



# NOCALL *News*

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## President's Message

I want to thank the NOCALL membership for the opportunity to serve as your President this past year. It has been an amazing journey! I have enjoyed collaborating with all of you on our many goals, educational projects, and social events. As a friend once said, and I couldn't agree more, law librarians are some of the most intriguing people I've met and I continue to appreciate working with this fine group. Big thanks to all of our Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members who have worked hard to accomplish our goals and keep our association vibrant and fresh!

This past year has been full of exciting opportunities. We started the Community Service Committee, chaired by Holly Riccio; created a Facebook presence ([www.facebook.com/nocall](http://www.facebook.com/nocall)); held amazing educational programs with our Fall Workshop on Social Networking in the Law Library, Sunshine Week programs, and the Spring Institute on Piracy; celebrated our 30th anniversary up in Harry Denton's Starlight Room; recognized the wonderful work of Congressional Representative Zoe Lofgren on behalf of law libraries with our first Legislator of the Year award; and we began the NOCALL 4-Corners social events!

We have a lot to look forward to as Shannon Burchard takes the gavel as our new President. We will have two NOCALL sponsored programs at AALL in Denver this year, "Looking Up From the Bottom: Bankruptcy Law & Research," a program offered at our 2009 Spring Institute with NOCALL members Shannon Burchard, Leslie Ann Forrester and Diane Rodriguez; and "Creating Your Own Breadcrumb Trail: Motivating Employees in Unique Library Settings" with NOCALL members Holly Lakatos and Coral Henning. Longtime NOCALL member Donna Williams is a new AALL Board Member, and incoming NOCALL member Ron Wheeler, new Director at USF Law Library, is also an incoming member of the AALL Board. We look forward to coordinating with WESTPAC as they come to San Francisco in the fall for their annual meeting in October. I am looking forward to working with

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AALL as the new Chair of the Council of Chapter Presidents. We also have more 4-Corners events to plan, educational opportunities to seize, and connections to make between us!

I've said this before, and it deserves repeating: I encourage all members to get involved in NOCALL in any capacity you can. NOCALL

offers dynamic opportunities for education and professional growth. In addition to furthering your career, NOCALL fosters a community of law librarianship and camaraderie in the Bay Area and beyond. It's easy to get involved in big and small ways. Give it a try... you'll be happy you did!

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### NOCALL News

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**MUSINGS FROM MARK**

**Mark Mackler**

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**FROM THE MINDS OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT...**

“Counsel may find that a computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history -- with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila.” *Vince v. Rock County* No. 10-1659 (May 3, 2010).

**DON'T PRINT THIS IN LEXIS OR WESTLAW...**

You might be following the saga of Federal Judge A. Howard Matz of the Central District of California, who has been adding this line to a number of his recent decisions: “This order is not intended for publication or for inclusion in the databases of Westlaw or Lexis.” Stephen Montes, the judge’s clerk, says the language is intended as a signal and is not a command to Lexis or Westlaw. In any case, Lexis and Westlaw are not complying with the judge’s “signal.” They continue to publish his decisions, including the ones that carry the judge’s request.

**DON'T YOU WISH...**

A fired Littleton, Colorado, judge is defending his decision to issue an arrest warrant for a teen with an overdue library DVD. 19-year-old Aaron Henson was pulled over for speeding and arrested when the police noted the outstanding warrant, and Henson spent eight hours in jail. Judge James Kimmell stated that he did not regret issuing the warrant because the library loses thousands of dollars a year when materials are not returned. “I think that if people understand the ramifications for not returning materials, they will return them. I was trying to keep the city from taking further losses.” One problem: Young Henson had already returned the DVD. The DVD? “House of Flying Daggers.”

**AND FINALLY...**

Those of you who missed the NOCALL Spring Institute missed a good one. I have something for you to think about. From law firm consultant Mark Sirkin: It’s no longer a question of *if* the large law firms will ever become publicly-held. Now, it’s just a question of *when* they will become publicly-held.

**WHAT ARE YOU READING?**

**Nora Levine**

I recently read and enjoyed Tracy Chevalier’s **REMARKABLE CREATURES**, about two women in the early 19th century who were fascinated by fossils. Mary Anning, the uneducated girl with an eye for finding ‘monsters’ that cannot be explained by Biblical theory, is a real person, whose finds are still displayed in natural history museums. The story of her finds and her friendship with a fossil-hunting spinster is set in a time when proper ladies did not go out on a beach unaccompanied and when scientists were struggling to make sense of new discoveries. The author also wrote *Girl with a Pearl Earring*.

*Nancy Adams  
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP*

I attended the NOCALL Spring Institute at the end of March. I was so impressed with all the great speakers. One of those speakers, Mark Sirkin, really connected with my ideas on law firms as businesses. In his presentation, Mr. Sirkin recommended Dan Pink’s older book, **A WHOLE NEW MIND**. The book was published in 2005, and at times it feels dated, as the current economic down turn has had an affect on Pink’s ideas, mostly in the speed of their adoption.

That said, the new information about how the brain works, and in particular how our brains age, bolsters many of Pink’s ideas. Briefly, the thesis is that the Information Age is transforming into the Conceptual Age due to the pressures of abundance, Asia’s development and the effect of automation (i.e. globalization) on the American economy. “We are moving from an economy and society built on the logical, linear, computer like capabilities of the Information Age to an economy and society built on the inventive, empathic, big-picture capabilities...” The Conceptual Age “involves the capacity to detect patterns and opportunities, to create artistic and emotional beauty, to craft a satisfying narrative, and to combine seemingly unrelated ideas into something new.” It sounds like the new world will be good for librarians in general, if we can all keep it together long enough to get there. The book includes activities and recommendations to strengthen the right side of our brains. If nothing else, the activities will keep us busy so we can think about this great new future for librarians, and not think about the current layoffs.

*Cynthia Berglez*

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**THE WORST HARD TIME: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THOSE WHO SURVIVED THE GREAT AMERICAN DUST BOWL by Timothy Egan. Illustrated.**

I found this to be a fascinating book about a topic I knew nothing about, but which affected the entire country. My previous knowledge of the Dust Bowl was from Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath, and that book wasn't really about the Dust Bowl, but about what happened to the people who left it, and it was fiction. Timothy Egan writes a non-fiction account of what happened through the stories of several families and individuals, some of whom were still alive when he researched the story. It is a compelling story.

He starts with the build-up, why there were so many farmers in the area of the Dust Bowl, which included only a tiny part of Oklahoma, and covered a large part of Kansas, plus parts of Nebraska, Colorado, Texas and New Mexico. We also learn why so much of the prairie was planted with wheat, and then abandoned. The cycle of boom and bust, with fortunes made and lost will not be unfamiliar. It also explains how we ended up with crop subsidies, but that is another story.

What is unfamiliar are many of the details of the dust storms. Fifty mile an hour winds blasted the paint off buildings and dented cars whose batteries had died from the static electricity. Cattle died with their stomachs full of dirt; people died from dust pneumonia. Black Sunday began as the first beautiful clear day in months, and ended with the worst storm of all - so black one couldn't see their hand in front of their face, so little oxygen in the air that one couldn't light a lantern. The dust from that storm traveled all the way to Washington D.C., literally. Its arrival in D.C. was what turned the tide in obtaining Federal funding for a program designed to try to stop the destruction and possibly in time heal the land.

This book was loaded with facts, and yet was a real page-turner. Give it a try, you won't be sorry.

*Cathy Hardy  
Hansson Bridgett*

**THE GLASS CASTLE by Jeannette Walls**

You look at the photo of Rex and Rose Mary Walls on their wedding day and they look so normal. You might assume that, okay, now that they are married, they will get a little ranch house and have 2.5 children and live out their days working and gardening and hoping for grandchildren. NOT.

They rarely worked, often did not adequately feed, clothe or house their children, and ended up homeless in New York City by choice.

They had five children (one died in infancy) and the author of this memoir is the middle child, Jeannette Walls. The story begins with her earliest memory as a 3-year-old, on fire, her dress having been too close to the stove as she cooked her own lunch. Yet as neglectful as her parents were, they instilled in her a strength to survive, to face her fears, to work hard and to be compassionate. This book is very definitely a page turner.

*Julie Horst  
Ninth Circuit Library*

**SCANDAL ON RINCON HILL by Shirley Tallman**

Scandal on Rincon Hill is Shirley Tallman's fourth Sarah Woolson mystery, a fun and well-written read for anyone interested in women in the law, San Francisco history or mysteries with strong female protagonists. Sarah is something of a curiosity -- a woman lawyer in 1881. (The first women were admitted to the bar in California in 1879.) Along with her brother, a crime beat reporter, she winds up not only practicing law, but also playing detective -- and doing both quite well. In Scandal, one of Sarah's cases is her defense of two young Chinese men who have been wrongly accused of murder in the fashionable Rincon Hill neighborhood.

Tallman's attention to historical detail - from clothing and carriages to actual events and places, like the Laura Fair murder trial, the 2nd Street cut on Rincon Hill, a performance at the Tivoli Opera House or dinner at the Poodle Dog restaurant - enhances, but doesn't overwhelm the plot and characters.

**GAME CHANGE: OBAMA AND THE CLINTONS, MCCAIN AND PALIN, AND THE RACE OF A LIFETIME by Mark Halperin and John Heilemann**

If you were as addicted as I was to the 2008 presidential election, you'll love this behind the scenes look at the campaigns. Many reviewers and TV news shows cherry-picked a few of the more salacious sections, like John Edwards' affair, which could give one the sense that it was little more than tabloid fodder. Well, it's not Theodore White's "Making of the President," but the authors are experienced political journalists and the book is the result of hundreds of interviews with campaign insiders.

See how the Clinton campaign was harmed by internal fighting and how Palin was selected with little examination when McCain's preferred candidate fell through at the last minute. Find out how the Clinton campaign blew getting Caroline Kennedy's endorsement and how many Democratic senators (such as Schumer and Reid) remained publicly neutral, but privately supported Obama.

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**CARVILLE-BY-THE-SEA: SAN FRANCISCO'S STREETCAR SUBURB** by Woody LaBounty

In the 1890s, an odd community of obsolete horse cars and cable cars grew up on the undeveloped sand dunes near the ocean. The cars were bought as weekend getaways by all sorts of people -- from bohemian artists and writers to judges and fresh air enthusiasts. They had a variety of uses: as club houses for women bicyclists, weekend hide-a-ways and, for a few eccentrics, as permanent homes. Over the years, with the coming of paved roads, indoor plumbing and electricity, more roadhouses and full-time homes and stores were built.

Western Neighborhood historian LaBounty deftly crafts this almost forgotten story of Carville from photos, postcards, newspaper accounts and other archival material. By the 1920s, as Carville became gentrified, the old cars began to be destroyed or built over. An interesting later section of the book describes searches conducted over the last 80 years to locate the gradually diminishing remaining cars.

*Paula Lichtenberg, Librarian  
Keker & Van Nest LLP*

Dave Egger's **ZEITOUN** is an involving narrative of Hurricane Katrina through the experiences of a Muslim contractor and his family. Zeitoun's family leaves New Orleans, and he stays behind to take care of property. He rescues people, delivers water and provisions, and eventually is arrested and thrown into prison by armed Homeland Security personnel. It is a compelling, true story.

*Marian Shostrom*

**PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW**

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

**“Introducing and Integrating Free Internet Legal Research into the Classroom”** by Jootaek Lee, **University of Miami Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2010-05**, Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1509673>

In this article, the author explores the pros and cons of introducing free internet legal research tools into the classroom. He discusses whether it is appropriate to introduce and encourage the use of these free resources to the students and also how these resources may be evaluated to justify their inclusion in the classroom.

**“A Gentle Reminder to Special-Collections Librarians”** by Tod Gilman, **Chronicle of Higher Education**, April 29, 2010

Available online to subscribers at <http://chronicle.com/article/A-Gentle-Reminder-to/65235/>

As the title of this article suggests, the author tries to remind librarians (in a gentle and humorous way) not to be so hyper-vigilant about protecting their collections that they deny access to them. He uses his frustrating experience with a special collections librarian in London as an example.

**“I Patent Your Ass. And Your Leg. And Your Nostril”** by Ben Goldacre, **The Guardian**, reprinted at **Bad Science**, April 2, 2010

Available online at <http://www.badsience.net/2010/04/i-patent-your-ass-and-your-leg-and-your-nostril/>

This article discusses a recent victory by the ACLU and the Association for Molecular Pathology against a company called Myriad which formerly had held patents for the breast cancer gene BCRA1. The effect of the patent was to limit testing for this gene to a single, expensive, test put out only by Myriad. The article goes on to discuss the recent trend of companies attempting to patent (and profit from) elements found freely in nature, including human genetics and the chilling effect it has on research.

**“Bad Blogs? Lawyers Blast FindLaw Offerings as Spam”** by Rachel M. Zahorsky, **ABA Journal**, May 1, 2010

Available online at [http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/bad\\_blogs](http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/bad_blogs)

When Findlaw launched 15 blogs, they were originally touted as sources of local legal news. Legal bloggers disagree, stating that the blogs are thinly disguised marketing tools to draw in business for lawyers who buy FindLaw marketing services and even the news posted is an inaccurate hash of local accident reports and cases written by non-attorney hacks.



## POST LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTER ENHANCES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

By Laurel Espell

POST Library and Research Center

Like any good detective story, law enforcement research takes you down a winding path with unexpected twists and turns. As practitioners upgrade their skills and knowledge, it is necessary to discover this path that begins at the intersection of criminal justice and criminology.

The POST Library and Research Center is an excellent place to start. Walking into the POST Library, you will discover one of the best collections of law enforcement materials on the west coast. This full-service library has 170 journal titles and about 12,000 volumes, POST publications and archives. The staff includes two full-time research librarians: Marilyn Earhart (law librarian) and Laurel Espell (supervising librarian), and a technical assistant, Patricia Noda, who specializes in POST archives.

This library has been assisting the work of POST researchers since the 1960s by collecting information on all aspects of law enforcement. Over the years the collection has expanded with the profession to include the following:

- past, present and future of law enforcement
- police and society
- police operations and training
- crime and investigation
- Homeland Security and terrorism investigation
- emergency services and dispatchers
- leadership and supervision
- organizational development
- forensics and crime scene
- laws and regulations affecting law enforcement
- human resources and workforce management

Now, through the Internet, the library is reaching a new clientele – the students and instructors of POST programs, and law enforcement throughout California.

There are a number of ways the POST library supports those seeking higher education in the law enforcement field. Along with access to online catalogs, the library website, at [www.post.ca.gov/library](http://www.post.ca.gov/library), has sections dedicated to research strategies, statistics, writing, copyright issues, police organizations, and links to other research centers. Librarians help instructors by giving classes on law enforcement research, copyright, and an introduction to the library. Often law enforcement students have been out of school for a long time and need to polish their research skills. Librarians will consult with students on their topics and mentor them along the research path. Instructors developing coursework are sometimes unaware of the resources available to assist their teaching. Librarians

can advise and contribute content for classes. The POST Library will help people find the right information.

The library also maintains the archives of the POST organization, which includes historical documents, publications and studies, all versions of the training materials, student papers from POST educational programs, and more. Since California POST is the oldest organization of its type in the United States, these publications contribute value to the study of law enforcement in California and the nation. They also record the history of training for law enforcement personnel.

As we move into a new era of policing – intelligence-led, data-driven, and improved by technology – research becomes the cornerstone of progress and professional development in the field. As an “information-rich” organization, POST has a wealth of knowledge to share. The future looks busy as POST works to digitize this information, so that tomorrow’s researcher will have easy access. Start using the POST Library website now so that you can be “heads-up” on new tools for professional development.

In order to borrow POST Library materials, submit a request through your local library, which can borrow through interlibrary loan. If you need an article that can only be found at POST, please send an email request to [library@post.ca.gov](mailto:library@post.ca.gov). Call to consult with a librarian for online searches, quick facts, or instruction on the library website. Visitors are welcome with an appointment. Call the library helpline at (916) 227-3765, send an e-mail, or visit the POST Library website at [www.post.ca.gov/library](http://www.post.ca.gov/library).

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## YOUR LIFE IS ABOUT TO CHANGE

Donna Williams

California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District

“Are you sitting down?” That’s how it all started...with a call from Cathy Lemann, AALL President. My first thought was, “Oh no, what happened with CONELL?” as I’m the Chair this year. I asked Cathy what was wrong. That’s when she broke the news to me that Marcus Hochstetler had resigned from the Board and asked if I’d consider running for the AALL Executive Board.

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For a very nerve racking two weeks, in which I couldn't tell anyone except my family, I awaited the Board's decision as they considered a list of candidates which they narrowed down to two. Finally, on February 16<sup>th</sup> Cathy called me saying, "Your life is about to change!"

Yes, she was definitely right! Since that time I've been reading and familiarizing myself with all aspects of AALL. I've been comparing reports and committee work against member profiles. (NOTE: I beg everyone; please put your picture up on your AALLnet profile!) I figured it was my duty to hit the ground running and get as prepared as I could with everything AALL.

Another thing I did was welcome any advice from current and prior board members as well as headquarters staff. New board members are assigned board mentors which I think is a great idea! I also emailed Marcus to tell him that I was sorry about his decision and that I had big shoes to fill. I was happy to hear words of support back from him.

In what seemed like a flash, it was time for my board orientation and first face-to-face board meeting in Chicago. I flew in on Wednesday, April 7 and met with headquarters staff first thing Thursday morning. I have to be honest, AALL HQ ROCKS! I met with everyone and they all reviewed the work they do for the association. It's on AALLnet but it was great to meet and talk with them in detail and in person. Everyone was so diligent, dedicated, and accommodating. They are truly gems and we should all be extremely proud of the entire HQ staff!

Finally it was time for the Executive Board Meeting Friday morning. I was a bit nervous but my fears were laid to rest with everyone being so welcoming. The meeting began, which is run by Sturgis's *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*. It was a formal meeting much like chapter executive board meetings.

I followed along on my downloaded version of the Board Book on my laptop, well over 200 pages. (Check out AALLnet under the Executive Board.) There are action items which need to be voted on, items like: minutes, finance and budget, revised competencies of law librarianship, strategic directions, etc. Then there are report or review items which are basically informational types of agenda items, such as reports from GRC, Council Chapter Chair and the SIS Council Chair. Please rest assured the Board doesn't take any matter lightly. Both sides of agenda items are presented and items are discussed rationally then voted on, if necessary.

The meeting was an example that I wish politicians could watch and learn from! Everyone was treated with respect.

I spoke up only if I felt it was important enough. There has to be a balance since there were a lot of people attending. Attendees included the 11 Board members, plus guests: Council Chapter Chair and the SIS Council Chair, Incoming Vice President/President-Elect, and Incoming Treasurer. Also present were: Executive Director Kate Hagan, Director of Government Relations Mary Alice Baish, Director of Finance and Administration Paula Davidson, and Executive Assistant Kim Rundle. Attending a portion of the meeting for presentation purposes were: Director of Meetings Pam Reisinger, Director of Membership Marketing and Communications Julia O'Donnell, and Director of Information Technology Chris Siwa.

In between the meetings attendees eat meals together. Those were wonderful times to talk informally and get to know others at the meeting. The networking is amazing and I feel so honored to have this opportunity!

After it was all over, I have to tell you, I'm so extremely pleased to be a member of AALL and on the Executive Board. I'm not only representing my Court and NOCALL, but the California Judicial Branch, SCCLL-SIS, solos, and all law library professionals. It's the chance of a lifetime for me and a duty I'm taking very seriously. Yes, I am busting at the seams!

All NOCALL members should also be extremely proud of NOCALL. NOCALL is very well respected within AALL and lately, with all the awards and elections (Diane Rodriguez is the newly elected Council Chapter Chair and Ron Wheeler is a new Executive Board member and new Director at USF, etc); there is talk that NOCALL may take over the world! Seriously, give yourselves a pat on the back! Both NOCALL and AALL are amazingly well-run organizations. Maybe we should take over the world...or at least Sacramento and Washington.

So with that, I leave you with a huge thank you. Thank you to NOCALL and AALL for giving me, really all of us, chances to improve leadership and professional skills, organize events on a large scale, mentor and educate other librarians and attorneys in the ever changing legal world, and advocate for innovative and progressive information policies. (Hey, those are our Strategic Directions! How about that!)

In order to improve yourself and your organization, I urge you to become active and participate. I've always told my kids, you get much more out of something if you put the time and effort into it in the first place. After all, ...*your life could be about to change at any moment!* Carpe Diem! Seize the opportunity!

## MY FAVORITE BOOKSTORE

Tom Eyres

*Every time I used to read Nora Levine's "What Are You Reading?" column, I would wonder where you all were finding such great reads. So in 2000, I started this little column of your favorite bookstores.*

*Ten years later, here are some current favorites. (I am also happy to share that ALL the bookstores featured in the 2000 column appear to be still open! With all the store closings in the past decade, I think that is remarkable. I've listed them at the end.) Cheers!*

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My favorite bookstore is **Leigh's Favorite Books**, 121 S. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086. leighsbooks.com Very personable & knowledgeable staff. Comfortable store with new & used titles. Monthly e-newsletter w/ coupon for 25% off any used title. Buys books & gives you the option to use the \$\$ toward new purchases. -- *Donna S. Williams*

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**Borderlands** (866 Valencia St., San Francisco, CA 94110) is a great bookstore, not just because they have a wide variety of Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Horror novels on their beautiful shelves (though they do), or because they concentrate on small-press genre titles (though they do that, too). They have a great selection, and comfy seating, and an impressive line-up of authors who come in to sign and read, but that's not why they're my favorite bookstore, either. They're my favorite bookstore because I'm in love with their two bookstore cats, Ripley and Ash, both of whom are Sphinx cats with no hair. You can learn more about Ripley on the store's webpage: [www.borderlands-books.com/about\\_ripley.html](http://www.borderlands-books.com/about_ripley.html) and more about their books and events, there, too. -- *Jocelyn Stilwell*

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Can't pick just one!

**Diesel** on College Avenue in Oakland  
[www.dieselbookstore.com](http://www.dieselbookstore.com)

**Mrs. Dalloway's** on College Avenue in Berkeley  
[www.mrsdalloways.com/](http://www.mrsdalloways.com/)

**Books, Inc.** on Park Street in Alameda  
[www.booksinc.net/Alameda](http://www.booksinc.net/Alameda)

**A Great Good Place for Books** in Montclair  
[greatgoodplace.indiebound.com/](http://greatgoodplace.indiebound.com/)

**The Book Works** in Del Mar -- Creaky wooden floors, nice coffee shop!  
[www.book-works.com/](http://www.book-works.com/)

-- *Nora Levine*

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**Browser Books** in SF -- Cozy neighborhood bookstore, great poetry section, classical music, a bird, quiet.  
<http://tinyurl.com/32cwutc>

**Friends of the Library Book Bay** -- Great poetry section.  
[www.friendssfpl.org/?Book\\_Bay\\_Fort\\_Mason](http://www.friendssfpl.org/?Book_Bay_Fort_Mason)

**Bibliohead** -- Great poetry section.  
[www.bibliohead.com/](http://www.bibliohead.com/)

**Aardvark Books** -- I like their collection of old paperbacks, when they used to be small enough to fit in a large pocket.  
[www.yelp.com/biz/aardvark-books-san-francisco](http://www.yelp.com/biz/aardvark-books-san-francisco)

-- *Andrea Rubin*

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## FAVORITE BOOKSTORES FROM 2000:

**Bart's** (Ojai)  
[www.bartsbooksojai.com/](http://www.bartsbooksojai.com/)

**Beers** (Sacramento)  
[www.beersbooks.com/](http://www.beersbooks.com/)

**Book Passage** (Corte Madera)  
<http://bookpassage.com/>

**Copperfield's** (Petaluma)  
<http://copperfieldsbooks.com/>

**Green Apple Books** (San Francisco)  
<http://greenapplebooks.com/>

**Kepler's** (Menlo Park)  
<http://keplers.com/>

**Logos Books & Records** (Santa Cruz)  
[www.logosbooksrecords.com/](http://www.logosbooksrecords.com/)



**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
 REPORT  
 Greg Fite**

NOCALL's GRC has had a very busy and productive year. In addition to the current campaign to oppose the AOC "sweep" of California county law library filing fees, we've advocated for the Faster FOIA, which is advancing in Congress; we've thanked Senator Leahy for his efforts to open up the government; we as a chapter have honored Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren for her outstanding efforts to support open government and law library issues at our January meeting; we've hosted two successful "Sunshine Week" events this year, one in Sacramento on March 24, and one in San Francisco March 26 in conjunction with the NOCALL Spring Institute.

NOCALL's GRC (Greg Fite and Susan Nevelow Mart, our AALL GRO Liaison) met in fall with the GRC chairs of SCALL and SANDALL and by phone with the CCCLL Legislative Chair to formulate a unified and coordinated strategy on issues of statewide importance. We outlined several areas of concern, including the proposed new contract for publication of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) -- which has gone forward, and authentication of CCR online, which unfortunately was not adopted by the Office of Administrative Law. (Maybe next time?) We also discussed actions to protect county law libraries, preserve state archival materials, and other issues all three chapters and CCCLL share in common. We continue to coordinate our statewide actions and there is a good ongoing dialog. We owe a debt of gratitude to SCALL's GRC Chair, Esther Cho, for kicking off this effort last fall, Tina Jagerson, who ably represented the San Diego area law library community, and to Ann Bernardo of Tulare County Law Library, who is an excellent Legislative Chair for the Council of California County Law Libraries.

We also participated in January with the "Law.gov" initiative to formulate a state-by-state governmental database inventory, which Susan Nevelow Mart and Erika Wayne are spearheading for California. All primary law documents and collateral materials are being identified for the State of California, each of its 58 counties, and all of its cities. The idea is to have a gigantic, searchable multi-jurisdictional database of primary law with supporting records and documents available free to everyone.

**PROPOSED**

**NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 28th, 2010

Fiorillo's Restaurant

638 El Camino Real

Santa Clara, CA 95050

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Diane Rodriguez, President, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Thanks was given to Ellen Platt for her efforts in planning the meeting.

**NOCALL Legislator of the Year Award Presentation**

Diane presented the NOCALL Legislator of the Year Award to Zoe Lofgren, in absentia. Present to accept the award on Ms. Lofgren's behalf was Cindy Avitia, her Congressional Aide.

In her acceptance speech, Ms. Avitia spoke of Congresswoman Lofgren's gratitude for the award and about her work as an advocate for law libraries including Congresswoman Loftgren's sponsorship of H.R. 2728. Ms. Avitia also spoke of the Congresswoman's desire to continue to collaborate with the library professionals to improve law libraries and access to legal information.

Diane then presented Ms. Avitia with the award plaque, NOCALL bag, and mug.

**Government Relations: California**

Greg Fite informed the membership about an initiative to band together the Government Relations Committee members from the California association chapters to create a unified voice and a stronger platform for developing and executing statewide strategies. Esther Cho Reference/ Government Documents Librarian, Loyola Law School is one of the leaders in this effort.

Future projects being considered are:

- Addressing the usability and content issues with the online version of the California Code of Regulations.
- Updating budgeting for public library stabilization.
- Task force to work on a push to digitize California State Archive materials.
- Additionally to raise awareness of the existence of these materials and generate concern over the fact that these documents are not readily available.

Greg closed with a reminder that the Sunshine Week Program will be held in conjunction with the NOCALL Spring Institute.

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### Government Relations: National

Susan Nevelow-Mart announced that the Law.gov project to make digital, authenticated, legal documents available is moving forward. She described the national working groups engaged in this effort and the Summer of Codes initiative whose goal to collect all of the state laws, track legal document formatting, and counter any issues.

She also spoke about NOCALL's contribution to the Law.gov mission which is to create an inventory of core California legal resources which would include current access points and any copyright issues. The working document for this project is located on Google Docs and those that would like to contribute should contact Erika Wayne for access. Susan posted with more details on where the Law.gov project can be found.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Approval of Minutes

We approved the September 30th, 2009 Business Meeting Minutes.

#### Treasurer's Report

Diane Rodriguez presented the treasurer's report and noted that in general the Association is in good financial shape but membership dues are down by \$2000. She also announced that the Board's discussion on raising membership dues was tabled for later consideration.

#### Calendar and a Review of Upcoming Events

Diane went over the calendar of scheduled events, followed by details about the Spring Institute and WestPac.

- NOCALL Happy Hour possibly at the Tonga Room in SF – February
- Possible Inter-Library Loan Workshop? -February
- Sunshine Week – March 2010  
Greg Fite is working with Shannon to hold the San Francisco area Sunshine Week event the first morning of the Spring Institute.
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- Board/Business Meeting – May 2010
- WESTPAC meeting in SF at Hotel Nikko – October 15th-16th 2010

Terri Richards continues to work on a possible collaboration around the 2010 Fall Workshop. Ellen Platt is looking into the networking opportunities at the meeting. Janet Fischer is the Local Arrangements Chair for this event.

#### ListServ Access and Inter Library Loan (ILL) Requests

Diane reported that she received a lot of feedback from

members concerning the Board's decision that the NOCALL listserv be a closed list. A chief concern members had was the need to purchase membership for members of their staff just so that they could have access to the listserv for ILL purposes. Diane discussed these issues with the Board at the last Board Meeting. The solutions discussed were:

- Having two listservs, one for NOCALL administrative concerns and the other focused on resource sharing and ILLs. The idea was introduced that the administrative listserv would be on open listserv and the ILL listserv would be a closed list.
- Make the requirement that there needs to be at least one person on the library staff that is a member of NOCALL for all of the organization's members to have access to the list.
- Create a new membership category, with lower dues, for technical staff and paraprofessionals. Diane shared her plans to check in with Joan Loftus on the feasibility of a second list and reported that no further action was taken.

#### Spring Institute Update

Shannon reported that the Spring Institute now has an official logo which reflects the Institute's theme of piracy. She also shared several program topics including: maritime laws, trade secret appropriation, cyber-squatting, and identify theft. Shannon also announced:

- West's sponsorship of one of the speakers.
- Imminent delivery of Registration forms.
- Farella & Braun is providing MCLE credit for the event.
- The AALL Vice President, Joyce Janto, will be our VIP this year.
- The 30th Anniversary cocktail party celebration will be at Harry Denton's Starlight Room and the room rate will be \$129 for members wishing to stay at the hotel.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 2010 NOCALL Election

The candidates for the election were announced.

- Vice President/President Elect
  - Holly Riccio
- Treasurer
  - Claudia Cook
- Member At Large
  - Rose Adams
  - Sharon Borbon
  - Chuck Marcus
  - Jane Metz

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**Law.gov Project**

The Board approved the creation of a Law.gov Task Force to spearhead NOCALL's project to compile a list of key California legal documents which should be included in the Law.gov database. Erika Wayne has created a Google Document for this purpose.

**Mentoring**

Diane shared the Board's discussion on the creation of a Mentoring program as well as the decision that an informal system was best. Moreover, it was decided that when necessary NOCALL could refer members to the AALL Mentoring Program.

**NOCALL Legislator /Advocate Award**

The decision to make the Legislator of the Year award an ongoing honor was announced. The new parameters of the award were enumerated:

- The award need not be given annually
- Recipients can be anyone who has been an advocate for law libraries such as a legislator, a judge, a firm partner, or vendor.
- As for the timeline the Board agreed that in the years the award is presented it should be given at the May meeting.

Furthermore, the Awards Committee was charged with soliciting nominations, coming up with the award criteria, and the timeline.

**AALL Awards**

Diane requested that members think about nominating their colleagues for AALL Awards, such as: Emerging Leader Award, Volunteer Service Award, Chapter Professional Development Award.

**Committee Cluster Reports**

Committee Cluster Reports were given. Highlights include:

*Archives Committee:* Kate Wilko is working with the Archives Task Force to organize and prioritize which items need to be retained by NOCALL.

*Constitution and Bylaws Committee:* Mary Hood created an annotated version of the NOCALL Constitution by looking back at the original language and tracking amendments.

*Nominations Committee:* The Committee successfully produced a slate of candidates for the 2010 election.

*Newsletter:* Mary plans to have the next issue out soon.

*Technology Committee:* The Committee is testing out a Blog for Committee and Board Members in the hope that it will facilitate communication and collaboration.

*Education Committee:* The Fall Workshop and CEB tour was a success. The Committee is now focused on programming opportunities involving the WESTPAC conference.

*Networking Committee:* The Four Corners happy hour continues to be a success and they are looking forward to continuing these gatherings.

*Academic Relations Committee:* The Committee is working with the San Jose State School of Library and Information Science to increase the presence of law librarianship as a career option on the SJSU website. The Committee approved a sample resume and cover letter for a law library job that is now posted to the SJSU SLIS career website. Susan Nevelow-Mart appealed to members to consider becoming a mentor, either locally or through a national program, as she found it to be a highly rewarding experience.

*Community Service Committee:* Holly Riccio announced that the Committee was considering organizing a group to participate in a KQED Pledge Drive. There are several days in March available and those that are interested should contact her. She added that a children's book drive is also in the planning stages. Details will follow via the listserv.

*Public Relations Committee:* The Committee will be sending out a list of recommended resources to public libraries in May.

*Grants Committee:* Tibisay Boggio-Turner reminded members to apply for grants to both NOCALL and other educational events and to contact Grant Committee Chair, Teresa Dippery with any questions.

**Announcements**

Bernadette St. John, of St. John & Associates, made an announcement regarding libraries in Haiti and the international efforts to salvage/revive these collections. She described a movement akin to a "Librarians Without Borders" being formed and that volunteers that can speak French are desired. She suggested that members interested in getting involved investigate the possibilities.

Diane Rodriguez, President, adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tibisay A. Boggio-Turner  
NOCALL Secretary



## NOCALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 21st, 2010

9:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

Conference Call

San Francisco, CA and Sacramento, CA

Present: Tibisay Boggio-Turner, Kelly Browne, Shannon Burchard, Mark Estes, Diane Rodriguez, Kathy Skinner, Jean Willis

Diane Rodriguez, President, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Diane proposed that the discussion of raising membership fees be tabled for now. The Board agreed.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Approval of Minutes

The board approved the September 23rd, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes.

#### Treasurer's Report

Mark Estes presented the treasurer's report and noted that in general the Association is in good financial shape. Some items of particular importance were:

- Membership dues are now down by \$2000.
- The expenses associated with membership efforts are up, for a total of \$1300.00. Postage was identified as the main expense.
- Expenses in general may seem high but the Association is paying some items early.
- We are still waiting for CEB's Spring Institute sponsorship check.

#### ListServ Access and Inter Library Loan (ILL) Requests

Diane received a lot of feedback from members concerning the Boards decision that the NOCALL listserv be a closed list. This would mean that only members of NOCALL would have the ability to read or post to the list. According to Diane the concerns included: the necessity of buying membership for technical services staff that deal with ILL Request. In order to address this particular issue the Board discussed the possibility of having two listservs, one for NOCALL administrative concerns and the other focused on resource sharing and ILLs. The idea was introduced that the administrative listserv would be on open listserv and the ILL listserv would be a closed list. The direct fix to the membership concern would be that at least one person on the library staff would have to be a member. Diane plans to check in with Joan Loftus on the feasibility of a second list; further discussion was postponed until then.

### Calendar and a Review of Upcoming Events

Diane went over the calendar of scheduled events, followed by details about the Spring Institute and WestPac.

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- May Board/Business Meeting – May 2010
- WESTPAC meeting in SF at Hotel Nikko – October 15th-16th 2010

### WestPac 2010

This year WestPac will hold its annual meeting at the Hotel Nikko on October 15th-16th. Terri Richards continues to work on a possible collaboration around the 2010 Fall Workshop. Ellen Platt is looking into the networking opportunities at the meeting. Janet Fischer is the Local Arrangements Chair.

### Spring Institute Update

Shannon reported that she is still working on getting sponsors for the Spring Institute as well as trying to set the registration price. She noted that sponsors are scarce this year. There are also some procedural changes, for example, at West sponsorship request are being filtered through one person and decisions are being made at the annual budget meeting.

Shannon and the Spring Institute Committee have most of the speakers engaged and the logo is complete. Farella & Braun is providing MCLE credit for the event. The 30th Anniversary celebration will be at Harry Denton's Starlight Room and is open to non-attendees, but they must buy a separate ticket to attend the event. The celebration will have cocktail party feel with small food bites and cocktails. The room rate will be \$129 for members wishing to stay at the hotel.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 2010 NOCALL Election

The candidates for the election were announced and approved via e-mail. They are:

- Vice President/President Elect
  - Holly Riccio
- Treasurer
  - Claudia Cook

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- Member At Large
  - Rose Adams
  - Sharon Borbon
  - Chuck Marcus
  - Jane Metz

**Law.gov Project**

Diane and several other NOCALL members attended a workshop on the Law.gov project. Carl Malamud, technologist and advocate, presented on his foundation's work to create a one stop shop for official, authentic, digitally signed government materials. His foundation, Public.Resource.Org is working with the Library of Congress, Senate Committees, law schools, Google Law, FindLaw and other organizations to make Law.gov a reality.

To aid this effort Diane volunteered NOCALL to compile a list of key California legal documents which should be included in the Law.gov database. Erika Wayne has created a Google Document for this purpose.

Diane moved that we create a Law.gov Task Force.

The motion was seconded and passed.

**Mentoring**

The Board discussed the efficacy and utility of creating a formal system to pair mentors and mentees. It was decided that an informal system would work best. This would consist of contacting new members to ascertain their interest in being paired with a mentor and then having Board members suggest qualified members. Another action would be to, when possible, refer interested mentees to the AALL mentoring program.

**NOCALL Legislator /Advocate Award**

The Board discussed making the Legislator of the Year award, which will be presented to Zoe Lofgren this year, a continued honor. The discussion lead to a decision that the award need not be given annually and recipients can be anyone who has been an advocate for law libraries such as a legislator, a judge, a firm partner, or vendor. The Awards Committee was charged with soliciting nominations, coming up with the award criteria, and the timeline. However the Board had a few suggestions:

- In regard to the nominations it was suggested that a group of volunteers be assembled to sort through the nominations and then come up with a list of finalist. The winner would then be decided by the Board.
- As for the timeline the Board agreed that in the years the award is presented it should be given at the May meeting.

**AALL Awards**

Diane requested that the Board think about possible nominees for the AALL Awards: Emerging Leader Award, Volunteer Service Award, Chapter Professional Development Award.

**Committee Cluster Reports**

Each member of the board presented their Committee Cluster Reports. Highlights include:

Mark Estes commented on the success of the Four Corners happy hour. The Board was excited by the turn out and supportive of continuation of this great networking opportunity.

The Academic Relations Committee is working with San Jose State to increase the presence of law librarianship on the website. The Committee approved a sample resume and cover letter for a law library job that is now posted to career website.

Kelly Browne of the Awards Committee requested nominations for the NOCALL Professional Achievement Award. The deadline for nominations is March 15th.

There was a reminder to apply for grants for the Spring Institute.

Mary Staats, who is in charge of Placement, continues her practice of posting nationwide job opportunities to the listserv.

Diane Rodriguez, President, adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tibisay A. Boggio-Turner  
NOCALL Secretary



## 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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It's renewal time again folks! The NOCALL year ends on May 31, 2010.  
Keep an eye out for your renewal form in the mail.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

For more details, see <http://www.nocall.org/calendar.html>