



NOCALL *News*

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President's Message

Hi Everyone!

As I write this column, we are busy making nametags for the January Business Meeting, which is three days away, on January 27. Sixty-five name tags! That must be a record for a meeting in Santa Clara! But it is going to be a great meeting--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," and we'll have our business meeting during a delicious buffet lunch provided by CEB. We have invited SJSU SLIS students interested in law librarianship to be our guests, hoping to entice them into joining NOCALL. There will be tours of Heafey Law Library and the beautiful, new, state of the art main campus Orradre Library before and after the meeting. Our "Hostess with the Mostest" Ellen Platt will be wearing the latest in NOCALL headgear, and she has made me promise to bring my Pyramid hat, so photo opportunities will abound!

Nominations Committee Chair Holly Riccio and her committee, Ellen Platt, Erin Murphy and Liza MacMorris, have come up with a fabulous slate of candidates this year:

Vice President / President-Elect:

Shannon Burchard (University of San Francisco)

Treasurer:

Mark Estes (Alameda County Law Library)

Secretary:

Tibisay Boggio-Turner (Akin Gump)

Member-At-Large:

Tara Crabtree (5th District Court of Appeal)

Cynthia Matano (Department of Justice/AG)

Kathy Skinner (Morrison & Foerster)

Jean Willis (Sacramento County Public Law Library)

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Their bios appear elsewhere in this issue of the NOCALL News. Please take a moment to review them and please do not forget to vote! Your voice is important.



Public Access Committee Chair Nicki Lodico is leaving one fabulous job at the Habeas Corpus Resource Center in San Francisco for another in New York City: Manager of Information Management Services for the Ford Foundation! We will miss Nicki and her enthusiasm, but wish her the best of luck in her new position. We do, however, need a new Public Access Committee Chair. The Committee's charge is threefold:

1. Contact and serve as resource person to publicly-supported libraries and organizations, including but not limited to: public libraries, academic libraries and cooperative organizations.
2. Prepare, gather and distribute pertinent materials for use by non-law librarians and their patrons.
3. Investigate the public's access to legal materials.

If anyone is interested, please contact our Vice-President-soon-to-be President Diane Rodriguez at (415) 288-9800 or dmr@hassard.com.

For each Annual Meeting and Conference, AALL underwrites one free full registration for a number of chapters on a rotating basis. AALL's intent is that the chapters present the awards to newer members of AALL who meet whatever other criteria the awarding chapter may determine. This year it is NOCALL's turn.

By providing an opportunity for a newer member to attend an Annual Meeting, everyone benefits – the member, the chapter, and AALL. The goal is to provide an enriching experience as the member learns and networks with colleagues from across the country. The result for the

chapter and AALL is a member who supports and participates in her or his professional association, both locally and nationally.

This grant is in addition to the grants NOCALL provides for the NOCALL Fall Workshop, the NOCALL Spring Institute, and the AALL Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in applying for this or any other grant, please contact our Grants Committee Chair, Teresa Dippery, at (650) 849-4829 or Teresa.Dippery@bingham.com.

The deadline for submitting applications for the grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting is April 1, 2009. Applications are available at <http://nocall.org/forms/grantapp.pdf>. We will announce the Grant recipients at the May Business Meeting.

Finally, I would like to hear your thoughts on having our May Business Meeting somewhere other than the Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel. The Marines' Memorial is a lovely setting and we traditionally have our May Business Meetings there, but they have doubled their food and beverage minimum and they are starting to charge us for many items that used to be complimentary, such as audio-visual equipment and a room for the Board Members to meet in prior to the Business Meeting. We would still have the meeting in San Francisco, of course, but we (the Board) were thinking we might be able to get a better deal somewhere else. Any and all suggestions are welcome.

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MUSINGS FROM MARK

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PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

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

As I write this “Musings” I find myself thinking: What if I get hit with a 5% pay cut? What about a 10% pay cut? What about 20%? What if I lose my job altogether? I imagine that I’m not alone, and that several of you are experiencing those same feelings. I have to admit that these feelings have been preventing me from focusing on more productive, pleasant things in life like the incoming Obama administration and the upcoming Red Sox season.

So, I consider myself fortunate to have read a recent article in the “New York Times.” Locate “Coping Skills and Horrible Imaginings” by Alina Tugend on January 3.

A summary of the key points:

1. People who felt chronically insecure about their jobs reported significantly worse overall health than those who had actually lost their jobs or had even faced a serious or life-threatening illness.
2. People who are more anxious or easily stressed would prefer knowing something for sure—even if it’s negative—than not knowing. People who are anxious tend to equate uncertainty with negative outcomes...although followup studies find that 85% of the outcomes were neutral or even positive.
3. There is “productive worry” and “nonproductive worry.” Productive worry is thinking about something you can do in the next 24 hours, like re-examining your investments, working on your budget, or putting your resume together. Unproductive worry is worrying about things like another 40% drop in the stock market--something about which you can do absolutely nothing.

So, try to keep these concepts in mind. Don’t stick your head in the sand, but don’t obsess about negative information. I know, I know, all of this is easier said than done.

Best of luck to all of us for 2009!

“**The Virtual Tax Library: A Comparison of Five Electronic Tax Research Platforms**” by Katherine Pratt, Jennifer Kowal & Daniel Martin, Legal Studies Paper No.2008-40, electronic copy available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1317356
In this very useful article, the authors compare primary and secondary source material coverage on BNA, CCH, RIA Checkpoint, Lexis and Westlaw. In addition, the article covers functionality of the different services and what is similar among them and what is unique. This information is provided in table format in the appendices making it easy to compare the services at a glance. The article also includes a tax hypothetical and compares the results found on the different services.

With legislative information available in so many different places on the internet (free and fee-based), it’s helpful that the GPO has come out with a new study comparing legislative resources available on GPO Access to other selected online resources, “**Comparison of Legislative Resources on GPO Access and Selected Government and Non-Government Web Sites**” October 2008. <http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov/library/compare/compr5.pdf>. Interesting findings include: the scope (number of years covered) of most resources on GPO Access is exceeded by House.gov, THOMAS, Lexis, HeinOnline and CQ.com. This table compares the scope of GPO Access to Government Web Sites <http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov/library/compare/compr5a.pdf> and this table compares its scope to Non-Government Web sites <http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov/library/compare/compr5b.pdf>.

Librarians trying to coax their patrons to their training sessions and open houses have long known that “**If You Feed Them, They Will Come**,” by Wendy Reynolds at <http://www.slaw.ca/2009/01/04/if-you-feed-them-they-will-come/>

January 4, 2009. Her column summarizes how other librarians have used food, prizes and in one case, a chocolate fountain to draw attendance to library functions. The article is both useful and quite funny.

The latest results are out for the Law School Survey of Student Engagement. “**Student Engagement in Law School: Preparing 21st Century Lawyers**” by the Center for Postsecondary Research at the University of Indiana Bloomington, http://lssse.iub.edu/2008_Annual_Report/pdf/j4u5h7e9/LSSSE_2008_Annual_Report.pdf
Survey results are both promising (More than 90% of

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students feel that their law school contributes substantially to acquiring a broad legal education) and disappointing (In each year of law school, about 60% of students report that their school places a substantial emphasis on memorizing facts, ideas, or methods to repeat them in pretty much the same form). The section on computer use in the classroom is interesting and comes at a time when many law faculty are worried that technology is distracting to students in the classroom. The survey reveals that students who use the computer for “class-oriented” computer use (such as taking notes or reviewing a case brief) are actually more likely to participate in class discussions and work hard to meet faculty expectations.

The increasing need for good searching was highlighted at the IQPC Sixth Annual E-Discovery Conference. In a brief article, the author discusses how the “explosion” of data is making it vital that corporate legal departments be able to search more efficiently, in order to avoid missing important documents. He quotes one speaker at the conference who stated “We live in a world of petabytes and we can’t find anything.” **“We’re All in the Keyword Business”** by Ari Kaplan, December 15, 2008 at <http://www.law.com/jsp/law/LawArticleFriendly.jsp?id=1202426692220>

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

By Nora Levine

PAINTER OF THE WIND. Lee Jeong-Myeong.

I am reading “Painter of the Wind” by Lee Jeong-myeong. Set in the late 18th century and beginning in 1777, this Korean novel portrays Shin Yun-bok, a painter of the Joseon Dynasty. The novel has been adapted into a very popular television series. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sin_Yunbok

The drama series is being blogged in English at <http://www.dramabeans.com/2008/10/painter-of-the-wind-episode-1/>.

*Alan Engel
Patera, Inc.*

SARAH’S KEY. Tatiana de Rosnay.

Recently I read Sarah’s Key by Tatiana de Rosnay. It’s a fascinating story about Paris during WWII and the treatment of the Jews by French police and regular citizens. Although it sounds depressing I found it to be sad without being overly discouraging. The picture of life at that time is contrasted with life today because the author keeps

switching between the two time periods. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it and recommend it to anyone with an interest in that time period.

My own first choice for this year depends on which of my library reserves comes in first. I’ll have to see what it is.

*Ruth Girill
Continuing Education of the Bar*

1st TO DIE. James Patterson.

When I first started this book, the first few chapters were so graphically violent that I wasn’t sure if I could go on and finish it. The whole book turned out not to be like that, however, and other elements turned up that I liked. All in all, I liked this book, though I did think that the ending was a little bit confusing.

The book is essentially a murder mystery. However, the book comes across as a way to introduce the reader to the characters. Recently married couples are getting killed in brutal ways, which causes outrage in the communities in which the murders happen. Lindsay and her partner, Jakobi, are called in, but due to the high profile of the crime in San Francisco, Jakobi is pulled off and replaced with more of ‘marketing’ officer. Lindsay has to deal with a new partner, the slight resentment of her former partner as well as some serious personal issues in the middle of one of the highest profile crimes in her career.

I wasn’t surprised at all, but I was delighted when Lindsay starts to form the Women’s Murder Club. I do like Lindsay, Jill, Claire and Cindy as characters and I think them working together and pooling their knowledge, background and resources is a wonderful element of this book. I wish more of the world worked that way.

CONFESSIONS OF AN UGLY STEPSISTER. Gregory Maguire.

After getting part way through this book, I realized that I had read it before. I remembered not liking it the first time, and the second time didn’t improve my opinion. I did like the way Maguire made the story of Cinderella semi-plausible, but he is much too negative for me. Whether stupid or not, I want to think of the world as mostly positive. This mindset was impossible with this book. I know that bad things happen in the world and that bad things can move a story along, but Maguire’s writing style infuses the entire story with dark, damp dreariness.

I wish someone else would re-imagine fairy tales in more positive manner so I could get another perspective.

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RUNEMARKS. Joanne Harris.

I really like audio books as I can concentrate on them at times when I am doing something else that facilitates listening, like driving, riding a bike or massive amounts of baking. This book was no exception. I liked the voice of the narrator and found the way she spoke the different voices made me smile. The accents did not really go together, but they don't NOT go together either. I particularly like Hell's Irish accent. The ongoing problem I have with audio books is I don't know how things are spelled. I find that knowing how the names and places are spelled helps ground me to the book.

Another thing I like about this book is the surprises. There were surprising turns of the story that make sense.

This book has the same tone as Harris' earlier book, Holy Fools, without the meanness and the underlying fear. One of the themes has to do with people who are different. This is not a theme with which Joanne Harris is slapping the reader in the face, but it seems to be one of the foundations on which the story is laid. The book also highlights people's reaction to differences.

All in all this is a good story, complex enough to maintain interest and make me want more information, yet simple enough not to make me lose my mind trying to keep track of characters and places.

*Jaye Lapachet
Coblentz, Patch, Duffy, and Bass LLP*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
APRIL 24-25,**

The 2009 NOCALL Spring Institute in fabulous San Francisco! Our theme: Clearing the Economic Fog: Understanding the Issues & Moving Forward in the Economic Crisis. The Spring Institute will include substantive and research programs on the mortgage crisis, bankruptcy, using competitive intelligence to keep up with it all and predict the Next Big Thing, and much more! We will also have networking opportunities and a visit from AALL Board Member David Mao of the Library of Congress. We've got an excellent rate at the Hotel Whitcomb, so plan to stay the weekend. More details soon. Hope to see you all there!

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



“ACQUIRING” KNOWLEDGE ONLINE:

**by Michael Daubenmire
Sacramento County Public Law Library**

Many of us think of acquisitions as an arcane craft, filled with its own specialized terms of art and complicated procedures. Have you ever wondered what the differences are among continuation orders, standing orders, and firm orders, and why it matters? Or have you wished you could get a better handle on the budgeting and accounting processes used in acquisitions? Or have paused to wonder if the dealings of a particular vendor met the ethical requirements of our profession? Well, for four weeks, I got to learn about all of these issues, and interact with library workers from public and academic libraries, as well as our own California county law libraries. My library, the Sacramento County Public Law Library, encouraged me to take a four-week online course called “Fundamentals of Acquisitions.”

At our law library, acquisitions functions are handled by several of us working as a team, in addition to our other tasks. My main tasks are in serials and cataloging, and I didn’t have much experience in acquisitions, so taking this class made sense for me. The five modules of the course covered goals and professional resources for acquisitions, methods and basic functions of acquisitions, selection and evaluation of vendors, basics of budgeting, finance, and accounting, and finally, ethics. The ethics module featured five case studies of interactions between librarians and vendors, in which various ethical issues arose, such as favoritism and gossip. I found the module on finance especially helpful, because although I have no background in that area, I was able to apply the framework of knowledge to the tasks I do every day.

The course was sponsored by ALCTS, the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, a division of the American Library Association. Our instructors were Katie Ellis of the University of New Hampshire and Virginia Taffurelli of the New York Public Library, and the course was managed by Julie Reese of ALCTS. Course content was delivered using Moodle, an open source, web-based learning platform, as implemented by ALA Online Continuing Education. You can see a list of all the current classes being offered at <http://classes.ala.org/>. In addition to the readings, assignments, and quizzes on Moodle, we used Google Talk to meet once a week for live class discussion.

I finished the class not only better informed about the “reasons why” behind acquisitions practice, but also better able to perform day-to-day acquisitions tasks in a professional and consistent way. If ALCTS offers this class again, I would definitely recommend that you take it.

**AALL ANNUAL MEETING/WORKSHOP
GRANTS FOR NEW & EXPERIENCED
MEMBERS AVAILABLE**

Thinking about attending the 2009 annual meeting, but need financial assistance? Apply now for an AALL grant to attend the AALL Annual Meeting or a workshop in Washington, D.C.! Grants are awarded to cover registration fees for the Annual Meeting or workshops presented at the Annual Meeting.

For the first time, two categories of grants are available: one for experienced members (5 or more years) who have a proven record of professional accomplishment and service to AALL and the other for Students/New Members (less than 5 years of professional experience) who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Previously, newer members and students were given a scoring advantage, but the committee feels that experienced members are also in need of assistance to attend AALL Annual Meetings or workshops.

The application deadline is Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Don’t delay!

For more information, see the Grants Committee website: http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grant_application.asp

Still have questions? Feel free to contact any member of the Grants Committee. Looking forward to receiving your application.

-AALL Grants Committee



**2009 NOCALL ELECTION
Candidates' Biographies**

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT-ELECT

SHANNON S. BURCHARD

Title: Head, Technical Services Librarian
Organization: University of San Francisco Zief Law Library
City: San Francisco
Years Employed: 8 years

Education: University of California, Riverside, B.A., 1991
 San Jose State University, M.L.I.S., 1995

Previous Employment

Organization: San Francisco Law Library
Title: Electronic Services Librarian
Years Employed: 2 years

Organization: University of Delaware
Title: Coordinator of Serials
Years Employed: 2 years

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held and Activities

- Member, 1993-
- Spring Institute Vendor Coordinator, 2009
- Public Relations Committee Chair, 2008-2009
- Web Committee Co-Chair, 2005-2007
- Audit and Budget Committee Chair, 2003-2007
- Member at Large, 2007-2008

Other Professional Activities

- AALL Member, 1993-
- AALLNET Web Advisory Committee, 2007-2009
- ILUG Vice Chair/Chair Elect, 2008
- OBS-SIS Education Committee Member, 2003
- OBS-SIS Web Advisory Committees, 2003-2007
- ALA LITA Legislation and Regulation Committee Intern, 2003
- ALA LITA/Endeavor Student Writing Awards Committee Member, 2001
- Book Review for *The Bottom Line*, 2001
- ALA New Members Round Table President's Program Committee, 1997
- ALA New Members Round Table Local Arrangements Committee, 1997
- Notis Users Group Meeting Presentation (What to Take for an LSER Hangover), 1997
- ALA Annual Meeting New Members Round Table Orientation Presentation (Things To Do In San Francisco), 1997

Personal Statement

I am honored to be considered for the position of NOCALL Vice President/President Elect. Throughout my career NOCALL and my colleagues have been there for me. My membership and involvement provide me with numerous opportunities for professional and personal growth. I look forward to promoting these same opportunities to new, as well as seasoned, members of the law library community. If elected president, I plan to continue the work already done on the strategic plan. Taking my cue from what I've heard from the membership, I will focus on delivering both the substantive and networking opportunities members want from their association. I want to encourage involvement (both big and small) by the membership to help NOCALL continue to grow.

I love librarians and being a librarian. We are a smart, diverse, and incredibly creative group of people. I look forward working with all of you on waving the NOCALL flag and having fun in the process. Good deeds with good fun.



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Candidates' Biographies

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

TIBISAY A. BOGGIO-TURNER

Title: Research Librarian
Organization: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
City: San Francisco
Years Employed: 9 years

Education: Occidental College, B.A., 1996
San Jose State University, MLIS, 2006

Previous Employment

Organization: Brooklyn Public Library
Title: Library Assistant
Years Employed: 1 year

Organization: Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
Title: Library Assistant
Years Employed: 1 year

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held and Activities

- Member, 2006-
- Education Committee Chair, 2007-

Other Professional Activities

- SCALL Member, 1999-
- American Library Association Member, 2004-2007
- California Library Association Member, 2004-2007
- AALL Member, 2004-
- SLA Member, 2004-
- SLA Business and Finance Division Member, 2008-
- Beta Phi Mu Library and Information Studies Honor Society Member, 2007-
- TRIPLL Conference Attendee, April 11-13, 2008
- Chaparral House Volunteer, 2008

Personal Statement

I am a relatively new member of NOCALL, and therefore I was surprised and honored to be asked to run for Secretary. I have worked in a law firm library environment for almost ten years and consider myself fortunate to have found a profession I truly love. Over the years, I have experienced first hand the key role that our professional associations play in the perpetuation of our ideals and toward the quality of the valuable work we do. I am grateful to be a part of this tradition and to have the opportunity to help carry it forward.

NOCALL gives us a forum for professional growth, service to each other, and the opportunity to enrich our communities. If elected, I plan to use my service as Secretary to perpetuate and reflect these very ideals. I will fulfill my duties to the best of my ability in order to give back to the people and the profession that have given me so much. I will also use this opportunity to become more familiar and engaged with the workings of the association and its members. It is my hope that taking on this role and these responsibilities will strengthen my skills and further prepare me for continued service to all of my communities. I appreciate your consideration, your support, and your vote.



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CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

MARK E. ESTES

Title: Law Library Director
Organization: Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library
City: Oakland
Years Employed: Less than one year

Education: University of Denver, J.D. and M.L.L., 1977
Ottawa University (KS), B.A.

Previous Employment

Organization: Holme Roberts & Owen
Title: Director of Library Services
Years Employed: 28 years

Organization: University of LaVerne College of Law
Title: Law Library Director & Assistant Professor of Law
Years Employed: 2 years

Other Professional Activities

- AALL Spectrum Editorial Director, 2007-
- AALL President, 1992-1993
- AALL PLL Chair, 1990-1991
- University of Denver Department of Library & Information Services Advisory Committee, 1995-
- Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, President, 2000-2001
- Rocky Mountain Chapter Special Libraries Association President, 1998-2000
- Colorado Association of Law Libraries Executive Board Member, 2002-2003

Personal Statement

I look forward to serving my new chapter developing ways to increase the usefulness of law libraries in northern California.



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CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

CYNTHIA MATANO

Title: Librarian
Organization: California Department of Justice
City: San Francisco
Years Employed: 1 year

Education: University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A., 1990
 San Jose State University, M.L.I.S., 2005

Previous Employment

Organization: Wells Fargo Technical Library
Title: Librarian
Years Employed: 1 ½ years

Organization: Farella Braun + Martel LLP
Title: Library Clerk
Years Employed: 2 years

Organization: California Academy of Sciences, Naturalist Center
Title: Naturalist Center Librarian Trainee
Years Employed: 3 years

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held and Activities

- Member, 2007-

Other Professional Activities

- AALL Member, 2008-
- ALA Member, 2005-2008
- SLA Member, 2003-

Personal Statement

When I received the phone call asking me to run for Member At Large, I was a little surprised since I am a fairly new member to NOCALL. But the surprise was a pleasant one and it would be a wonderful honor to serve as a Member At Large for this chapter which has already given me a great deal of encouragement and support. As someone who is relatively new to librarianship and NOCALL, I see this position as an excellent opportunity to become more involved with the association and the library community. Our chapter's membership is comprised of professionals who hold a wealth of knowledge and experience. I hope to encourage those who are in library school or new to law librarianship to participate in chapter events and become familiar with this community of professionals.



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CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

KATHY SKINNER

Title: Regional Information Resources Manager
Organization: Morrison & Foerster LLP
 San Francisco
Years Employed: 5 years

Education: UC Berkeley, A.B., 1984
 UC Berkeley, M.L.I.S., 1985

Previous Employment

Title: Library Manager
Organization: Hancock, Rothert & Bunshoft LLP
 San Francisco
Years Employed: 4 years

Title: Librarian
Organization: Hancock, Rothert & Bunshoft LLP
 San Francisco
Years Employed: 9 years

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held and Activities

- Member, 1995-

Other Professional Activities

- AALL Member 1999-
- SLA Member 2003-
- Co-Chair, AALL-PLL Intellectual Property Group, 2008-2009
- Moderator & Coordinator, "Patent Searching Demystified," AALL Annual Meeting, 2008
- Speaker at upcoming PLI Law Library Program, "Retooling the Law Library's Reference Services," February 26, 2009
- Moderator & Coordinator, "What's in a Name? Trademark Searching, Services and Domain Names," upcoming AALL Annual Meeting, 2009
- Member, PLL Intellectual Property Committee
- Member, San Francisco Library Managers Group

Personal Statement

I welcome the opportunity to participate more actively in NOCALL as a Member at Large. I have attended many fun and professionally rewarding NOCALL meetings and events over the years, but have not been actively involved in the management of the organization. Over the past couple of years, I have really enjoyed getting to know a group of academic law librarians in our community who share my interest in teaching legal research, and I look forward to continuing to widen my horizons by getting to know librarians in other types of workplaces. NOCALL is comprised of a great group of people with a lot of energy and innovative ideas (and the best giveaways at AALL!), and I'd be happy to take a more active role.



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CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

TARA M. CRABTREE, J.D.

Title: Librarian
Organization: State of California, Court of Appeal, Fifth District
City: Fresno
Years Employed: 2 years

Education: Loyola Marymount University, B.A., 1995
San Joaquin College of Law, J.D., 2001

Previous Employment

Organization: San Joaquin College of Law
Title: Interim Library Director; Assistant Librarian
Years Employed: 6 years

Organization: Dowling, Aaron & Keeler
Title: Librarian
Years Employed: 3 ¼ years

Other Professional Activities

- Co-Director Fresno Area Library Council, 2008-2009

Personal Statement

Librarianship called out to me and I am happy that I responded every day. Try as I may to become more involved I am up against some hurdles, but I will not relent. I believe in the importance of our organization and the strength and support that it lends to our group of professionals. I want to be a leader and a voice with the growth of our organization.



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CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

JEAN L. WILLIS

Title: Assistant Director for Support Services
Organization: Sacramento County Public Law Library
City: Sacramento
Years Employed: 4 years

Education: Muhlenberg College, B.A.
 University of Denver, MLS
 Drexel University, Advanced Certificate in IT

Previous Employment

Organization: San Diego County Public Law Library
Title: Deputy Director
Years Employed: 6 ½ years

Organization: McCormick, Barstow, et al.
Title: IT Manager
Years Employed: 6 ½ years

Organization: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Law Library System
Title: Director
Years Employed: 4 ½ years

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held and Activities

I made a presentation on Law Librarian Communications with IT staff at the NOCALL Spring Institute in Concord sometime around 1996 or so. I have been a member since 1989 or so and have attended numerous NOCALL meetings and programs. I was awarded a travel grant from NOCALL in 2002 so that I could attend the California Library Association conference in Sacramento, where I gave a presentation with Coral Henning on providing legal reference in general public and academic libraries. I wrote an article for the NOCALL newsletter about this program.

Other Professional Activities

I have been active in helping to form SANDALL when it was becoming a new chapter working with Brent Bernau, Joan Allen-Hart, Julie Horst and others to get it off the ground. I was Chair of the Grants Committee for several years and helped to develop the grant-awarding guidelines, as well developing the grants application form and reviewing and awarding grants for a number of years. I also served on the Programs Committee in several different years, assisting with SANDALL's Fall workshop and arranging for several brown bag luncheon speakers.

I have been very active with the Computing Services SIS of AALL for over ten years. I have served in such capacities as Member at Large on the CS-SIS Board, Chair of the Grants Committee (the first one, which developed the first grant application form), as well as an active member of various other committees, such as Programs (for many years), Chair of Ad Hoc Name Change, By-Laws, Strategic Plan, etc. I have written several articles for the *Connecting...* newsletter, including "Website Redesign" in the December 2007 issue, "Planning for an Integrated Library System (ILS)" in the December 2006 issue, and "RFID: the State of Things to Come" in the June 2005 issue. I have also written numerous articles about CS-SIS activities and programs for various AALL conference newsletters. I have moderated two CS-SIS sponsored programs at past AALL conferences in Philadelphia and Minneapolis. Currently I am Secretary-Treasurer of the CS-SIS.

I have been active in the State, Court & County SIS, as well. Most recently I served as a committee member of the Trustees Manual subcommittee, and in the past I have assisted with their silent auction at the annual Business meeting.

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Long ago and far away, I was also active in GPLLA, SWALL and the Australian Law Librarian's Group (now called the Australian Law Librarian's Association). In the latter two associations, I served on program committees and on local arrangements committees for a regional institute and an international law librarians conference, respectively.

Personal Statement

Thanks for the vote of confidence from the NOCALL Nominating Committee in asking me to run for Board Member. I welcome the opportunity to become more active in NOCALL and am excited to help our association in its mission. My past experiences in various law library organizations have given me the depth and breadth of experience to provide useful assistance on the Board and to all chapter members.

Board members oversee clusters of committees providing some level of guidance and facilitation. I feel that my past experiences both on the job and in professional associations will serve as a useful foundation for this role. NOCALL has always played a vital role in the ongoing professional development for law librarians in northern California. My goal is to promote the strategic vision developed by the Board two years ago and to encourage networking amongst chapter members along with beneficial continuing education opportunities.



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The names of members who have joined NOCALL since publication of the 2008-2009/2009-2010 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 current members should have received their new directories. If you did not, please contact me so we can figure out why.

I am working on a supplement to the new directory that will go out in March. Stay tuned.

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