give examples of critical questions to ask when developing your firm's cost recovery plan. The article also gives a sample mission statement and provides citations to additional resources to consult.

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“Placements and Salary Survey 2008: Jobs and Pay Both Up” by Stephanie Maatta, *Library Journal*, v.133, no.17, October 15, 2008, <http://www.libraryjournal.com/info/CA6602855.html>

The findings of the annual placements and salary survey are presented in a recent issue of Library Journal. Despite the bad economy, salaries and placements were up. Salaries in 2007 increased 3.1% from the previous year to reach \$42,361. The downside is that the reason for the increase in placements might be that there is also an increase in temporary positions. The gender gap in pay is still evident and women lagged 7.7% behind men. The author explores the possible reasons for this gender gap including job choices and regional issues. The link above will take you to the print version of this article, but an expanded web version with more details and graphs is available at www.libraryjournal.com/salaries2008.

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NOCALL CROSSOVER MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

10:30a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Hassard Bonnington LLP
San Francisco, CA

Present: Prano Amjadi, Kelly Browne, Shannon Burchard, Coral Henning, Julie Horst, Jaye Lapachet, Nicki Lodico, Susan Nevelow Mart, Ellen Platt, Nina Porcella, Holly Riccio, Diane Rodriguez, Lee Ryan, Tibisay Boggio-Turner

Kelly Browne called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Welcome

Kelly asked everyone to introduce themselves and state where they work, how long they have been in NOCALL, and what positions of leadership they have held.

Committee Clusters

Kelly explained the concept of the clusters and which committees fell into which clusters. Each Board member should contact the chairs of the committees in their cluster before every board meeting and business meeting, and then in April for budget information.

Committee Overviews

A brief overview of what each committee has been working on was presented along with ideas for the coming year.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Prano Amjadi distributed the minutes of the May Board meeting that were prepared by Mary Sexton. Mary was unable to attend this meeting. The minutes were looked over and then approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Julie Horst made a PowerPoint presentation of the changes in the account due to the change in our fiscal year. Julie hired a student who created a new spreadsheet to track expenses by committee.

New Networking Committee

Ellen Platt, chair of the new committee, stated the charge of the committee. Ideas were discussed as to possible events. Committee members will include: Julie Horst, Holly Riccio, Diane Rodriguez, Tina Dumas, Donna Williams, Carolina Rose, and Coral Henning.

ILL Guidelines Task Force

Kelley announced the creation of an ILL Guidelines Task Force. Task Force members are: Lauri Flynn, Mark Mackler, Mary Staats and Todd Bennett.

Strategic Planning Task Force Report

Ellen Platt, Task Force Chair, stated that all the work was done and only the writing of the report was left to complete before submission to the Board.

Upcoming Events

An overview of the upcoming events were presented.

July 12: Pacific Chapters reception. Prano and Julie confirmed that two chapters still needed to reimburse NOCALL for the additional expenses of the reception in New Orleans.

September Business Meeting is to be held in Sacramento. Kelly announced there will be a speaker and lunch.

October 21: Fall Workshop. Tibisay Turner is having the workshop once more in Oakland’s Preservation Park, as the location was well received last year. Jim Wagstaffe will speak on presentation skills.

December Holiday Party. Georgine O’Connor will once again host a Holiday party in her home. We are looking at sponsorship from West, but there was some concern expressed about asking them for too much and that having it at a home might make the sponsorship inappropriate.

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January Business Meeting will be in San Francisco and will include a Competitive Intelligence program.

Sunshine Week in March. Michele Finerty will consider the past two events for attendance and programs and work to increase attendance and reduce technical glitches.

Spring Institute. Diane Rodriguez is starting to consider locations and program themes for the next institute. The evaluation results mention that things were too compacted for the last institute and will look at a more extended program.

May Annual Business Meeting. We discussed whether the annual meeting should be held at the Marine's Memorial. Costs are going up. The history of how we ended up at Marines Memorial was mentioned and the decision was to think out of the box for the

coming meeting, there being no need to stand on any tradition.

Lunch with Clusters

Lunch was served and people broke up for discussions in their clusters.

Kelly Browne adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prano Amjadi

In lieu of
Mary Sexton
NOCALL Secretary

WE NEED YOUR NEWS!

If you or your staff members have attended a seminar, published an article, received an award, or if you have done anything interesting, personally or professionally, please let us know!

Submit articles of any length to Mary Pinar at mpinard@saclaw.org

Deadlines for submissions are:

September 5

November 7

January 9

March 6

May 8

A TRIBUTE TO JULIE HORST: WOMAN OF MANY HATS

Kelly Browne
Sacramento County Public Law Library

Julie Horst, NOCALL's treasurer of four years, left California in September to move to Seattle to help take care of her ailing mother. We will miss Julie terribly. Not only was she a terrific treasurer who was really enthusiastic about "treasuring," but she was creative, fun, a great collaborator, and had the best hat fashion sense NOCALL has ever seen.

Julie got her MLIS at the University of Washington in Seattle in 1993. Julie moved to Northern California and joined NOCALL in 2001. She worked as the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarian at the UC Hastings College of Law Library from 2001 to 2007 and then as Circulation Librarian at the University of San Francisco School of Law until September 2008.

The first time I remember meeting Julie was at the May Business Meeting in 2005, when she presented the



Treasurer's Report in the form of a Rap: "We're in the Black, and That's a Fact." I was so impressed I asked Julie to reprise her performance at the AALL Centennial Variety Show at the 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis. Julie demurred, claiming she was "rapped out" and wanted to do something different. She decided upon

a San Francisco "Beat," and using her unique ability to motivate creative endeavors led the collaborative writing and performing effort that became the "NOCALL Beat."

Julie instigated the unofficial "NOCALL Networking Committee" "because sometimes there's just not enough time at the business meetings to catch up with your friends and make new ones." She arranged for groups of NOCALL members to attend several social events, including "Beach Blanket Babylon," a zany musical

spoof of pop culture with extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats held at Club Fugazi in the heart of San Francisco's North Beach district. Before announcing the event at the May 2007 Business Meeting Julie donned a resplendent hat that looked just like one of the hats worn by the Beach Blanket Babylon cast. It was huge and elaborate, involving the Golden Gate Bridge, a dollar sign, and a NOCALL banner. Of course, she made it herself!



The other photo we have of Julie to go along with this tribute also captures her spirit of fun. Ellen Platt took the picture on the Wine Train Excursion after the Spring Institute in Napa in March 2008. Julie is trying to hide behind a cloth napkin, but you can tell she's smiling underneath. She is winking. And last but not least, she is wearing a hat!

Julie & I shared the bond of being "scooter chicks" since we both got our M1 Class driver's license (motorcycle license) a few years ago. I loved talking with her about scooting and commuting to work! It's all about experiencing life & not watching it pass you by. That's really what Julie is all about! I'm going to miss the spice she put into all aspects of her life here & her work as well. I truly wish her all the best life has to offer!
-Donna Williams

Sadly, as I am a relatively new NOCALL member, I did not have the opportunity to work with Julie for very long. Yet, from our first meeting I found Julie's enthusiasm and love of the profession inspiring. Julie was one of the first people to welcome me to NOCALL and to demonstrate the importance of being involved in our association. On several occasions Julie was kind enough to share her personal and professional experiences with me, such as the great value she got out of attending Toast Masters. She was also quick to offer me words of support in regard to the work of the Education Committee. One of the most lasting impressions I have of Julie is her wonderful attitude. She approaches everything with

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a sense of fun. I will certainly miss her wonderful effervescence.

- Tibusay Boggio-Turner

Julie, Julie, Julie,

What a gem you are. I'll never forget when I first met you. Only you could make a treasurer's report fun and amusing. Since then I've found that only you can make many things fun. You are entertaining, clever, incredibly bright and we really, really miss you.

xoxox,

Mary Staats

Julie exemplified the spirit of NOCALL like no one else. Whenever Julie was involved in anything I knew it was going to be fun and exciting. Her endless enthusiasm for networking, adventures, and including everyone in her plans, brought us all together. NOCALL will miss her dedication and spirit and I am missing my friend and bowling buddy. Luckily Seattle is only a short flight away!

- Diane M. Rodriguez

Be it bowling or mechanical bull riding, RAPorts or beat poems, Julie was always at the heart of it. Her glow for the profession and the people in it comes from the heart. NOCALL should plot ardently to steal her back from Westpac.

- Shannon Burchard

Julie is one of the most amazing librarians I know. She's a great librarian, for starters. And she's one of those special people who are the center of networks. She knows everyone, because she has a special ability to connect to people and to draw them out. And she knows how to put people together who should know each other. Her abilities are especially transformative in a large organization, where she connect the disparate and sometimes separate parts of the organization. We miss her.

-Susan Nevelow Mart

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NOCALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 24, 2008

9:00 to 10:10 a.m.

Conference Call

Present: Kelly Browne, Coral Henning, Diane Rodriguez, Mary Sexton

1. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from the June 25, 2008, crossover meeting, were approved as amended.

2. Internet Librarian Discount

Carolina Rose organized NOCALL members interested in attending the Internet Librarian conference so that they could obtain a discounted, group rate. She has agreed to do so again next year; Diane Rodriguez will remind her.

3. Need for a New Treasurer

Julie Horst's resignation has created the need for a new treasurer. A special election is not required; the Board can appoint someone to fill the vacancy. Coral will check with Holly Riccio (Nominations) to see if the committee has someone in mind. If not, possible candidates were discussed. There are advantages to having another treasurer from USF because Julie had a USF graduate student working on a NOCALL audit and the bank is close to the University. The new treasurer will have to present an I.D. at the bank to access NOCALL funds. Julie is willing to help out during the transition.

4. Treasurer's Report (attached)

The Board approved the treasurer's report, e-mailed by Julie on September 13th and noted Ramona Martinez's deposit of \$1560 in membership dues on September 16th.

5. NOCALL Certificate of Deposit

A \$6200+ CD at Bank of America with an interest rate of 1.6% will mature on February 23, 2009. The Board recommends that the new Treasurer move the CD to obtain a better rate, instead of continuing to roll it over every 180 days at the current rate.

6. Policy for Vendor Announcements

The Board approved the following policy regarding vendor announcements at NOCALL meetings:

Time permitting, any vendor who has paid to attend a NOCALL meeting or workshop may make a brief (less than one minute), factual announcement about

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new products or services of likely interest to NOCALL members, and may refer to web sites or product literature containing further information.

7. Student Discount for NOCALL Workshop

The Board agreed to offer a student discount for the October workshop.

8. January Business Meeting

Tibisay Turner-Boggio has been in discussion with Jones McClure publishing about sponsoring the January NOCALL meeting, with Judge O'Connor of Jones McClure as the featured speaker. Kelly will discuss the details with Tibisay. The Board approved provided the Judge's presentation is a substantive discussion, not an infomercial. The South Bay is a desirable location for January, but a specific meeting place has not yet been finalized.

9. Proposed bylaws change (attached)

A proposed bylaws change, for electronic elections, has been mailed to NOCALL members, included in the September/October newsletter, and is scheduled to be voted on at the September business meeting. According to the NOCALL constitution and bylaws, a bylaws amendment can be made at any NOCALL meeting. Twenty-five active members or 10% of NOCALL active members, whichever is less, constitutes a quorum for a NOCALL business meeting.

10. ILL Guidelines (attached)

Kelly asked a group of San Francisco law librarians to draft ILL guidelines, to make the ILL process more orderly. The Board had a question about the reasons for the last paragraph, which Kelly clarified after contacting committee members. The guidelines are included in the September/October NOCALL newsletter and will be presented at the September business meeting.

Kelly also asked whether it was appropriate to continue limiting the NOCALL listserv to NOCALL members. The Board had no objection to continuing this restriction.

Ellen Platt (Networking) will begin planning lunches for NOCALL ILL librarians. The Board encouraged her to find out whether ILL librarians would be interested in presentations on ILL tools at these luncheons. The presentations have been made at past ILL meetings in San Francisco.

11. Strategic Planning Task Force

Ellen Platt's involvement with an AALL Committee

(Membership Development) will not allow her enough time to write up NOCALL's Strategic Plan. Kelly and Coral agreed to handle this, rather than trying to bring in someone new so late in the process. Ellen will bring her notes to September meeting.

12. Spring Institute Plans

Diane Rodriguez discussed planning for the NOCALL Spring Institute. It will be in San Francisco, on Friday and Saturday, April 24th - 25th, 2009. Diane will decide on a hotel by end of the week: the Whitcomb (formerly the Ramada) on Market St. is likely. It has recently remodeled rooms, parking rates of \$9 per day, hotel rates of \$122 for the weekend, and will charge \$500/day for the ballroom.

The theme for the Institute is "Clearing/Lifting the economic fog." Topics will include competitive intelligence tools and predicting trends; a panel discussion about the mortgage crisis; a program on bankruptcy including the issues and research, and a program on economics in the library workplace.

David Mao from the Library of Congress will be the AALL Board Member attending the Spring Institute. The President's dinner will most likely be on the 23rd. Ellen Platt and the Networking Committee will explore possible activities for Friday night, such as theater tickets.

13. January Business Meeting

As mentioned above (#8), the South Bay is the likely location. Judge O'Connor of Jones McClure is a possible speaker. CEB has expressed a willingness to contribute to the January business and the NOCALL holiday party.

14. Cluster Reports

Coral: AALL Liaison, Archives, Constitution and By-laws, Nominations.

Nothing of interest

Diane: List Serv, Newsletter, Web Page

Nothing to report; all is well.

Kelly: Networking, Education, Spring Institute
Ellen (Networking) will be at the September meeting. Tibisay's (Education) activities and Diane's planning for the Spring Institute were discussed earlier in the meeting.

Nina: Academic Relations, Membership, Placement Report deferred until Nina could be present.

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Lee: Government Relations, Public Access, Public Relations
 Report deferred until Lee could be present
 Government Relations: Michelle Finerty will report at the September meeting.
 Public Access: Nicki Lodico has been working on podcasts.
 Public Relations: Shannon Burchard has been meeting three publications deadlines per month.

Mary: Awards, Grants, Memorials
 Teresa Dippery (Grants) has already publicized a grant for the October workshop. Nothing to report from Awards or Memorials.

15. Additional matters discussed

Diane reported on her discussions with Holly Riccio about ways to interest new members in service to NOCALL. They suggested something that has been tried in a New York chapter: inviting a new member to attend Board meetings as a non-voting member: either one person per term or a different person for each Board meeting. Diane and Holly will contact more chapters and Ramona Martinez (Membership) for suggestions about how to proceed.

Forty-two people planned to attend the September 30th business meeting, including a majority of the Board. The day after the Board meeting, Kelly announced that there was a waiting list for the business meeting.

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NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING
September 30, 2008
Frank Fat's, Sacramento
PROPOSED MINUTES

Before the meeting, Professor John Sprankling of McGeorge School of Law spoke on "Foreclosure in California."

Kelly Browne convened the NOCALL Business Meeting at noon. Approximately 40 NOCALL members were present. There were announcements from:

- Janelle Cotton regarding LiveEdgar from Thomson Reuters
- Ellen Platt regarding the October 21 workshop, followed by a no-host lunch at Le Cheval and a tour of CEB headquarters
- Suzanne Dyer inviting NOCALL members to visit the Alameda County Law Library after the October workshop

1. Approval of minutes from the last business meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2008 business meeting was made, seconded and approved.

2. Treasurer's report (attached)
 Copies of the Treasurer's Report for June – September 2008 were distributed. Kelly announced Julie Horst's resignation, after several terms as NOCALL treasurer, and asked anyone interested in becoming the next NOCALL treasurer to contact her.

3. New policy for vendor announcements (attached)
 Copies of a new policy regarding vendor announcements, adopted by the NOCALL Board at its September 24, 2008 meeting, were distributed.

4. Proposed bylaws change (attached)
 A proposed amendment to the NOCALL bylaws, to authorize electronic elections, had been included in the NOCALL newsletter for September/October 2008, made available at the NOCALL website, and mailed to NOCALL members, along with the invitation to this business meeting. A motion to so amend the Bylaws was made, seconded, and approved.

5. NOCALL Guidelines for Interlibrary Loans (attached)
 Copies of interlibrary loan guidelines, drafted last summer at Kelly's request by a task force consisting of Lauri Flynn, Mark Mackler, Mary Staats and Todd Bennett were distributed to NOCALL members. The Guidelines are also available in the September/October

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NOCALL news. The final sentence in the guidelines – “Refrain from mentioning specific names of people who responded or library names in a public email” – is to protect lenders’ privacy.

NOCALL encourages use of the guidelines on the listserv and will make additional efforts to publicize them.

6. Strategic Planning Task Force

Kelly has made completing the NOCALL Strategic Plan a priority of her presidency. She and Coral Henning will work on writing up the final plan.

7. Spring Institute Plans

Diane Rodriguez discussed plans for the NOCALL Spring Institute to be held at the Hotel Whitcomb in San Francisco on April 24th and 25th. The topic of the Institute will be the economic downturn.

January Business Meeting

Kelly would like to hold the January business meeting in the South Bay. Judge O’Connor of Jones, McClure Publishing may speak about the company’s new publication on California Causes of Action.

8. Cluster Reports

Several clusters (e.g., Administration, Communication, Education) have been actively involved in planning and publicizing activities discussed earlier in the business meeting. All is well in Membership and Outreach.

Michelle Finerty reported on the Government Relations Committee. NOCALL has 1) written to the California Judicial Council supporting the inclusion of a county law libraries representative on the Advisory Commission on Civil Fees; 2) signed onto a Freedom of Information Act initiative to be presented to the next U.S. president’s transition team; and 3) written to Representatives Barbara Lee and Mike Honda asking them to sponsor HR 6589, The Charles Meeham Library Improvement and Modernization Act, which would provide a one-time additional fund of 3.5 million dollars to the Library of Congress.

The Grants Committee has announced the availability of a grant for members interested in attending the October workshop in Oakland. Details are available at the NOCALL website. Applications should be sent to Teresa Dippery.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The names of members who have joined NOCALL since publication of the 2007-2008/2008-2009 NOCALL Directory and since the last newsletter are listed below as well as changes and corrections for continuing members. Any corrections changes or additions to the Directory should be sent to:

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Directory update: All the data that will go in the new directory is now in the capable hands of the LA Daily Journal's art department. I'm hoping to mail the final product before the year ends! Cross your fingers.

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