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President's Message

Unlike the white-out the rest of the country is experiencing, life in the land of NOCALL is bright and sunny and is doing fairly well in this year of the Rabbit.

We have moved forward many of the goals laid out for the year by partnering with Baynet on the Spring Institute RDA pre-conference workshop, the creation of a NOCALL welcome packet for new hires is underway, cloud based membership management is being explored, and finally we have saved a fair amount in postage by using e-mail to deliver our directory and renewal notices. Not bad for a half a year's work.

With the winds of change bringing us into the New Year, NOCALL has more ahead to fill its sails. Holly Riccio and her Spring Institute committee have put together a high quality program for April 8 – 9, 2011 "Winds of Change: Harness the Power". Details are forthcoming. Not to be out done, the nominations committee has put together a ground breaking slate with a number of new faces running for the board.

Activity wise, NOCALL held four corner holiday parties again this year with great success. It is always nice to see folks out in person. For our January business meeting, Stanford graciously hosted and Prof. Dan Ho spoke about advances in empirical legal studies or in layman's terms visually pleasing ways to convey legal outcomes as a means of identifying patterns. Finally, Julie Horst hosted another tour of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals building tour with a networking lunch after.

Once again it is an honor to serve in such a wonderful community.

Shannon

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MUSINGS FROM MARK
Mark Mackler
California Department of Justice
San Francisco

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF US...

Best wishes to *Musings* readers for a good 2011. I'd like to begin on a serious note. A post on the Law Librarian Blog recently caught my eye. The topic was the passing of Earl Borgeson, a man who dedicated his life to law librarianship. Neither Joe Hodnicki (the blogger) nor I knew Mr. Borgeson, whose professional positions included stints at SMU, Harvard and Stanford, as well as the presidency of AALL. Joe focused on something that was central to Mr. Borgeson's philosophy of service: Mentorship.

"To be sure, there are teachers and supervisors who instruct. That is essential, but they do not become mentors from such assignments. There must be a two-way intentional movement beyond learning the mechanics to the next level of dealing with the whys and wherefores, the alternatives, and the vision of the higher levels beyond routines. There must also be continuing accessibility for discussions of new and vexing problems and, when needed, comfort and reassurance when one has to pay the price for error...Just keep in mind that while there are structures for establishing such relationships, the best way is to pick out a law librarian you respect. From reputation, position, writings, or whatever, take the initiative to make contact and ask your question."

Borgeson's essay is well worth reading and you can read it in full at 91 L.Libr. J. 195 (1999). When all is said and done, I believe that the social networks of the Internet Age will never come close to Borgeson's vision of mentorship. Earl Borgeson died on Christmas Day at the age of 88.

MORRIS COHEN...Morris Cohen's passing was noted on the editorial page of *The New York Times* on January 7. "MORRIS, the name of the online catalog of the Yale Law School Library, is not an acronym. It's a tribute to Morris Cohen, the school's longtime librarian and law professor, who died in December at 83 and was one of America's great scholarly librarians." Of course, you all know the NOCALL connection to Morris Cohen. Just pull Bob Berring's *How to Find the Law* from your office bookshelf, and have a look.

PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENTS...Many of us have spent endless hours at work trying to develop mission statements. The experience is often tedious, unfulfilling and downright frustrating. A therapist friend of mine recently gave me a terrific idea: In lieu of wasting your

time on stupid - - and often unattainable - - New Year's Resolutions, why not take some time and develop your own personal mission statement? The statement could be a description of your life goals and guiding values which you can lean on to provide motivation for the more immediate tasks of daily life. The statement will provide you with a sense of meaning and optimism. It will furnish you with courage and resilience when the going gets tough. It's worth thinking about, isn't it?

FROM THE BOULDER (COLO.)PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Homeless Guy #1: Damn! I just got kicked out of the library! Damn!

Homeless Guy #2: What did you do, man?

#1: I don't know. I don't know.

#2: Were you drunk?

#1: Well, yeah. Also, I might have been looking at dirty pictures on the computers.

#2: Aw, that's not so bad.

#1: And they said that I was being disrespectful to the librarians.

#2: *freaking out:* No way, man! You can never, *never* disrespect librarians! Always respect librarians! What were you thinking? Are you an idiot??

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

By Nora Levine

I just finished **THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS: THE EPIC STORY OF AMERICA'S GREAT MIGRATION** by Isabel Wilkerson. This incredibly well-researched and well-written book details the migration of African-Americans from the South to points west and north. It is told from the perspective of three people who migrated in different eras (the 30's, 40's and 50's) and their lives before, during and after.

I grew up in the 1950's and 1960's in a very white, middle-class suburb of Toledo, Ohio. I knew nothing of the African-American experience in America except the news reports about the civil rights marches, etc. I had heard of separate restrooms and theaters, but before reading this book, I was indeed clueless about the conditions in both the North and South. While home in Ohio over Christmas, my 88 year old mother read this book and reiterated that she knew nothing of the conditions as a young woman growing up in the 20's and 30's in suburban Philadelphia. This book should win Ms. Wilkerson a second Pulitzer.

--Peg LaFrance
 Orrick

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STUDY IN SCARLET by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
I enjoyed this book (short story?) and its similarities between the recent [Masterpiece Mystery!](#) mini-series of three Sherlock Holmes tales, especially the episode entitled [A Study in Pink](#).

This story included a lot of detail about Dr. Watson's background. I had read about his background in bits and pieces in other stories, but enjoyed reading it in Watson's "own" words.

There are some bits of the story, including some description of Holmes' writings, that are a bit slow going. The prose (as opposed to the dialogue) is clearly of an era whose style I am not used to reading. I read the first part, took a break and had to start over, but reading the first part again was good, because I really understood the story better.

THE ARTIST IN THE OFFICE: HOW TO CREATIVELY SURVIVE AND THRIVE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK by Summer Pierre.

I started reading this because I needed a way to think of work in a different way. This is an awesome book even for people who do not consider themselves artists. The first part of it really changed my view of my "librarian job" -- and I really needed that change. The author makes the point that my time is valuable and the company I work for is renting it. That was such an eye opener. She also has great ideas about thinking about debt and free time. There are useful exercises included. The book is written in a very kind manner.

--Jaye A. H. Lapachet
Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP

CITY OF DRAGONS by Kellie Stanley.

I recently finished "City of Dragons," a film noir kind of mystery that takes place in San Francisco in 1940. A lot of it involves the friction between the Chinese and Japanese communities (The Rape of Nanking took place a few years earlier). Private eye Miranda Corbie is a female version of those hard boiled Sam Spade kind of detectives, but with a social conscience. Plot aside, what I enjoyed the most was the feeling of total immersion in the time period. Most authors try to set the tone of the time with music and maybe a film reference, but Stanley really goes all the way, with mention of hotels, restaurants, clubs, cultural events and so on. You feel like you've stepped into a [Pathe newsreel](#).

MARY ANN IN AUTUMN by Armistead Maupin.
It's so good to hear from old friends. As with the previous books in the series, the plots can get a little outrageous

(Cannibals living in the Episcopal cathedral? Lesbian couple flees from Jonestown just before the mass suicides?), but the character development and descriptions of the city make the books what they are.

I think it's amazing that Maupin captures so well people from different backgrounds: a wealthy lesbian couple, a transman, an older gay man, a straight middle-aged woman (Mary Ann back in SF from Connecticut) and her daughter and on and on. And they all seem very real, each in his or her way.

Once again Maupin takes us all around the City, from the seals and floating island restaurant at Pier 39 and the supermarket in the Castro, with side trips to the Peninsula, the Sierras and Snowflake, Arizona. If you're not familiar with SF, think of it as a travelogue and if you are, it's like being part of the story, even if the crowd you hang with isn't quite as offbeat as Mary Ann's.

--Paula Lichtenberg, Librarian
Keker & Van Nest LLP

I'm reading **THE Gnostic GOSPELS** by Elaine Pagels. If anyone is interested in early Christian History or ancient history in general, this is a fantastic offering. Relatively short considering the subject matter, Pagels discusses key early Church teachings in light of Gnostic writings discovered in Egypt in the 1940's (the story of which is comparable to an Indiana Jones movie!) She not only discusses theological implications, but provides beautifully the political context in which the Gnostics existed and posits why the Church developed the way it did. Quite a page-turner if you're interested in this genre.

--Lori A. Ruth
Winston & Strawn LLP

I just finished **PACKING FOR MARS**, by Mary Roach (W.W. Norton & Co., 2010).

Roach presents an entertaining and engaging look at the challenge of keeping humans alive in space, and an insightful look into the practical realities facing a manned mission to Mars. She delves into the history of space exploration, interviews the scientists behind manned space efforts and speaks with the astronauts who have been there. She also takes the reader to Earth-based simulations including astronaut selection and training facilities, inhospitable "Martian" terrain, zero-gravity, and food-testing. For anyone who's ever dreamed of going to space, this is a fun and fascinating read.

--Mr. Lee Van Duzer
U.S. Courts Library

**THREE CUPS OF TEA and STONES INTO SCHOOLS** by Greg Mortenson.

After reading **THE KITE RUNNER**, I was a bit afraid to read another book about the trials of living in Pakistan and Afghanistan. However, my daughter was given these two books for her college graduation and I needed a good BART read. These books cite the travels and travails of Greg Mortenson and the Central Asia Institute. The CAI promotes peace with books, not bombs. These books journal the difficulties of trying to build schools in these two third-world, war-torn countries. We read that, in order to build a school in one village, a bridge would have to be built first, and other accounts of how villages wanting schools are willing to trade their most precious resources. One of the most interesting things is that the CAI demands that girls comprise 40% of the student population before contracting with village leaders and elders to build the desired school. Villages or tribes must supply the labor and land. We learn how, when an earthquake decimated Afghanistan's cities and rural areas, schools collapsed, killing students and teachers, mostly girls, who, unlike the boys who ran outside as the earthquake struck, huddled together in their classrooms, dying as the roofs fell. As the books state, "Just one year of schooling will dramatically raise a girl's later economic prospects, and where girls get to fifth grade, birth rates and infant mortality plunge. Teaching girls to read and write reduces the ignorance and poverty that fuel religious extremism and lays a ground work for prosperity and peace." **THREE CUPS OF TEA** relates the travels and relationships Mortenson makes in Pakistan while **STONES INTO SCHOOLS** concerns itself with Afghanistan a few years later.

I know so little about these two countries and their struggles. After reading these accounts, I feel I have bounced along in the old Land Cruisers and find myself wanting to see the CAI and Greg Mortenson succeed in their building schools in the "last best place."

--Cindy Beck Weller

Cooper, White & Cooper LLP

PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

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

"Wikipedia Comes of Age" by Casper Grathwohl, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Chronicle Review*, January 7, 2011, available at <http://chronicle.com/article/Wikipedia-Comes-of-Age/125899>

This article discusses the rise of Wikipedia from a dicey research source to a necessary source of "pre-research" in the internet age. The author references a recent study of 2500 university students who reported that they used Wikipedia to orient themselves to a topic before embarking on deeper research. Since students are already using Wikipedia, it is incumbent on those in academe to integrate its use into the formal research process.

"U.S. News Considers Giving Third Tier Law Schools a Number" by Karen Sloan, *The National Law Journal*, January 10, 2011, Available at <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/09/17/libraries>

U.S. News and World Report, famous for ranking the upper tiers of United States law schools, is considering adding 42 more law schools to its ranking system, reaching the third tier of legal education. Reaction from law school deans are mixed, although one dean commented that this may help potential law students choose a school by offering more information in a single place.

"Our Must-Reads Featuring the High Court" by Richard Brust, *ABA Journal*, January 1, 2011, Available at <http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/must-reads-supreme-court-books>

Review of four recently published books on the Supreme Court. The author of the article suggests that, read in sequence "they chronicle how FDR won the battle and how his policies endured through the novel legal philosophies of his high court appointees." They are, in order, "Scorpions" by Noah Feldman, "Supreme Power" by Jeff Shesol, "Justice Brennan: Liberal Champion" by Seth Stern and "Making Our Democracy Work" by Justice Stephen Breyer.

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“People Did Sometimes Stick Things in my Underwear: The Function of Laughter at the U.S Supreme Court”

by Ryan A. Malphurs, *Communication Law Review*, v.10, no. 2, pp.48-75, 2010.

<http://commlawreview.org/Archives/CLRv10i2/The%20Function%20of%20Laughter%20at%20the%20U.S.%20Supreme%20Court%20CLR%20v10i2.pdf>

In this article, the author attempts to show the important role laughter plays during oral arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court. He contends that laughter plays an important “social and communicative function” during oral arguments by breaking down barriers to communication and fostering equality among participants. He includes several pages of examples of humor in the courtroom, and you can read the article if you are curious about his article title!

“A Fundamental Right to Read: Reader Privacy Protections in the U.S. Constitution”

by Eric Robertson, *University of Colorado Law Review*, v.82, no.1, pp.307-330, Winter 2011.

The author examines court decisions, readers’ privacy scholarship and First Amendment jurisprudence in an attempt to answer the question of whether the right to reader privacy is fundamental under the First Amendment.

issues, which sometimes require a different approach than we might take with other patrons.

A common scenario in our library - a patron approaches the desk in an agitated state and begins unloading on the reference librarian, talking about the “fascist” judges or how the police are out to get them, and so on and so forth. Usually the patron’s voice rises as they gain momentum in their rant, leading to the disruption of other patrons’ research. At the workshop we learned that it is alright to raise a hand indicating for them to stop, and say, “I hear you have a lot going on. What can I help you with *right now?*” This prevents them from gaining momentum in their rant, and allows them to focus and ask a question. By recognizing that they “have a lot going on” it allows the patron to feel like they are being heard, without having to listen to their whole life story, which we simply cannot do for every patron. It is important that we not indulge them and “play along” with what we know to be unrealistic. Guide the conversation back to what their customer service needs are.

Mr. Anderson also pointed out that sometimes, once is not enough. Some people with mental impairments hear voices, either in their head or externally, which may cause them to be disruptive. With these patrons, it may be necessary to repeat your request several times, like with a small child. Eventually, they will be able to filter out the external request you are making from the “noise” in their head and will follow your directions. In any case, it is important to remain calm and quiet, using a light but firm tone of voice, and always avoid physical contact. Keep directions short and to the point, and use the same phrasing when repeating them. As Mr. Anderson pointed out, “Severely mentally ill individuals understand limits. Set the limits and repeat as needed.”

For example, we have a patron that likes to stand very close, to both staff and patrons, and will hover at the reference desk while others are trying to get assistance from the librarian. In this instance, it is acceptable to set boundaries: “I am helping someone else right now, but if you wait (insert specific area here) I will be with you as soon as I am finished. However, if you insist on crowding the desk and other patrons, I will not be able to help you today.” If he follows the rules, he receives assistance like any other patron. If not, he is asked to leave for the day and to come back the following day to try again. This is an approach that must be used by everyone, however. If library staff is not consistent in the rules, patrons will seek those they know are lenient.

PROVIDING GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH IMPAIRMENTS

**By Amanda Takemoto
Sacramento County Public Law Library**

On October 5, 2010, the Sacramento County Public Law Library offered a training workshop open to all employees, *Providing Good Customer Service to Individuals with Mental Health Impairments*, by Shayn Anderson and Dee Taylor. We often deal with individuals that have mental health issues, and staff requested training to ensure we were helping these individuals to the best of our abilities. With the recent budget cuts affecting mental health facilities around the county, many libraries have seen an increase in the number of patrons with mental health

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This workshop allowed library staff to ask questions about specific scenarios and repeat-offender patrons to get a better idea of how to handle them in the future. The staff and Mr. Anderson discussed policies currently in place that are effective and those that perhaps need to be rethought in order to provide our patrons with the best service possible. One thought was to hire a social worker, either on-site or on call, or perhaps working together with public libraries in the area to provide assistance part-time at several locations.

The staff learned a lot about the proper way to interact with and react to individuals with mental health impairments,

to make sure that their research needs are met without allowing them to monopolize staff time and/or resources and ensuring all library patrons have access to our resources.

For more information on the services Mr. Anderson provides, go to www.diversityinclusion.com. Other resources to consider: your local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness- <http://www.nami.org/> and your county's mental health department. The listing can be found at <http://www.dmh.ca.gov/>.

The NOCALL Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the upcoming NOCALL Election:

Vice President / President-Elect

Susan Nevelow Mart, Hastings College of Law SF

Secretary

Tara Crabtree, State Court of Appeal 5th District in Fresno

Members at Large

Michael Daw, Golden Gate University School of Law in SF

Deborah Maglione, Howrey in SF

Ellen Platt, Santa Clara University in Santa Clara

Pam Ryan, CA Dept of Water Resources in Sacramento

Candidate biographies and statements appear on pages 8-15.



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CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES**

CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT-ELECT

Susan Nevelow Mart

Title: Faculty Services Librarian and Adjunct Professor of Law
Organization: UC Hastings College of the Law
City: San Francisco, CA
Years: 9 years

Education

San Jose State University – M.L.I.S. – 2003 (Beta Phi Mu)
 University of California, Berkeley - Boalt Hall School of Law - J.D. – 1983
 University of California, Santa Cruz - B.A.- Anthropology - 1979

Previous Employment

Assistant Librarian – California Judicial Center Library, San Francisco, CA (2001).
 Sole Practitioner – Oakland, CA (1992 to 2000).
 Associate - Bell, Rosenberg & Hughes, Oakland, California (1984-1991).

Candidate Statement:

I've been a member of NOCALL since I started library school in 2001. From the very beginning, this has been the most supportive, most helpful, and most fun organization I have ever belonged to. I am honored to be asked to serve as the vice-president/president-elect of NOCALL and I would work hard to continue the traditions of NOCALL: our educational events should continue to be professionally meaningful to all of our members; our networking events should continue to be memorable; and our ability to respond quickly to political events of importance to our community should remain at its current high level. We should continue to forge relationships with local library schools, to educate lawyers, and to lend a helping hand to the community. I look forward to working with everyone in NOCALL to try and make this happen.

NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities

Member-at-Large 2007
 Public Relations Committee Chair -2005-2007
 Government Relations Committee member- 2004-current
 Academic Relations Committee Chair - 2005-current
 Spring Institute Committee member - 2003/2004, 2006/2007, 2008/2009, 2009/2010
 Academic Relations Committee volunteer- 2000/2001

Presentations and articles

2010 NOCALL Spring Institute, moderator, "Privacy and Piracy: Perspectives on Identity Theft"
 2010, Sunshine 2010, pre-Institute panel, speaker, "Pirating the Law: Advocating for Change in the 111th Congress."
 2010 AALL, moderator, "The Future of FOIA."
 2010 AALL, panelist, FOIA Requests and Preservation: An Emerging Collection Development Model for the Virtual Library."
 2009 NOCALL Spring Institute, moderator, "The Mortgage Crisis & The Current Economy."
 2008 NOCALL Spring Institute workshop panelist: "The Bridge to Nowhere: Successfully Spanning the Legal Research Gap."
 2007 AALL, panelist, "Responding to Legal Process in the Library: A Post-PATRIOT Act Primer."
 2005 NOCALL Spring Institute, panelist, "Blogs - Cutting Edge or Bleeding Edge?"
 2005 AALL, panelist, "Short Cuts for Safer KeyBoard Use."



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The Right to Receive Information, 95 L. LIBR. J. 175 (2003).



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CANDIDATE FOR NOCALL SECRETARY

Tara M. Crabtree

Title: Librarian
Organization: State of California, Court of Appeal, Fifth District
City: Fresno
Years Employed: 4

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, Library Assistant
Years Employed: 11 years

Organization: Dowling, Aaron & Keeler, LLC
Title: Librarian
Years Employed: 5

Professional Activities

NOCALL Member, 2007-
AALL Member, 2005-
SCCLL-SIS Member, 2007-
Appellate Staff Continuing Education Conference Instructor, 2009

Personal Statement

I am honored to be considered for the position of NOCALL Secretary. I am looking forward to serving NOCALL as it has served me. I look forward to continuing my professional growth with the organization and will look for new opportunities to network for our organization and continue its growth in the future.



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CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

Deborah Maglione

Title: Senior Reference Librarian
Organization: Howrey LLP
City: San Francisco
Years Employed: 8 years

Education: San Jose State University, M.L.S.
Upsala College, B.A.

Previous Employment

Title: Principal
Organization: Library Service Systems
City: Belmont
Years Employed: 14 years

Professional Activities

NOCALL Public Relations Chair, Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) -
Coordinate monthly Recorder column
Moderator, NOCALL Spring Institute 2010 on Privacy and Piracy: Trademark and Trade Secret Theft
Member, American Association of Law Libraries
Member, Special Libraries Association

Personal Statement

I am honored to receive this opportunity to run for a Member At Large position. NOCALL is a wonderful professional organization filled with dynamic and innovative members who willing share their knowledge and ideas with each other. During the past year, I have become more involved in NOCALL activities and am deriving great personal and professional enjoyment from the experience. As the PR Chair, I am presently working with the Recorder to establish a monthly column written by NOCALL members. Our first 3 columns are being reviewed by the Editor in Chief and I believe our column will begin very soon. That activity is so important to me because I believe one of our missions in this changing world of librarianship is to promote our value to our organizations by marketing our talents, knowledge, and services. If elected, I will fully support NOCALL's vision and strive to be a valuable member of the NOCALL Board. Thank you for your consideration and support.



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CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

Michael Daw

Title: Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library
Organization: Golden Gate University

Education: BA, History and Political Science, Valparaiso University
JD, Valparaiso University
MLIS, San Jose State University

Michael is Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library. He specializes in International and Tax Legal Research. He joined the library staff at Golden Gate in 1994 and served as the Electronic Formats Librarian until 1999. Before coming to Golden Gate, Michael practiced law, primarily in the tax field and later as litigation support in a small landlord-tenant firm. In addition to his library duties, Michael teaches a variety of research courses, including Tax Research (LLM Tax), eSearch (Advanced Legal Research - Online, in the J.D. program), and occasionally California Legal Research (J.D.). He also helps introduce first year students to computer-assisted legal research during their hands-on Lexis, Westlaw, and Internet sessions each year. He was appointed Co-Director of the Law Library in 2006 and hired as Director July 1, 2007.



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CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES**

CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE**Ellen Platt**

Title: Senior Reference Librarian

Organization: Heafey Law Library, Santa Clara University

City: Santa Clara, CA

Years Employed: 13.5

Education:

University of Washington

Master of Librarianship, certificate in Law Librarianship, 1992

University of Oregon

JD, 1991; BS, 1983

Previous Employment

Organization: Marquette University Law Library

Title: Reference Librarian/Head of Reference

Years Employed: 5

NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities:

Member since January 1998

- Chair, Networking Committee, 2007 to 2009, member 2010-2011
- Chair, Nominations Committee, 2007-2008, member 2006 to 2009
- AALL Liaison, 2008-2009ish
- Special Advisor, Spring Institute Planning Committees: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010
- President, Chair of Spring Institute & Award Committees 2001-2003
- Member, Spring Institute Planning Committees: 1999-2000, 2008-2009, 2011
- Chair, Audit and Budget Committee 1999-2000, member 1998-1999

Other Professional Activities:

American Association of Law Libraries (member since January 1992)

- Chair, Membership Development Committee, July 2008-2009, ex officio member of Developing Law Librarians for the Future Committee
- Member, Membership and Retention Committee, 2007-2008
- Member, ALL-SIS Faculty Services Committee, 2007-2008
- Chair, Social Responsibilities SIS, July 1999 to July 2000
- Member, Research Committee, 1999-2001
- Chair of the subcommittee which created the Research Grant proposal application forms and paperwork
- Academic Law Libraries SIS activities
- Member, Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee, 1999-2000
- Chair, Membership Committee, 1998-1999
- Secretary/Treasurer, 1996-1998
- Chair, Public Relations Committee, 1995-1996, member 1994-1995
- Annual Meeting Programs
 - 1994: Co-coordinator, "Religious educational institutions: Law library hiring practices in a changing environment"
 - 2000: Moderator, "The ABA reaccreditation visit: process and preparation"



2011 NOCALL ELECTION CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Law Librarians' Association of Wisconsin (member January 1993 - October 1997)
- President elect, July 1997 until job change in October 1997
- VP/President Elect and Program Committee Co-chair, January 1996 - July 1997
- Co-Chair Program Committee, January 1995 - July 1997
- Chair, Public Relations Committee, January 1993 - January 1995

Oregon State Bar (member since January 1992, Inactive member since 1993)

Candidate Statement:

(To the tune of Beatle's Birthday)

It's time for elections,
I'm going to run again.
So what was I thinking?
It's good to work for NOCALL,
It's an honor to be asked.
It's a great profession!

You should network, mentor and volunteer,
Come to meetings and the Spring Institute,
Spend time hanging with your NOCALL peeps.

You can find two hours (NOCALL)
Take a cha-cha-cha-chance (NOCALL)
So please just volunteer (NOCALL)

You get back what you give (NOCALL)
Take a cha-cha-cha-chance (NOCALL)
It really is a blast (NOCALL)

I've worked hard for NOCALL.
I'd like to keep on going,
There's much more to be done!
I don't care who you vote for,
So long as you're involved
NOCALL is your best bet.



**2011 NOCALL ELECTION
CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES**

CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE**Pam Ryan**

Title: Senior Librarian
Organization: California Dept. of Water Resources
City: Sacramento
Years Employed: 2 years

Education: CSU, Sacramento, B.A., 1975
CSU, Chico, Paralegal Certificate, 1980
San Jose State University, M.L.S., 1994

Previous Employment

Title: Senior Librarian
Organization: California Geological Survey Library
Years Employed: 3 years

Title: Librarian
Organization: California State Library/Braille and Talking Book Library
Years Employed: 7 years

Title: Adult Services Librarian
Organization: Mountain View Public library
Years Employed: 1 year

Title: Reference Services Librarian
Organization: San Jose Public Library and Santa Clara County Library
Years Employed: 2 years

NOCALL Activities: Member since 2008

Personal Statement:

Though I'm still a new member of NOCALL, I've enjoyed the meetings, Spring Institutes and networking opportunities it provides me. I think it's extremely important to be a part of this professional organization that offers so much, especially since I'm also new to law librarianship. Beyond the obvious advantage it offers of sharing information with each other, I've especially enjoyed getting to know my colleagues in NOCALL informal gatherings where we can learn more about what each of us does in our varied environments. I think it's fascinating to find out how we all use essentially the same tools and skills, but apply them differently because of the wide variety of settings we work in and the clientele we serve. I've been a librarian for about 15 years, and can honestly say that law librarians are the best, most helpful and interesting group of people I've ever encountered! I'm honored to be considered as a candidate for Member at Large and look forward to working with you more in the future.



NOCALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 20th , 2010

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Hassard Bonnington LLP and 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 10:08 a.m.

Treasurer’s Report

Mark Estes presented the treasurer’s report. He noted that the Association is in good financial shape. Highlights from his report are:

- We have \$9,000 less than we had at the end of last year due to a drop in membership revenues.
- Expenses were slightly higher due to the 30th Anniversary celebration.
- The directory cost the Association \$1,000 in postage fees. Recommendation to consider PDF delivery or a secure document or database on the NOCALL website. Action item: discussion with Ramona about the feasibility of these ideas.
- Mark and Claudia Cook will work on a report suggesting possible cuts and changes that can be made to streamline Association expenses.
- The revenue stream will be lower next year due to the Fall Workshop being given in partnership with the WestPac event.

After the report a suggestion was made that the Association move from a breaking even model to a revenue generating model. Discussion followed and included the benefits, more money for educational opportunities, and possible issues, the Association’s eligibility for sponsorships and grants. BNA was given as an example.

A second point of discussion was the possibility of tracking and using the Association’s awards for promotion and sponsorship applications.

OLD BUSINESS

Calendar and a Review of Upcoming Events

Diane went over the calendar of scheduled events, plans for AALL, and announced that Shannon Burchard would be scheduling the Crossover Meeting.

AALL in Denver – July

- NOCALL plans to have a promotion table and is considering having champagne/cider toasts at regular

intervals. Discussion followed of the value of having a table at AALL. Cons considered were postage for promotional items, taxes, administrative costs, time limits due to the new condensed schedule, and the need for volunteers at the table. Idea to move to more of a virtual activity and promotional site on AALLNET when it becomes available. Pros were the goodwill engendered by having a table, tradition, and opportunities for service and networking.

- Shannon posited the idea of recording educational programs and including them on a secure site and granting access as a benefit of membership.
- Two NOCALL programs will be presented this year: Les Forrester’s bankruptcy law program and Holly Lakotos’ program on motivating employees.
- Ellen Platt and Shannon are coordinating on a social networking event.
- West retracted their sponsorship of the Joint Chapter Reception at AALL. When asked NOCALL increased our donation to support the event as it was too late to investigate other funding options. In the future NOCALL will request other options be considered such as a more informal networking event.

WESTPAC Annual Meeting in San Francisco at the Hotel Nikko – October 15th- 16th 2010

- The NOCALL sponsored wine law program was accepted as a session.
- Janet Fischer is the Local Arrangements Chair and those interested in volunteering at the event should contact her.

Networking

The four corners mixers will continue. The next will be at The Crescent which features a jazz trio. Diane has posted details of these events before and after on Facebook and received positive feedback. There will be an increased effort to coordinate with SLA and other associations on these networking events.

Spring Institute Recap

Shannon reported that the 2010 Spring Institute will be submitted to AALL for the Chapter Professional Development Award. Also, some of the programs will be recommended for inclusion in next year’s annual meeting program.

Shannon added that the Institute was a bit over budget due the 30th anniversary celebration, but that this was expected. Photos from the celebration will be made into a photo album and placed in the Archive.

Survey comments were generally very positive. Many of the board members noted how much they enjoyed the educational programs.



Nominations Committee and Election Results

The Board thanked the Nominations Committee and made note of the excellent candidates joining the Board.

Vice President/President Elect

Holly Riccio

Treasurer

Claudia Cook

Member At Large

Sharon Borbon

Chuck Marcus

NEW BUSINESS

Honors

Diane shared several recent honors with the Board:

- Donna Williams was appointed to the AALL Executive Board.
- Diane Rodriguez was appointed to Chair the AALL Council of Chapter Presidents.
- The 2009 NOCALL Spring Institute awarded the AALL Chapter Professional Development Award.
- Grants to attend AALL were awarded to Holly Riccio, Sara Rafel, and Susan Nevelow-Mart

NOCALL's Annual Meeting Program Proposals

Jean Willis and Michelle Finery were asked to investigate:

1. AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee program proposal procedures.
2. How other Chapters manage the sponsorship of proposed AALL educational programs.

They discovered:

- As far as they could tell the other Chapters has no formal way of managing this process.
- Anyone can submit a program; sponsorship is unnecessary.
- When there is a sponsor, the sponsors are asked to rank their submissions.
- Sponsors can help develop a program.
- Programs can also be co-sponsored.

Discussion followed as to what NOCALL's procedures should be. Mark Estes suggested that sponsorship was not what was needed but instead NOCALL could support members through the proposal process and make the collaboration more meaningful. Support would be in the form of advisory statements on AALL proposals and by facilitating counseling between applicants and members experienced in this process. He also proposed that accepted proposals be given recognition in the NOCALL news. The Board agreed.

A motion was made to add the giving of advice on educational program proposals through a special advisory team to the Education Committee's charge. Motion was seconded and passed.

NOCALL Awards Committee

Kelly Browne proposed a Hall of Fame or Distinguished Service Award. This award would honor members at the end of their careers.

Discussion of the proposal followed. Arguments included the danger that having too many awards would lessen the meaning behind the honors already given and that the pool of possible candidates for each would be negatively affected.

The proposal was not adopted.

The success of the "Legislator of the Year Award" was discussed, as was the AALL Washington's office support of the idea. At a previous Board meeting it was decided that should we continue to have this honor the scope of this award should be broadened to include law library advocates in general.

A motion was made to officially establish the NOCALL Advocate of the Year Award. The motion was seconded and passed.

The need to solicit nominations for the Advocate of the Year Award was noted.

The Awards Committee was charged with the adoption and tailoring of the AALL Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award guidelines for the NOCALL Advocate of the Year Award.

A motion was made to adopt the changes made to the Award Committee's charge as submitted by Kelly Browne. The motion was seconded and passed.

Vendor Sponsorship Program

The Board discussed the difficulty in anticipating vendor support for Association programming due to recent budget cuts. The most popular idea on how we could better capitalize on vendor sponsorship opportunities was to solicit vendors at the beginning of the budget cycle. The Association would then allocate the funds and be responsible for advertising the vendor's sponsorship throughout the year. This would allow for greater exposure for the vendor and provide a good selling point for the Association.

There was a motion made to move to an annual vendor sponsorship program. The motion was seconded and passed.



The incoming Treasurer was tasked with proposing appropriate sponsorship levels for the new program. It was noted that the Association of Legal Administrator's Golden Gate Chapter lists sponsorship levels that might fit NOCALL's needs.

A point was made to ask members about programs and events that would benefit from financial sponsorship.

California Joint Institute Planning

Shannon Burchard updated the Board on the possibility of a California Joint Institute. The Joint Institute Committee is in the process of creating a survey to gauge the membership's interest in attending a Joint Institute and to discover if people are willing to travel to do so.

The next steps would be dependent on the survey results. In the event that interest was low, members of the Board made suggestions as to possible alternatives to a traditional Joint Institute such as web-conferencing with speakers at each chapter's location or simultaneous panel discussions.

Committee Cluster Reports

Each member of the Board presented their Committee Cluster Reports. Highlights included:

Crissy Brown's Public Access Committee pamphlet "Recommended Legal Resources for Public Libraries" was completed and soon to be delivered to public libraries in Northern California.

The Government Relations Committee had two successful Sunshine Week programs. They are also working in coordination with the SCALL and SANDALL Government Relation Committees on issues such as FOIA reform.

Diane Rodriguez, President, adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tibisay A. Boggio-Turner
NOCALL Secretary

WE NEED YOUR NEWS!

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

Deadlines for 2011 are:

January 7

March 4

May 6

Please contact Mary Pinard Johnson at mpjohnson@saclaw.org if you're interested in contributing!



NOCALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 28th , 2010

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Conference Call

San Francisco, CA and Fresno, CA

Present: Tibisay Boggio-Turner, Shannon Burchard, Sharon Borbon, Claudia Cook, Holly Riccio, Diane Rodriguez

Shannon Burchard, President, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

We approved the May 20th, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Claudia Cook presented the NOCALL Treasurer's Report. The Association currently has a \$6338.75 certificate of deposit and between \$5,000 and \$8,000 in its Pay Pal account. Claudia will find out the exact amount in the Pay Pal account and start to transfer funds to the bank account. The transfer will take several transactions as Pay Pal has restrictions on the removal of funds. In total the Association has approximately \$25,000 in assets which is within our historical range.

The cash reserves are lower than usual because not all dues are in yet. Overall, membership income is down as is sponsor support of NOCALL events. In the future, the Association will be responsible for more meeting expenses.

Tibisay Boggio-Turner requested that the Board resolve to give the Secretary an annual budget of no more than \$500 for the NOCALL election. Shannon proposed that this item be reflected in the Administration budget line. Claudia called the motion and Diane Rodriguez seconded. The motion was passed.

Calendar and a Review of Upcoming Events

Shannon went over the calendar of scheduled events.

- September Board/Business Meeting in Sacramento – September 2010
- WESTPAC meeting in SF at Hotel Nikko – October 15th – 16th, 2010
- The Winchester Mystery House Tour – October 29th, 2010

OLD BUSINESS

AALL/NOCALL Annual Meeting Program Proposals

The Board discussed the procedure for vetting, selecting, and ranking AALL programs submitted for NOCALL sponsorship. It was decided that the charge and guidelines for this function will rest with the Education Committee and that a draft of the Program Handbook would serve as a guide for program submissions.

WestPac 2010

This year WestPac will hold its annual meeting at the Hotel Nikko on October 15th -16th. NOCALL members will be involved as presenters and organizers. The NOCALL Education Committee has organized a Sonoma County Wine Country Excursion on the last day of the conference. The outing will include a private tour of the Sonoma Wine Library in Healdsburg. Claudia requested that NOCALL do more to publicize the excursion. Shannon suggested an ad in the NOCALL News.

NOCALL Vendor Sponsorship Method

The Board reviewed ideas relating to the way NOCALL approaches vendors with sponsorship opportunities. We confirmed that approaching possible sponsors at the beginning of the year during the traditional budgeting time would be a good strategy. The Association would request a bulk amount and then allocate the funds as needed. Diane spoke with the Past President of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) and discovered that most of their sponsors prefer this method of solicitation. Diane added that many of the vendors do their budget in December and noted the ALA has their sponsorship levels listed on their website. She volunteered to poll the other chapter presidents on their experience with this sponsorship method.

Shannon supported this model stating that this would protect Association assets in the event vendors retracted their support at the last minute. She also noted that the main events supported by sponsorship funds are the Spring Institute, Fall Workshop, and some of the business meetings. Shannon plans to talk to our main contributors to get their feedback on this possible change. After she gathers all of the data she plans to bring a proposal to the Board on possible adaptation and implementation of this new procedure.

NEW BUSINESS

Bridge the Gap Committee

The Bridge the Gap program is focused on teaching legal research to law students and to attorneys in order to ensure they have the skills needed to transition from



academics to professional practice. Several Association members are involved in this program. Holly Riccio presented the idea of bringing this program under the NOCALL umbrella. The stated goal would be to give the Bridge the Gap members a more official platform for their work; it would not necessarily be a funding relationship. As an example, Holly offered that LAGNY has a similar program in place.

The Board discussed the program and if its mission would fit in with that of an existing committee. A possible connection between the work of the Bridge the Gap program and that of the Education Committee or the Public Access Committee was explored. The Public Access Committee was thought to be a better fit. Shannon and Holly will contact Chrissy Brown, Chair of the Public Access Committee, to discuss the Bridge the Gap program and how it could be a positive addition to the committee's work. The Board was asked to consider how the addition of this program might impact the committee's charge and name.

Spring Institute Update

Holly Riccio, Vice President, updated the Board on the Spring Institute. Holly is currently looking at venues including Preservation Park, the Parc 55 Hotel, and the Sir Francis Drake. She also has a bid in with the visitor's bureau. The likely dates for the event are April 8th and 9th. Holly will continue to check for any scheduling conflicts.

The Spring Institute Committee has met once to develop the title and theme for the event. A tentative title is: "Winds of Change: Change in the Legal Industry". As the title suggests, the institute will focus on trends in law firms, legal education, and opportunities for librarians in times of change. Holly is in touch with several possible speakers. Holly is also working on applying for a BNA grant and is investigating other means of financial support for the institute.

The Community Service Committee is planning a tie in event, such as a book drive.

Co-sponsorship of a Program with BAYNET

BAYNET has approached NOCALL about partnering on a workshop focused on the RDA (Resource Description and Access) cataloging standard. RDA is intended to replace AACR2. Shannon noted that this was a good opportunity to hold a workshop focused on the technical services area. She also commented that this type of program could be scheduled before the Spring Institute; giving the institute a broader appeal and possibly attracting SLA members. The Board agreed that the idea had merit and should be explored.

Welcome Packet

The Board discussed the idea of distributing a welcome packet for new hires to employers who post job openings with NOCALL. The packet would serve as an introduction to NOCALL and present the benefits of membership. Previous discussion of this idea included the possibility of offering new hires a one year free membership. Diane cautioned that free memberships might be difficult to monitor, noting that there would be the issue of eligibility verification. She added that membership revenue is currently down. The Board agreed with this assessment.

The Board discussed the merits of the welcome packet. Claudia and Holly liked the function of the welcome packet as an introduction to the Association. Shannon suggested a basic letter instead of a packet. The letter would include our activities, points of access, and possibly an invitation to an upcoming event. The letter could be sent to perspective employers and new members. Diane suggested contacting Ramona Martinez, Chair of the Membership Committee and Mary Staats, Chair of the Placement Committee, to discuss the best way to connect and follow up with new members and employers. Shannon stated that the next action would then be to create the letter and give it to Mary for distribution.

Joint Institute Committee

The Joint Institute has been tabled this year. A larger committee has been created to address issues identified during this year's pre-planning phase.

Shannon Burchard, President, adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tibisay A. Boggio-Turner
NOCALL Secretary



PROPOSED

NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 30th , 2010

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Revolution Wines 2831 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

Shannon Burchard, President, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

We approved the May 20th, 2010 Business Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Claudia Cook presented the NOCALL Treasurer's Report. The Association currently has a \$6338.75 certificate of deposit and \$2200.37 in its Pay Pal account. Claudia plans to transfer funds from the Pay Pal account to the Association's bank account.

Claudia noted that membership dues are down and that the committees do not have budgets because they have not been approved. The approval process was under the purview of the Audit/Budget Chair and this position is currently vacant for unknown reasons. Shannon stated that the Board would look into remedying the situation.

Calendar and a Review of Upcoming Events

Shannon went over the calendar of scheduled events.

- September Board/Business Meeting in Sacramento – September 2010
- WESTPAC meeting in SF at Hotel Nikko – October 15th – 16th, 2010. There will be no NOCALL Fall Workshop, instead several NOCALL members will be supporting programs at this meeting. There is a Sonoma County Wine Country Excursion on the last day of the conference which is NOCALL's direct contribution the event. There is a registration discount available to NOCALL members.
- The Winchester Mystery House Tour – October 29th, 2010. NOCALL organizers are taking commitments for this event; space is limited.
- Holiday Cocktail Party- December 2010
- January Board/Business Meeting in the South Bay – January 2011
- NOCALL Spring Institute – April 2011. The exact date has not been set, but the tentative dates are April 8th-April 9th.
- May Board/Business Meeting in San Francisco – May 2011

OLD BUSINESS

Joint Institute

Shannon gave attendees an update on the plans for a Joint Institute. In 2011 we were scheduled to have a Joint Institute. However, when the Joint Institute Committee surveyed the membership they found that very few people were willing to travel for this event. The three chapters, considering this and other issues, felt that it was not viable to have the Joint Institute this year. Instead Holly Riccio, Vice-President/President Elect, will be organizing a NOCALL Spring Institute. The Joint Institute Committee hopes to have the Joint Institute in 2012 and they have scheduled a conference call to discuss it further.

NEW BUSINESS

Bridge the Gap Committee

Shannon gave a summary of the Bridge the Gap program noting how it is focused on teaching legal research to law students in order to ensure they have the skills needed to transition from academics to professional practice. She shared that several members of our Association are involved in this program and they have expressed an interest in having their work be officially represented in NOCALL. The goal would be to provide a more official platform for the program which would in turn support their efforts. Shannon confirmed that the Board was looking at ways to include them in the NOCALL organization. One idea the Board is considering is adding the members, and their mission, to the Public Access Committee.

Welcome Packet

Shannon summarized the Board's idea of distributing a welcome packet to new hires to employers who post job openings with NOCALL. The packet would serve as an introduction to NOCALL and contain a letter, brochure, and possibly an invitation to an event. The Board considered offering a complementary membership but decided there were too many issues. This decision may be revisited in the future.

NOCALL Goals for the Year

Shannon outlined the goals for the coming year.

- Create and distribute the NOCALL welcome packet.
- Increase Collaboration and partnerships with other associations and organizations.
- Examine how to make the duties and materials of the Membership Committee more transferable and institute a solution.
- Investigate ways to create and maintain an online NOCALL directory. This format change would eliminate the \$1800 it costs to send out the print directory.



COMMITTEE CLUSTER REPORTS

Archives Committee:

Attendees were reminded that Erica Wayne took over the Archives Committee from Kate Wilko.

Government Relations Committee:

Greg Fite announced a legislative success on the national level with the signing of a bill that is aimed at reducing the over-classification of government documents. He also noted the Government Relations Committee continues to be involved in national campaigns focused on access to information and related issues. There was nothing major to report on at the state or local level.

Spring Institute Committee:

Shannon reported on the Spring Institute. The Spring Institute will likely be during the first week of April. The working theme of the institute is "Winds of Change" and will focus on changes in the legal industry and librarians as leaders and change agents. The location will most likely be in San Francisco because historically that is where the institute attracts the greatest number of attendees. However, Holly is also looking at some East Bay locations.

Education Committee:

Shannon gave the Education Committee report and explained the circumstances surrounding the decision to participate in the WestPac annual meeting instead of having a Fall Workshop. The understanding was that NOCALL would be able to do a half day program at the WestPac conference. Unfortunately, the collaboration did not come together as expected. Therefore the Education Committee decided to organize the Sonoma County Wine Country Excursion which is to take place on the last day of the conference. Shannon noted that there is a registration discount available for NOCALL members.

Placement Committee:

Mary Staats reported that there has only been one job posting recently; things are slow.

Membership Committee:

Ramona Martinez, Chair of the Membership Committee, gave a brief update. She shared that the renewals are in, that the new renewal e-mail notification was well received, and that she would be looking into producing a directory in PDF.

Public Access Committee:

The committee hopes to begin distribution of their color brochure "Recommended Legal Resources for Public Libraries".

Community Service Committee:

The Community Service Committee is planning on organizing another opportunity for members to take part in a KQED pledge drive. They are also working on an event which will tie into the Spring Institute. Any ideas for future programs are welcome and appreciated.

Nominations:

Committee members will be contacting possible candidates in the near future.

Academic Relations Committee:

The committee reports that they are looking for a contact in Sacramento to connect with Drexel University.

Public Relations Committee:

Debbie Maglione, Chair, announced an opportunity for members to write a 500 to 700 word column in The Recorder. She is looking for contributors and commitments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraising:

Carolina Rose asked for comments regarding the use of raffles or similar drawings to raise funds for NOCALL events. Shannon replied that the logistics could be difficult and that there are a lot of management issues that would require investigation.

A discussion followed which included challenges and possible solutions related to this fundraising method. Shannon told attendees that NOCALL seeks to provide the best educational programming while breaking even on the costs with any overages going to fund grants. However, she plans to share the ideas presented during the discussion with the Board.

Shannon Burchard, President, adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tibisay A. Boggio-Turner
NOCALL Secretary



NOCALL ADVOCACY AWARD

The purpose of the NOCALL Advocacy Award is to recognize a member of the greater NOCALL community for notable and enduring contributions affecting law librarians, law libraries, and legal information patrons everywhere. The Award represents NOCALL’s appreciation and encouragement to continue the valuable advocacy contributions of our colleagues.

Past recipients of the Award include:

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, 2010

This is an opportunity to acknowledge the work of someone in the greater NOCALL community who has been an advocate for law libraries and legal information such as (but not limited to) a legislator, judge, firm partner, academic, or vendor. All nominations are completely confidential.

The Awards Selection Committee consists of three members, with the current past President serving as chair. To be eligible for the Award, a nominee shall have performed work affecting the NOCALL community which directly impacts law librarians, law libraries, or legal information patrons.

Any Chapter member may submit nominations. All Nominations must be accompanied by a brief justification that should describe the achievement(s) or contribution(s) to NOCALL and/or law librarianship or the legal community on which the nomination is based. Also include pertinent biographical data about the nominee. **Nominations are due no later than March 15, 2011.** Please include the following as a cover page to the narrative:

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE
NOMINATED BY
Signature
Phone number
Date

On a separate sheet, please describe the achievement(s) or contribution(s) to NOCALL and/or law librarianship or the legal community on which the nomination is based. Please include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward in confidence to the current chair of the Awards Committee, Diane Rodriguez, at dmr@hassard.com, or Hassard Bonnington Library, 2 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1800, San Francisco, CA 94111



NOCALL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

The purpose of the NOCALL Award for Professional Achievement is to recognize a member for notable and enduring contributions to the Chapter and the profession. The Award represents a cumulative evaluation of an individual's career and emphasizes local activity and leadership of an exemplary nature.

Past recipients of the Award include:

- Schelle Simcox 2010
- Todd Bennett 2009
- Mary Staats 2008
- Donna Williams 2007
- Judy Janes 2006
- Jaye Lapachet 2005
- David Bridgman 2004
- Mary Ann Parker 2003
- Mark Mackler 2002
- Shirley David 2001
- Barbara Friedrich 2000
- Iris Wildman 1999
- Joan Loftus 1998

This is an opportunity to acknowledge the work of a NOCALL colleague. Nominate a fellow member by completing the form below. All nominations are completely confidential.

The Awards Selection Committee consists of three members, with the current past President serving as chair. To be eligible for the Award, a nominee must be a current Chapter member, active or retired, in good standing. Current members of the Executive Board and the Awards Committee are ineligible for nomination.

Any Chapter member may submit nominations, and self-nominations will be accepted. All Nominations must be accompanied by a brief justification that should describe the achievement(s) or contribution(s) to NOCALL and/or law librarianship on which the nomination is based. Also include pertinent biographical data about the nominee. **Nominations are due no later than March 15, 2011.** Please include the following as a cover page to the narrative:

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE
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Signature
Phone number
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On a separate sheet, please describe the achievement(s) or contribution(s) to NOCALL and/or law librarianship on which the nomination is based. Please include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward in confidence to the current chair of the Awards Committee, Diane Rodriguez, at dmr@hassard.com, or Hassard Bonnington Library, 2 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1800, San Francisco, CA 94111



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The names of members who have joined NOCALL since publication of the 2010-11/2011-12 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:

Ramona Martinez

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Continuing Members

**Changes are noted in bold.

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Email: mearhart@post.ca.gov

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Email: Steven.Feller@acgov.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AALL

Learn How to Support Your Law Firm with Strategic Knowledge Management

The current economic downturn is challenging law firms in unprecedented ways, and knowledge management (KM) is being implemented at firms to provide a competitive advantage. Join KM experts Julie Bozzell and Toby Brown for the **February 17 webinar**, Moving Beyond the Library Walls to Support Strategic Knowledge Management, **from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Central Time**, and hear how KM is being applied to support the practice and business of law. Learn about the role law librarians can play to support strategic KM and contribute to a leaner and more strategic model of law firm practice.

Webinar objectives:

- define knowledge management
- describe how KM solves law firm challenges
- examine ideas to leverage expertise to support strategic KM to solve challenges
- discuss specific law librarian-led KM projects

Register by February 10 at http://www.regonline.com/moving_beyond.

Manage with Confidence

From transforming libraries and nurturing staff for new roles and responsibilities to developing a strategic plan for the library to building partnerships, new law library managers have a lot on their plates. The **2011 AALL Management Institute, to be held April 7-9, in Chicago**, will provide new and aspiring managers with the opportunity to collaborate with your colleagues from all types of law libraries and develop the skills you need to manage with confidence today.

Learn how to:

- Build and nurture a professional network
- Develop effective communication
- Negotiate and handle difficult situations
- Develop a strategic plan
- Take on project management
- Champion the library's role within the institution and build partnerships

The registration deadline is March 7, and the number of attendees will be capped at 50. Don't wait – register today at http://www.regonline.com/Mgmt_Inst/!

A Day in the Life Photo Contest 2011 Starts February 1

Get ready for your close up. AALL's "A Day in the Life of the Law Library Community" Photo Contest starts on February 1.

During the month of February, AALL members are invited to take a wide range of photographs of law librarians working, meeting, teaching, and doing all that law librarians do in a given day. Entries are due by the end of the month, and they will be judged online through AALL membership voting in April. Winners will be recognized on AALLNET, in an issue of *AALL Spectrum*, and during the 2011 AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

New this year, the contest will be conducted on Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/groups/aalldayinlife2011/>), which will allow you to view submissions as they're posted by other members. Visit the Day in the Life site at <http://www.aallnet.org/dayinlife>, for complete contest rules, photography tips, and to view the winning photos from 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

AALL Members Receive Discounted Registration for 2011 LMA Annual Conference

The Legal Marketing Association (LMA) Annual Conference is the largest educational and networking event for legal marketing and business development professionals. More than 800 attendees gather at this event annually to meet with and learn from the industry's leaders. This is a great opportunity for you to network with and hear from legal marketers of all specialties and experience levels, from firms large and small.

AALL is delighted to be an LMA Annual Conference event partner. The 2011 conference will take place **April 4-6 in Orlando, Florida, at Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts**. All sessions are designed to provide you with the strategic and practical information you need to ensure that you—and your firm—retain and enhance your competitive advantage.

Mention that you are an AALL member when registering to receive the LMA full member rate. Book online by February 25 at www.LMAConference.com or call 877-562-7172 to secure your place at the legal marketing event of the year.

Servant Leadership for Law Libraries

How do you wield influence and authority without a title? How do you foster collaboration and service excellence in your law library? Expand your leadership knowledge by joining Filippa Marullo Anzalone, professor of law and dean for library and technology services at Boston College, for Servant Leadership for Law Libraries, on March 1, at 11 a.m. Central, as she explores leadership through service; value-centered leadership; and applying a servant leadership model to law libraries.

Learn about:

- Deconstructing the concept of leadership
- Values-centered leadership
- Leadership at all levels
- Applying servant leadership to law libraries

Register by February 22 at <http://www.regonline.com/servantleadership>.

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