

**NOCALL GRC and SLA SF Bay Region Chapter
Present
National Dialogue on Open Government and Secrecy
2008 Sunshine Week Program**

When: Friday, March 21, 2008

**Where: Townsend and Townsend and Crew, Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor
San Francisco**

Sunshine Week is a national initiative about the importance of open government and the freedom of information. NOCALL GRC and the SLA SF Bay Region are presenting a two part program, comprised of the national web cast from Washington, D.C., and a lunchtime panel of local speakers.

The program begins at 9:00 a.m., with a Continental Breakfast.

Part I: National Web Cast. 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

The hour and a half web cast, entitled *Government Secrecy: Censoring Your Right to Know*, will consider two topics.

The Secret Executive—What Can Congress and the Public Do? The Executive branch, power, and secrecy; congressional rights and responsibilities; and the role of the press in combating government secrecy.

Citizen Self-Help: Finding the Information You Need: A discussion with creators of websites that make hard-to-find government information accessible. The websites help the public avoid having to file official requests or go to government offices and meetings to learn what our government is doing.

Web cast panelists include:

- **Mickey Edwards**, Director of the Aspen Institute-Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership and former Republican member of Congress from Oklahoma (1977-92).
- **Ann Beeson**, Director of U.S. Programs at the Open Society Institute and previously Associate Legal Director of the ACLU.
- **John Podesta**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for American Progress, Chief of Staff to President William J. Clinton (1998-January 2001).
- **Patrice McDermott**, Director of OpenTheGovernment.org, moderator.

Part II: Lunchtime Panelists. 11:30-12:30 p.m.
(There will be a break from 11:00 – 11:30)

The lunchtime panel of local experts, who are active in furthering open government, include:

- **Marcia Hofman**, staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), working on government transparency, civil liberties, and intellectual property issues. Ms. Hofman will speak about EFF's FOIA Litigation for Accountable Government (FLAG) Project.
- **Brewster Kahle**, Digital Librarian, Director and Co-Founder of the Internet Archive.
- **Carl Malamud**, President, Public Resource.Org, Inc.

Please register by March 14, 2008.

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NOCALL Member _____ Yes _____ No

Web cast only _____ Free Web cast and lunch program. _____ \$10.00* (*\$13.00 at the door)

Although there is no charge for attending the web cast, advance registration is strongly encouraged to ensure that space is available. Space is limited to 40 people. Those who do not register in advance will be admitted on a space available basis.

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