



# NOCALL *News*

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## President's Message

This NOCALL year is off to a roaring start. NOCALL was well represented at AALL in Washington, DC with many members participating in programs, on committees, and receiving awards. The PEZ giveaway at the PR table was a hit! The Networking Committee (thank you Ellen Platt) hosted another great event, this time at the Rocket Bar, where we enjoyed mixing with members and new friends. As we move into fall I am invigorated and intrigued about what lies ahead. Maybe it's the warmer days (at least here in the Bay Area), everyone going back to school, and the shorter days beginning and ending with a sultry hue, but even with the economic crisis continuing to affect our jobs and lives I feel excitement in the air, potential for something new!

One of my goals as President is to facilitate new ways to network with one another. This summer we held two informal librarian happy hours in San Francisco. Both events were well attended and fun! I met some new people and welcomed the chance to get to know my colleagues better. Sharon Borbon of the Fresno County Public Law Library organized an August happy hour in Fresno which was also a success. I look forward to making this a regular event and hope that those of you who live outside the immediate San Francisco area will continue organizing gatherings in your towns.

I am pleased to report we now have a NOCALL Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NOCALL>. As of this writing we have 108 fans. The NOCALL Facebook page is yet another way to network, keep current, and bring in new members. If you haven't already done so, consider becoming a fan and tell your friends! Thank you to Jessica Corcoran of Morrison & Foerster for creating this wonderful page. I hope that increased networking will bring our membership closer together, promoting camaraderie and increased participation.

Another goal I have is to increase volunteerism among the membership, both in our committees and outside our organization. We do a lot for one another; it would be great to offer help in our communities. I am working on a proposal to create a Service

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Committee to identify and organize volunteer opportunities for NOCALL members as a group. We have participated in charity drives and telethons in the past with great success. If you are interested in working on the Service Committee, please let me know. NOCALL is committed to making this year productive and beneficial for our members. At the June Crossover meeting the Board and Committee Chairs met to strategize for the year ahead. Thank you to all Board Members and Committee Chairs for your time and efforts! To see what the committees have accomplished and their exciting goals for the coming year look at the Annual Committee Reports posted on the NOCALL web page at: [http://www.nocall.org/officers/2008-2009\\_committee\\_reports.doc](http://www.nocall.org/officers/2008-2009_committee_reports.doc). These reports are also a great way to investigate where your talents and interests fit into the NOCALL community.

Some exciting events to look forward to: Our fall business meeting will be held in Sacramento on Sept. 30 and will feature member Carolina Rose, President of Legislative Research Inc. (LRI), speaking about California Legislative History Research. Big thanks to Past President Kelly Browne for organizing this meeting! Terry Richards and the Education Committee are busy finalizing plans for the Fall Workshop which will be held Tuesday, November 10 at Preservation

Park in Oakland. The topic is social networking tools, how to use them and how to work with them in the library. More details to come shortly. The Networking Committee is investigating the feasibility of a member holiday luncheon this year. Vice President Shannon Burchard and the 2010 Spring Institute Committee are already hard at work, looking at a late March 2010 date. The topic is piracy, investigating issues from maritime law to identity theft. In addition to the educational programming, the committee is planning NOCALL's 30th anniversary celebration to take place at the institute. Greg Fite and his Government Relations Committee will hold two Sunshine Week programs in spring 2010, one in the Sacramento area and one in the SF Bay area. More details to follow. Further down the road, Janet Fischer of Golden Gate University Law Library is heading up the local arrangements for the Fall 2010 Westpac Conference to be held in the San Francisco area. NOCALL welcomes the opportunity to work with our colleagues in Westpac!

This year promises to be exciting with many opportunities to get involved. I look forward to working with all of you!

Diane M. Rodriguez  
President

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## NOCALL News

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**MUSINGS FROM MARK**

**Mark Mackler**  
**California Department of Justice**  
**San Francisco**

**IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF FALL...** Another NOCALL program year has begun. Best wishes to all of us (officers, committee chairs and membership) for a fulfilling NOCALL year.

**MEANWHILE, BACK AT WORK...** Can any of you recall when things felt as bleak as they do right now? Layoffs, furloughs, bankruptcies, no travel, salary cuts, hiring freezes, no goodies provided for our brownbag lunches. No goodies??? As one of our beloved colleagues wistfully noted on the occasion of her birthday: "Well, at least I had the opportunity to work during the golden age of law librarianship."

The only advice *Musings* has for you is to try to keep in mind that all of us are experiencing anxiety, worry and fear. Don't let yourself go off the deep end in the mistaken belief that you're the only one in our community who is feeling these emotions. You are not alone.

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**PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW**

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

**"Sorry Westlaw and Lexis—The Days of Passing Charges to Clients are Numbered"** by Greg Lambert, **Three Geeks and a Law Blog**, September 23, 2009, <http://geeklawblog.com/2009/09/sorry-westlaw-and-lexis-days-of-passing.html>

When electronic resources were new on the scene, clients were willing to pay for legal research perceived as faster and more efficient. However, with poor economic times, law firms are beginning to negotiate alternate fee agreements with clients that may not allow the recovery of the full costs of using Lexis and Westlaw. Thus, vendors may see fewer profits and renegotiated contracts.

**"Reining in the Results: The Use of Human Indexing and Computer Algorithms in West's Headnotes & Key Numbers and LexisNexis's Headnotes & Topics as Tools for Finding Relevant Case Law"** by Susan Nevelow Mart, 2009, **SSRN**, available online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1473554>

The author of this empirical study examined the benefits and detriments of human indexing versus algorithmic indexing in Lexis and Westlaw, including an analysis of online Shepards Citations and Westlaw's Keycite. She concludes that, where the search process has more human

intervention, it seems to deliver better results. Key numbers (West) deliver more relevant results than any of the options offered by LexisNexis.

**"Google's Book Search: A Disaster for Scholars"** by Geoffrey Nunberg, **Chronicle of Higher Education**, August 31, 2009, <http://chronicle.com/article/Googles-Book-Search-A-Dis/48245/>

Geoffrey Nunberg outlines his concerns with metadata errors in Google's Book Search. Given that Google has an effective monopoly on the digitized book market right now; it is troubling that there seems to be so many errors with publication dates and classifications. (A search for the word "internet" in books published before 1950 results in 527 hits.) Google blames the errors on the libraries and publishers that provided the books and is said to be working on correcting the problems. The author ends the article with a link to his presentation, "Google Books: The Metadata Mess" at the Google Book Settlement Conference at U.C. Berkeley this summer.

**"Best Evidence and the Wayback Machine: A Workable Authentication Standard for Archived Internet Evidence"** by Deborah R. Eltgroth, forthcoming in **Fordham Law Review**, posted August 2009 at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1459805>

The author discusses the handful of judicial opinions and orders that comment on the admission of Internet Archive evidence and how the courts treated it. She offers an alternative approach to how the courts should view these pages (as implicating a best evidence issue in addition to an authentication question) and believes that evidence from the Wayback machine can become as easily admitted as any other Internet-derived proof

**"What to Withdraw? Print Collections Management in the Wake of Digitization"** by Roger C. Schonfeld and Ross Housewright, September 29, 2009, **Ithika** <http://www.ithaka.org/ithaka-s-r/research/what-to-withdraw>

According to its executive summary, this new report by Ithika (a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping the academic community use digital technologies to preserve the scholarly record and to advance research and teaching in sustainable ways) addresses two questions: "which types of print journals can libraries withdraw responsibly today and how can that set of materials be expanded to allow libraries the maximum possible flexibility?" The report describes journals with immediate withdrawal potential as well as how to increase the withdrawal potential of other journals. In the conclusion, the authors concede to seeing "at least a medium-term need to maintain some level of access to print originals in the library community, although our analysis suggests in certain scenarios that long-term or perpetual preservation of many print materials may not be necessary."



## NEWS FROM THE WASHINGTON OFFICE

Greg Fite

**Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library  
NOCALL Government Relations Chair**

As you may know, the GRC's primary mission this year is to improve the flow of information between Chapters and the Government Relations Office (GRO). Here are some of the things that we the Government Relations Committee and GRO are monitoring on the National Level, please feel free to pass this information along to your members. And as always, please do not hesitate to inform us of anything happening on the state or local level:

**1. Transparency:** Last year, AALL worked closely with a bipartisan group of open government advocates to craft the report, "Moving Towards a 21st Century Right to Know Agenda: Recommendations to President-Elect Obama and Congress," which included an action list for the new Obama Administration. Many chapters and AALL members signed on to the report. On Tuesday, September 8, OpenTheGovernment.org released the latest edition of their annual Secrecy Report Card ([http://www.openthegovernment.org/otg/SecrecyRC\\_2009.pdf](http://www.openthegovernment.org/otg/SecrecyRC_2009.pdf)) to evaluate levels of secrecy in the federal government. In general, the Report found a slight decrease in secrecy over the past year. The report also included an analysis of the Obama Administration's mixed record on transparency. The Government Relations Office will continue to work with OpenTheGovernment.org and its coalition of more than 70 open government advocates to push for more government transparency.

**2. Authentication:** The Government Printing Office (GPO) recently released 8 new collections into the Federal Digital System (FDsys) <<http://www.fdsys.gov/>>. Within this new collection, the Congressional Directory, Congressional Record (Bound), United States Government Manual, and United States Statutes at Large will be available with authenticated digital signatures! Many thanks to all of you who have pushed for authenticated government information!

**3. Permanent Public Access:** As many of you may have heard, on Monday, August 24th, GPO's PURL server suffered a significant hardware failure. Since then, GPO's staff has worked hard to re-establish server access. At present, GPO's resolution database is almost back to full strength with more than 114,000 PURLs restored. It has been suggested that a backup mirror site or operational enhancements to the existing database could have prevented such a disastrous crash. The Government Relations Office will continue to press GPO to create viable backup options to prevent a crash like this from happening again.

**4. Law Library of Congress:** Shortly after the Annual AALL meeting in Washington D.C., the House of Representatives passed a funding bill for the Law Library of Congress (H.R. 2728). You can read more about this legislation at: <<http://www.aallnet.org/aallwash/ebulletin0609.pdf>>. The next hurdle for this bill is its passage in the Senate. Stay tuned for an update from the Government Relations Office.

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## WHAT ABOUT PUBLIC ACCESS?

Crissy Brown

**Pacific McGeorge School of Law  
NOCALL Public Access Chair**

My first real job was Branch Librarian in a public library. It didn't take me long to realize that the reference education I had received did not prepare me for the legal needs of the average public library patron. I'm sure that's how many public librarians feel, lost in a forest with a map written in ancient Greek.

NOCALL has the opportunity to partner with public libraries in providing patrons the knowledge and expertise they can truly benefit from. My goal as Public Access chair is to promote NOCALL in the public libraries of Northern California. I am currently putting together a pamphlet of "Recommended Legal Resources for Public Libraries". The idea is to peak their interest in NOCALL and what we have to offer the public sector. I've already gotten some great ideas from other AALL members and would love to hear what NOCALL members would recommend!

We could also use some good heads and hands. Anyone with experience in layout design would be welcome, along with persons willing to help with mailings, offer advice, or get creative with marketing ideas. If you are interested in being part of the Public Access committee, contact me!





**QUICK TIPS:  
CALIFORNIA STATUTORY RECORDS**

How to answer the question

*"I wonder what the heck happened to that code section...?"*

Reconstructing legislative annotations from 1850-1996.

**By Carolina Rose<sup>1</sup>  
Legislative Research, Inc.**

Has this ever happened to you – you run across an old code or statutory citation that no longer exists, and you have to find out what the heck happened to it? Normally you'd expect to find the answer in a *West* or *Deering's* annotated code book (or Westlaw or Lexis-Nexis): Just hunt up the code section, and even if it doesn't exist anymore, the kindly code editors generally keep track of the legislative history notes – you know, citing to any prior law, the acts that added and amended it, any repeal or codification, etc. But sometimes the kindly code annotators were asleep at the wheel and missed key legislative cites.<sup>2</sup> (It is not uncommon for *West's* to have cites that *Deering's* misses and vice-versa. That's why I always check both sets of codes.) When that happens, the following resources available for free on the internet at <http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/> covering 1850-1996 have helped me reconstruct an accurate set of legislative citations.<sup>3</sup> I can find out if and when the laws of interest was amended, repealed or recodified. I can even find the referenced chaptered laws in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* (also available for free at that same website).

It makes sense that the Legislature would keep track of all its enactments, especially the adoption, amendment, repeal and recodification of its code sections and statutes.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Carolina Rose (1976 J.D., Stanford) is co-founder and President of Legislative Research, Inc. (LRI) and is a member of NOCALL and AALL. LRI (established in 1983) specializes in the historical research surrounding the adoption of California codes and regulations. Carolina worked for the California Legislature for 7 years where she was responsible for over 200 measures; provides expert witness consulting in the reconstruction of legislative history; and teaches MCLE seminars on legislative history, related ethical advocacy strategies and regulatory history research.

<sup>2</sup> I'll have to do a separate Quick Tips on the mind numbing recodification tables. Until then, here is my favorite help: The 1st volume of the various hard bound West Codes are my favorite tool. If there have been massive (sometimes multiple) recodifications (e.g. Education Code), volume 1 of the series will supply the necessary recodification cites.

<sup>3</sup> For 1997 forward I am stuck using the year-by-year tables found the Legislature's *Table of Sections Affected*, published annually online by the Legislature at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/legpubs.html> -- but unfortunately, past issues are not archived online. *West's* hardcopy *California Legislative Service* is the alternative. Each year's volume 10 does the honors. The separately published *Statutory Record Supplement, 1989-1998* is also useful.

<sup>4</sup> The legislature has adopted code sections appearing in named code books (e.g., Civil Code, Penal Code, etc.) as well as *statutes other than code sections*, not appearing in any named code book.

But alas, they did not do so in a uniform manner for all years. The aim of these quick tips is make sense of the hodgepodge for you. The primary tools are the *California Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* indices and tables, as augmented by the Assembly final histories (both available at the above website). The *California Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* publish all of the legislature's enactments and some handy reference tools, including a few *blessed compilations*<sup>5</sup> of statutory records as listed below in addition to their annual/biennial legislative enactments.<sup>6</sup> Gaps between the missing years/sessions can be filled with the session-by-session *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* and/or the Assembly final histories. Again, you are mostly looking for the tables entitled "Statutory Record." But please note: My company, Legislative Research, Inc., also has a collection of separately published Statutory Records as cited below, and we are always happy to email excerpts to you at no charge. You can email your request to me at carolina.rose@lrihistory.com.

Statutory Records 1850-1996, Online Helps At <http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/>

- 1850-1921: Topical indices and minimal code charts in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes*<sup>7</sup>.
- **Ouch.** This bank of years requires a-year-by year search. However, my company has separately published tables and indices covering 1850-1920 and 1921-1932 which we can email you excerpts from at no charge. I'm all about taking the easiest, most pain free route whenever possible and sharing solutions.

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E.g., Veh. Code § 35550 as derived from the Statutes of 1915, Chapter 188, § 15, as amended by the Statutes of 1917, Chapter 218, § 12. The 1915 and 1917 acts were not embodied in a separately named code book. They are simply codified acts appearing in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes*.

<sup>5</sup> I've named them "blessed compilations" for this article because the alternative – a year-by-year search of the indices and tables – feels like research hell.

<sup>6</sup> Fun facts re: the biennial and annual snapshots in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes*: (1) They were published biennially from 1850 – 1968. In 1969 the Legislature became a fulltime, annual Legislature so annual publications became necessary. Before 1969, the Legislature met every other year except for the occasional off-year, special sessions.

(2) From 1850 - 1929 the statutory records published for each session were nothing more than a topical index with references to the chaptered laws. Groan. There were no handy charts.

(3) Thankfully, in 1931, the Legislature began publishing charts of sections affected in addition to the topical indices. (A new day in easier research was launched!) However, the session before that, in 1929, the Assembly Final History had already begun publishing a statutory record covering all codes and statutes not codes addressed that year. (From 1905 until 1929 the Assembly had only tracked actions relating to the 4 major codes in existence at that time, the Civil Code, the Code of Civil Procedure, the Penal Code and the Political Code.)

<sup>7</sup> This bank of years requires a-year-by year search. However, my company has indices/tables covering 1850-1932 which we can email you excerpts from at no charge.

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- For year-by-year research: Beginning in 1873-74 charts were added, but only for the then existing code books: Civil, Code of Civil Procedures, Penal and Political. Statutes other than codes were not charted – so you are stuck using the topical indices which provide cites to relevant chaptered laws. (Best to go for the above “ouch” remedy.)

**1923-1932:** Two biennial sources for comprehensive charts cover codes *and* statutes other than codes (finally!). But see above “ouch” note to avoid year-by-year searches.

- *Statutes and Amendments to Codes*
- Assembly final histories

**1933-1939:** *Blessed compilation*,<sup>8</sup> Statutory Record: 1939 volume of Stats. & Amends to Codes

**1933-1941:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1941 volume Stats. & Amends to Codes

**1942-1948:** Same two sources as 1923-1932 above.

**1949-1955:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1955 volume Stats. & Amends to Codes,

**1956-1968:** Same two sources as 1923-1932 above.

**1969-1977:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1977, vol. 3 Stats & Amends to Codes

**1969-1978:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1978, vol. 4 Stats & Amends to Codes

**1979-1985:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1985, vol. 4 Stats & Amends to Codes

**1989-1996:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1996, vol. 6 Stats & Amends to Codes

If at all possible, try and lay your hands on the separately published statutory records (*not* available for free at the above website). They are:

- *Index to the Laws of California, 1850-1920*<sup>9</sup>
- *Index to the Laws of California, Supplement, 1921-1925*<sup>10</sup>
- *Statutory Record, Supplement to the Index to the Laws of California, 1850-1932*<sup>11</sup>
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1933-1948*
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1949-1958*
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1959-1968*<sup>12</sup>
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1969-1978*<sup>13</sup>
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1979-1988*
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1989-1998*

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at [carolina.rose@lrihistory.com](mailto:carolina.rose@lrihistory.com) – and be brave!

<sup>8</sup> All the *blessed compilations* have the same helpful indices and charts covering actions taken with respect to codes and other statutes not codes.

<sup>9</sup> LRI has this volume and is always happy to copy and email excerpts from its collection here at no charge.

<sup>10</sup> Ditto.

<sup>11</sup> Ditto.

<sup>12</sup> Ditto.

<sup>13</sup> Ditto.



## NOCALL SPRING INSTITUTE

Shannon Burchard  
University of San Francisco, School of Law  
Zief Law Library

The Spring Institute committee is hard at work developing an informative program. We have set the date for March 26-27, 2010. It will take place in San Francisco again this year but hopefully with an upgrade to the site. Our working title is From pillaging on the high seas to plundering the Net. Piracy on the Barbary Coast. Additionally, plan on attending our special evening event honoring NOCALL's 30th year. If any of you have photos laying around of our 30 years, please send them Lauri Flynn's direction lflynn@gunder.com. I hope to see all of you in the spring!

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## NOCALL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Sir Francis Drake Hotel

Present: Kelly Browne, Coral Henning, Holly Lakatos, Diane Rodriguez, Lee Ryan, and Mary Sexton

### 1) Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

We approved the minutes of the January 27, 2009 Board Meeting, in the Heafey Law Library at Santa Clara University.

### 2) Treasurer's Report

Holly distributed a summary report showing a balance of approximately \$28,000 and a CD of approximately \$6,000. She will distribute copies to the membership at the Business meeting. The treasurer's final report will be after the fiscal year ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Holly will also prepare a narrative for the membership, explaining which expenses are included in to each budget line.

### 3) Cluster Reports, including Budget Requests for 2009-2010

Board members summarized the information that they had received from committee chairs, which they presented to the membership at the Business meeting.

### 4) ListServ Posting Policy/Vendor Postings

AALL Discussion Forum Rules and Conditions,  
[http://www.aallnet.org/discuss/list\\_rules.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/discuss/list_rules.asp)  
Chicago Association of Law Libraries, Discussion Forum Policies  
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/listserv/listservindex.html>

In 2008, the Board adopted a policy about vendor announcements at NOCALL meetings. They have determined that a second policy statement is necessary regarding vendor announcements on the listserv. Diane will look at the language of other policies regarding vendor postings, including those on the webpages above, then make a recommendation to next year's Board. The outgoing Board's preliminary view was that a policy should be developed prohibiting vendor postings on the NOCALL listserv.

Another issue to consider, once the policy is established, is whether NOCALL should be selling advertising, on the website or elsewhere.

### 5) Union List

The Board voted 4 to 2 in favor of providing \$1,000 to help launch Jaye's Union List, hoping that many NOCALL libraries will benefit from it in the future.

### 6) Chapter Funding for those accepted into AALL Leadership Academy 2009

The Board agreed to provide approximately \$900 to sponsor one NOCALL member's attendance at the AALL Leadership Academy.

### 7) Plans for AALL

The Pacific Chapters will host a joint reception at the AALL meeting, sponsored by Thomson Reuters. Each chapter is also paying a portion of the cost.

The networking committee is planning a social event, to be announced later.

### 8) Waiver or reduction of membership fee for current members who have lost their jobs.

The Board agreed to retain the "Unemployed Active Member" category at the current rate of \$15 per year.

### 9) Spring Institute

The Board congratulated Diane for the very successful 2009 Spring Institute, "Clearing the Economic Fog." She, in turn, expressed her gratitude to her committee for their hard work.

### 10) June Crossover Meeting

The crossover meeting for incoming and outgoing Board members and Committee chairs is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 to 1:00 at Hassard Bonnington or USF.

## NOCALL **PROPOSED** BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 20, 2009  
12:30 to 1:00  
Sir Francis Drake Hotel  
San Francisco, CA

### Old Business:

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

We approved the minutes of the January 2009 business meeting.

#### 2. Thank you to West

Kelly Browne thanked Craig Griffith and West for sponsoring the luncheon.

### New Business

#### 1. Treasurer's Report

Holly Lakatos presented the interim treasurer's report, showing a balance of about \$35,000. Holly will present the final report for the fiscal year at the end of the month.

#### 2. Induction of New Officers

Kelly introduced the NOCALL Board who were at the meeting

President	Diane Rodriguez
Vice President/President Elect	Shannon Burchard
Secretary	Tibisay Boggio-Turner
Treasurer	Mark Estes
Member at Large	Kathy Skinner

then handed the gavel and cable car bell over to Diane, who thanked her husband and library partner for their support and urged NOCALL members to become involved with committees.

#### 3. Awards and Recognition

The professional achievement award was presented to Todd Bennett in recognition of his years at Thelen LLP and gratitude for his service as NOCALL president, teaching classes at Boalt Hall and Hastings, and his recent work on ILL guidelines. Todd expressed his thanks to Mary Staats, who nominated him for the award, to his fellow librarians at Thelen and to NOCALL for helping him grow as a librarian and a person.

Diane then presented a plaque to Kelly Browne, thanking her for all her past work as NOCALL president.

### 4. Highlights from the Committee Clusters

#### Administration:

Coral Henning noted Mary Hood's work to verify and document each change to the NOCALL Constitution and Bylaws from 1980 to the present.

#### Communications:

Diane Rodriguez noted that Jessica Corcoran will be taking over as NOCALL webmaster from Janet Fischer. The newsletter and listserv are both working smoothly.

#### Education:

Holly Lakatos noted that the Education Committee needs a new Chair for next year because Tibisay Boggio-Turner is NOCALL's new Secretary.

Networking had a very successful bowling event tied to the Spring Institute and is planning a special event for NOCALL members attending the AALL annual meeting in July. The Spring Institute itself was a great success. About 85 people attended and it appears that the Institute broke even financially.

#### Membership:

Nina Porcella introduced Greg Fite who expressed his personal gratitude to NOCALL. Greg and Ramona Martinez have updated the procedure manual. The Academic Liaison has been working on recruitment with the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science. Membership renewal forms will be mailed soon to the 380 current NOCALL members, 269 of whom are also AALL members, making up about 7.5% of the AALL membership.

#### Outreach:

Lee Ryan reported on the Government Relations Committee's successful Sunshine Week program in March and on efforts to support appropriations to the Law Library of Congress.

Crissy Brown of McGeorge is the new Chair of the Public Access Committee.

The Public Relations Committee continues to solicit articles from NOCALL members for placement in local legal publications. Caren Doyle will chair the Committee when Shannon Burchard takes up her position as NOCALL Vice President / President Elect.

#### Recognition:

Mary Sexton thanked Coral Henning of the Awards Committee, Mark Mackler of the Memorials Committee, and Teresa Dippery of the Grants Committee for their work throughout the year.

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**5. ListServ Posting Policy/Vendor Postings**

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**6. Union List**

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**7. Chapter Funding for those accepted into AALL Leadership Academy**

The NOCALL Grants Committee will administer a grant which will help a NOCALL member attend the AALL Leadership Academy in Chicago on October 16 and 17, 2009.

**8. Plans for AALL**

Plans are already underway for the Joint Chapter reception at AALL. Ellen Platt and the Networking Committee are also planning a social event.

**9. Reduced membership fee for current members who have lost their jobs**

Kelly reminded NOCALL members that a reduced membership fee of \$15 applies to those who are unemployed.

**10. Spring Institute**

Diane Rodriguez thanked members of the Spring Institute committee and sponsors providing financial support for the Institute, *Clearing the Economic Fog*. She also congratulat-

ed Schelle Simcox for the legal research workshop, *Bridge to Nowhere: Successfully Spanning the Legal Research Gap*, held on the morning before the Spring Institute. Preliminary figures indicate that the Spring Institute is close to breaking even financially and an AALL CLE grant is still to come.

**11. June Crossover Meeting**

The Crossover Meeting for outgoing and incoming NOCALL Board and Committee members is tentatively scheduled for June 23rd from 10:00 to 1:00 at Hassard Bonnington in San Francisco.

**12. Member Comments**

Joanne Scala thanked NOCALL for a grant to attend the AALL annual meeting.

Diane Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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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