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## President's Message

As we move into fall, it is time to both look forward to the future and reflect back on the past. Our chapter once again had a great representation at the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia with many members speaking, moderating, chairing meetings and taking on other leadership roles during the course of the conference. Now that we are all back home in cooler climates (for most of us), it is time to look towards the September Business Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 28th at the Blue Prynt Restaurant in Sacramento. We have two wonderful speakers - Julie Davis, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at Pacific McGeorge School of Law and Ron Wheeler, Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law at the University of San Francisco School of Law Dorraine Zief Law Library. Julie will be speaking on The Emerging Field of Animal Law and Ron's talk will cover Animal Therapy: An Approach to Relieving the Stress of Law School Exams. I hope to see many of you there!

This year will mark the 7th annual Professional Legal Management Week celebration (during the week of October 3-7) and there will again be activities at the national level to recognize those in legal management for what they do to contribute to their organizations. Think about taking some time during that week to connect with your fellow legal professionals - even though our roles within our organizations are different, we are working towards the same goal and there is a lot to be gained from communicating, sharing and partnering with each other.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the NOCALL members who serve in a volunteer capacity this year. In addition to many who continue in their past roles, there are some new faces among the committee ranks as well as several members who have stepped up to take on more, or different, responsibilities. I half-jokingly said that one of my goals for the year was to have 100% participation, meaning every member would do at least one thing for or with NOCALL, whether it be serving on a committee, writing an article, attending a business meeting or posting something on our Facebook page. I encourage all members to get involved in some way this year and see if we can achieve this goal.

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Many of our committees have already been hard at work planning events and implementing new ideas. Here are just a few examples:

- The Networking Committee hosted a happy hour at Buffalo Billiards at the close of the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. They also showed off our updated display board and gave away NOCALL luggage tags - NOCALL Goes Places -at our booth in the Exhibit Hall. They recently organized another Four Corners “Summer’s Finally Here!” event. If you have an idea for something, let Chair Julie Horst know - she is always looking for new ideas for events in all of our Four Corners locations.
- The Community Involvement Committee has coordinated groups of NOCALL members to answer the phones during the two most recent KQED Pledge Drives. Look for more of these in the future and consider signing up to participate and get your 15 minutes of fame!
- The Education Committee is hard at work planning our Fall Workshop, which will most likely be held in early November at Preservation Park in Oakland. Please stay tuned for more details as they become available.
- The Public Relations Committee continues to work with The Recorder and provide it with articles every month for our “Beyond The Shelves” column. Chair Camille Reynolds is also exploring other regular writing opportunities and has plans to update and revamp the ‘Articles & Publications’ section of the NOCALL web site.

- The Spring Institute Committee, chaired by Chuck Marcus, is hard at work planning what will be our fourth Joint Institute with our colleagues in SCALL and SANDALL. The Institute will take place in San Diego at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Friday, March 9th and Saturday, March 10th and will be a great educational and networking opportunity.

Many of the committee chairs will be sending messages to our Listserv to let members know what their committee goals and plans are, and also to solicit additional committee members. If you read one of these e-mails and something sounds interesting to you, please reach out and volunteer. Or, conversely, if you have an idea for something you would like NOCALL to do or get involved with, please let me know.

On a somber note, we lost one of our members over the summer. Schelle Simcox passed away on May 14, 2011. The Memorials Committee is working on written memorials for both NOCALL News and Law Library Journal and many members attended a memorial event held on August 13th organized by Schelle’s sister. Schelle, your contributions to law librarianship and NOCALL will always be remembered and your positive attitude and spirit sorely missed by all of us.

Malcolm Gladwell writes in his book *Outliers* that “...achievement is talent plus preparation.” There is no question in my mind that NOCALL has the talent, and with the preparation from the Board, committee chairs and other volunteers, I know we can achieve great things this year!

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### NOCALL News

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**MUSINGS FROM MARK**

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**OUR LIMITED PERCEPTIONS...**Some of you, knowing my "roots," called me after a tornado tore through Western Massachusetts on June 1. Five people died. Several hours after the tornado receded, I managed to get through to my mother in order to see if she was okay. Although the tornado had passed less than a half-mile north of her house, the house sustained only minor damage. My mother was fine.

Of course, there was no electricity in most of the city. My mother told me "The thing that aggravates me is that I keep calling the electric company and they keep telling me that they have no idea when the power will come back." I was incredulous. I said to my mother "Do you have any idea what just happened? Do you know that a tornado came very close to your house? Do you know that five people have been killed?" As the information sank in, she was very quiet. She finally responded by saying "Well, I saw the furniture and glass and the TV antennas flying through the air, but I had no idea that it was a tornado. How could I have known? After all, there is no TV and there is no radio." It was then that I realized that without a working TV or radio, there was no way that my mother could fully grasp what was happening around her.

I've been thinking about this ever since my mother and I had this conversation. Our perceptions of our libraries are limited. Our perceptions of our institutions are limited. Our perceptions of our Library procedures are limited. Our perceptions of our achievements are limited. Our challenge is to keep our eyes and ears open, to listen to what others have to say, and to elicit honest opinions from those who are reluctant to say anything.

**CARL NOLTE AND ME...**Those of you who read the San Francisco Chronicle know and enjoy Carl Nolte's reporting. Carl is a Bernal Heights neighbor, and sometimes I see him in the 'hood. Last week, I bumped into him on Mission Street. It looked like it had been a long day for him. Carl is no spring chicken, and he looked tired. I said "Hi, Carl. I really liked your column last Sunday about West Marin. It was great reading." His eyes lit up and he gave me big smile. "Thanks," he said, "You've made my day." The point? If someone at work does something nice for you, take a minute and say "thanks." It's an easy way to make someone's day.

**TECH TALK: LAW SCHOOLS AND DIGITAL INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORIES**

David Brian Holt  
Santa Clara University

This has been a very interesting year for institutional repositories among law schools. Over the last few years, there has been a trend for academic institutions to create digital repositories both for archival purposes and to provide greater access to their faculty's scholarship. Some solutions that have been in the market include Dspace and Fedora Commons. These systems, however, have proven to be difficult to use for most libraries which have affected their adoption rates. Although they are fairly easy to setup, these digital repository systems require maintenance which is problematic as technical support is not offered for these open-source solutions. Seeing an opportunity, Berkeley Electronic Press has embarked on a digital repository project of its own called Digital Commons. This system has a number of significant advantages over the previous offerings. For one, all the back-end and maintenance is done by Berkeley Electronic Press themselves. Secondly, BePress already owns Expresso - the system most law professors (and students) use to make electronic submissions to law reviews and journals. By integrating the repository with the submission system, BePress has created a product that is much more likely to be adopted, and used, by law faculty.

The issue that needs to be confronted, however, is how to convince law faculty that there is added value in using their institution's digital repository along with SSRN. As you may know, SSRN (Social Science Research Network) is used by a majority of law faculty to host their scholarship before they submit it for publication. The "legal audience" is already there at SSRN. What many law professors fail to realize, however, is that while SSRN has a legal audience, the system itself is not designed for access or discovery. SSRN has very poor search engine optimization which makes finding legal scholarship difficult if users are not already familiar with the author or the title of the article. This is where Digital Commons can provide additional value. The strong point of Digital Commons is that the system is designed for discovery by search engines. The University of Maryland discovered that when materials were hosted on both SSRN and Digital Commons the download rates increased by 400% and the audience from SSRN remained stable - meaning that Digital Commons is bringing in new readers, not cannibalizing them from SSRN.

Law libraries are quickly seeing the value in Digital Commons in promoting their faculty's scholarship. Just

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in the last 18 months, we have seen an explosion of law schools purchasing Digital Commons subscriptions. Additionally, many law schools are also purchasing LawKit from BePress which enables them to integrate their student law reviews into Digital Commons, including the submission process via Expresso. Frankly, I think this is very exciting for student law reviews. These journals are now open to a much wider audience, enabling these materials to be used by non-legal academics. If this trend continues, we may see that the Durham Statement (a proposal to enable wider access to legal scholarship) becomes a reality.

Resources:

Santa Clara Law Digital Commons  
 Institutional Repositories at Law Schools : Trends and Triumphs (CALI Conference 2011 presentation)

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## PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

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

**“The Prose, Polished (and Painful) of the Supreme Court,”** by Macy Halford, *The New Yorker*, The Book Bench, August 8, 2011, available at <http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/books/2011/08/supreme-court-prose.html>  
 In this brief article, the author discusses the various writings of sitting Supreme Court justices as well as those of such past justices as Brandeis and Douglas as well as the writing style of Elena Kagan.

**“Privacy and social media investigation: how I tracked down an entire family from one tweet,”** by Joanna Geary, August 2, 2011, available at <http://www.joannageary.com/2011/08/02/privacy-and-social-media-investigation-how-i-tracked-down-an-entire-family-from-one-tweet/>  
 Based on a presentation the author gave to the Young Journalist Academy, she describes how she took the information in a single tweet and used information generally available on the internet to track down personal details of an entire family, including job title, length of their marriage, names of their children, their e-mail address and where they do volunteer work. For law librarians who do some people searching (i.e. skip tracing) the techniques she illustrates are valuable. For the rest of us they’re frightening.

**“Ghost in the Machine: Managing the Information Afterlife,”** by Ken Strutin, LLRX, August 24, 2011, available at <http://www.llrx.com/features/informationafterlife.htm>

Given the explosion of social media use in recent years, the question of what to do with it after the author’s death has begun to arise. Virtual property, its valuation, and the interests of the creators, users, hosting sources and those with a stake in the content are now beginning to be addressed by legal theorists. This article presents a bibliography on the subject with references ranging from the formation of an online estate plan to the need for individuals to will their passwords, so that access to their online accounts won’t be lost with death.

**“Want Data? Ask Students. Again and Again,”** by Sara Lipka, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, v.57, no.43, August 12, 2011, pg.A1. Available to subscribers at <http://chronicle.com/article/Want-Data-Ask-Students-Again/128537/>

This article discusses the increasing trend toward surveying students about everything. This bombardment of surveys has led to student burn-out and a lowering of response rates (70% two decades ago compared to 20-30% now). Some of the suggestions to prevent survey burn-out include contacting student reps rather than polling an entire class, checking to see if a survey asking similar questions has already been done and not conducting surveys annually. As one professor from Penn State said, “things don’t change that fast.”

**Michael S. Hart**, the founder of the digital literature archive **Project Gutenberg** and inventor of the E-Book passed away on September 6, 2011. Because of his vision and hard work, Project Gutenberg offers over 73,000 digital titles to users for free and the Project continues, carrying out his vision of “unlimited and free distribution of literature”. His obituary can be found here: [http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Michael\\_S.\\_Hart](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Michael_S._Hart)

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## WE REMEMBER SCHELLE SIMCOX

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As you know, Schelle Simcox passed away on May 14. Many of us attended a memorial service/potluck picnic on Saturday, August 13. For those of you who could not attend, I have to tell you: You missed quite an event! There was much more laughter than tears. My own opinion is that most folks left the gathering feeling uplifted. Four NOCALL members contribute their own memories of Schelle:

**From Jaye Lapachet:** I don't remember when I met Schelle, but she was the first person who introduced me to wikis. She taught me what they were, how they work and got me involved in working on a wiki project that would benefit the larger law librarian community. The project evolved to become the wiki for the Mid-Size Law Librarians Group. By teaching me to use wikis and other social media, she enabled me to teach others through my own writing and speaking on the subject.

In addition to teaching people about social media, she spearheaded the Bridging the Gap program. She saw that there was a gap between the law students coming to us from law schools and what they really needed to know in order to succeed in a law firm. The program was not NOCALL-specific, but it really helped law firm librarians organize their summer programs more effectively. Schelle set an excellent example of how collaboration, technology and leadership can be used to make our lives better. Her loss to our community is huge.

**From Mary Staats:** I did not know Schelle very long or very well. I met Schelle when I joined the Summers-Find-the-Law Group and I was immediately impressed with her energy and dedication. Schelle was a strong force guiding the Committee—kind of like a brisk wind scouting you along. Her energy was contagious. When we lost Schelle, we began to run out of steam. Recently, we reconvened and we are moving along. I like to think our impetus is coming from Schelle on the other side!

Technologically, she propelled the Mid Size Law Librarians Group. She introduced us to wikis and developed our own wiki.

Then there was the fact that she was a mom, a mom very devoted to her young son. How she did all she did with a young child I will never know. But that was Schelle, dedicated and devoted to so many different tasks, responsibilities and activities. Amazingly, she kept up with all those things for a good long while after her diagnosis. I hope that she has left a little bit of her spirit behind in all of us.

**From Sara Paul Raffel:** I had the honor of working with Schelle for about 3 years. When she hired me, I was new to California and a law firm setting. She patiently taught me about the necessary resources, introduced me to other members of NOCALL and encouraged my involvement in the greater library community. Schelle made every effort to make our library as inviting and enjoyable a place as possible. Her efforts were noticed by library staff and patrons alike. Schelle welcomed new associates, making them feel comfortable asking for help. She loved teaching them how to conduct research, and was constantly looking for innovative ways to conduct trainings. She always had an open door, for research related questions or otherwise, and often lent a sympathetic ear. She never forgot the birthday of a staff member, and loved to commemorate special occasions with festive (and often fancy!) meals.

Schelle's presence in the firm was sorely missed when she went on leave in September of 2009. People frequently stopped by the library just to ask how she was doing, and to send their best wishes. Indeed, Schelle's death is deeply felt around the PH Library and the office. She will long be remembered as an engaging, inviting reference librarian who truly enjoyed teaching new associates.

**From Karen L. Calarco:** I met Schelle in 2003 when she became the Library Manager at Paul Hastings, and I was a branch solo at Preston, Gates & Ellis a few floors down. It was my good fortune that we became close friends and supportive colleagues. Over the years we shared our library collections and our personal lives, pondered professional issues and parenting philosophies, exchanged research strategies and recipes. She was a good friend, and a stellar librarian.

Schelle combined intelligence, kind-hearted enthusiasm, and a pragmatic, problem-solving approach during her career in librarianship. She genuinely cared about the people she worked with, and was a tremendous resource for them. Her projects, from the Internet Public Library to the Bridge the Gap program and the wikis she spearheaded for local law librarians, were motivated by that most basic of professional virtues: a desire to help others, and to empower them to help themselves. She is missed by the many, many people whose lives were touched by her powerful, generous, compassionate spirit.

**A Note from Mark:** NOCALL has made a donation to the Bay Area Cancer Support Community in Walnut Creek. In addition, our grant to the Alameda County Law Library's Sean Kaneshiro to attend AALL was made in Schelle's memory.



## “ON ACCOUNT OF SEX”: THE LONG STRUGGLE FOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS

Paula Lichtenberg, Librarian

Keker & Van Nest LLP, San Francisco

On October 10, 1911, California became the sixth state where women won the right to vote. While suffragists had fought for over fifty years to gain access to the ballot box, they also worked diligently on the related goal of access to professions. It’s not surprising that the first women lawyers (and their supporters) played prominent roles working for both suffrage and employment access. There were dozens of important figures in the long and contentious efforts for women’s rights in California, but we will focus here on four in particular: Clara Shortridge Foltz, Laura DeForce Gordon and Ellen and Aaron Sargent.

The first two women admitted to the California bar, Foltz and Gordon, had been involved with suffrage for many years before beginning their attempts to become lawyers. Gordon gave the first woman’s suffrage speech in California at Platt’s Hall (now the site of the Mills Building) in 1868 and she was one of the founders of the California State Woman’s Suffrage Society. Foltz, living in San Jose, also began delivering suffrage lectures around the Pacific Coast. Their lectures not only spoke to their feminist beliefs, but provided the women with a source of income. Both women had failed marriages, which left them with large families to support. (Foltz had married at 15 and had five children; Gordon provided for parents and an extended family.) Then, independently of each other, they began to study law, which they felt could provide a better income. The existing law, however, stated that only white males over the age of 21 could be lawyers. In response, Foltz wrote the Women Lawyer’s Bill, which permitted any qualified citizen, including women, to be admitted to the bar, and presented it to the legislature in 1878. She was aided in her lobbying efforts by Gordon, who was attending as a journalist. This same session that saw the passage of the Women Lawyer’s Bill, also created the Hastings College of Law. (Efforts by suffragists to get voting rights passed, however, were not successful.)

A few months after the Women Lawyer’s Bill made it possible for her to practice, Foltz passed the bar and began accepting clients. Nevertheless, she felt she would benefit by a more formal education, so she enrolled in the second semester of the newly created law school. Gordon, who was still studying, joined her at Hastings. They attended class for only a couple of days before the Board of Directors banned them from attending. Each filed suit against the Board of Directors and their separate cases were consolidated.

At the same time as they were pursuing their case in court, a convention was being held to write a new state constitution. Although delaying tactics by the Hastings Board of Directors hurt their chances of finishing the school term, it allowed the two women to spend some of their time in Sacramento lobbying. The delegates, very much aware of the pending (and highly publicized) lawsuit, adopted two relevant clauses. One provided that no person should be disqualified from pursuing a business, vocation or profession on account of sex. A second clause stated that no person should be barred admission to any college or university departments on account of sex. The employment section was the first provision in an American constitution to guarantee women’s rights. Suffragists, however, failed in their efforts to get the right to vote added to the constitution.

A few days after the employment and education clauses passed, the judge ordered that Foltz and Gordon be admitted. He based his opinion on the Woman Lawyer’s Bill and on the new constitutional clauses. The Board of Directors of Hastings College immediately appealed, but the State Supreme Court, in *Foltz v. Hoge et al.*, 54 Cal. 28 (1879), upheld the lower court ruling.

Foltz was not only the lead plaintiff, but she also argued her case both in the San Francisco Superior Court and in the State Supreme Court against prominent members of the bar, which included members of the Hasting Board of Directors and past and future California Supreme Court justices -- and won. The judges’ decisions were based on a bill that she had written and on a constitutional clause she had drafted. (Gordon was also allowed to make an appearance, although not yet a member of the bar. She may also have helped to draft the constitutional employment clause.) Foltz always felt that the Hastings case was her finest moment in court, and it would be hard to dispute that.

By the time the suit reached final judgment, their legal careers were underway and the women didn’t have time to attend class. They were proud, however, that they had made it possible for other women to attend law school. Mary McHenry Keith was the first to graduate from Hastings (in 1881). She practiced law for only a short time, before devoting herself to her family and to the suffrage movement, which both she and her husband — noted artist William Keith -- ardently supported. Mary Keith was a leader of the 1911 campaign in Northern California.

Two other Californians who played important roles in woman’s suffrage were a husband and wife from Nevada City. Ellen Clark Sargent, the wife of Congressman Aaron A. Sargent, organized a suffrage group in Nevada City in 1869, in response to Laura DeForce Gordon, who had

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urged feminists to organize in every county. For the next 40 years, Mrs. Sargent was a mainstay of the suffrage movement. She forged a close, lifelong friendship, in 1871, with Susan B. Anthony, following the suffrage leader's speaking tour of California. Anthony and the Sargent family traveled back east together by train on an arduous trip that was delayed for weeks by blizzards.

Aaron Sargent had come to Nevada City as a Forty-Niner, but turned to journalism and then the law. He was Nevada County District Attorney from 1855-56 and then served in the House of Representatives (in the newly formed Republican Party) from 1861-63 and 1869-73 and in the Senate 1873-79. While in Congress, Sargent was one of women's rights strongest advocates. (During the years her husband was in the Senate, Ellen Sargent served as treasurer of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.)

Mr. Sargent co-sponsored a bill admitting women to practice before the Supreme Court and called for legislation calling for female government clerks to be paid as much as male clerks.

He also sponsored bills to extend the vote to women in the proposed Pembina Territory (North Dakota) and in D.C. Although both of these attempts failed, he was able to block bills that would have stripped the women of Utah and Wyoming of the vote, which they had previously won. In 1872, election inspectors in Rochester, N.Y. allowed Susan B. Anthony to register and to vote. The inspectors were jailed when they refused to pay court-imposed fines. Sargent went to President Grant seeking a pardon on their behalf, which the president gave.

In 1878, Senator Sargent introduced the suffrage measure that, over 40 years later, with no change of wording, would become the 19th Amendment, allowing women the right to vote. ["The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."]

The Sargent family moved to San Francisco and in 1896, for several months during the first campaign in California to win suffrage at the ballot box, the Sargent home on Folsom Street served as campaign headquarters. Susan B. Anthony, Anna Howard Shaw and other out-of-state workers also used the home as their residence. After the campaign moved downtown, son George Sargent noted "Woman suffrage headquarters may have been on Market Street, but its hindquarters were in our living room." The 1896 campaign failed, but the activism continued.

In 1900 Mrs. Sargent paid her property tax under protest. She filed suit in San Francisco Superior Court to recover

her money, because she was not permitted to vote. Organized tax resistance campaigns had been popular with the suffrage movement since the 1870s, although they had largely been abandoned as a tactic, because of their lack of success.

Mrs. Sargent was represented in court by her son, attorney George C. Sargent. Judge Max C. Sloss said Mrs. Sargent had to litigate her case, not through a suit to recover taxes, but in an action in mandamus to compel the Registrar of Elections to place her name on the list of voters. She did so and asked that should that writ be denied, her taxes be returned. Both demands were denied by the judge, who stated 1) the State can set limits in determining who may vote and 2) taxation of a person's property doesn't necessarily confer upon that person the right to vote.

Advised that the case wouldn't be successful on appeal, Mrs. Sargent didn't take it any further. Her tax protest, however, did succeed in attracting attention nationwide during the time when the movement wasn't very visible.

In the decades following their admittance to the legal profession, Foltz and Gordon also continued working towards the right to vote: lecturing, writing legislation, campaigning, publishing articles, organizing. Each served as president of the state suffrage organization. Gordon noted that her law practice often suffered because of her commitment to suffrage. Foltz was a leader of the 1911 campaign in Los Angeles, where she had moved after the 1906 earthquake.

Gordon practiced for over 20 years, during which time she handled both general and criminal defense cases. In 1880, she was the first woman to defend a murder suspect. (He was acquitted.)

Foltz amassed an astonishing list of accomplishments in the course of a legal career that spanned more than 55 years. These included being the first female clerk for the State Judiciary Committee and the first appointed to the State Board of Conections, as well as the first to be a deputy district attorney. She was responsible for many legal reforms, including creation of the parole system in California and the office of the public defender.

You can't help but admire the determination of these women to continue to struggle for decades before obtaining the right to vote and to work in their profession of choice. Clara Foltz and Mary Keith lived to see the fruition of their goal, when the 19th Amendment became part of the Constitution, but, unfortunately, both Laura DeForce Gordon and Ellen Sargent died before the 1911 California election victory.

## NOCALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 24th , 2011

10:12 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

O'Melveny & Myers LLP

Two Embarcadero Center, 28th Floor

San Francisco, CA

Call-in from Los Angeles, CA

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

Shannon Burchard, President, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

### Approval of Minutes

We approved the January 25th, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.

### Treasurer's Report

Claudia Cook presented the NOCALL Treasurer's Report. The third quarter total assets, including the Pay Pal account, are \$27,195.00. In the 4th Quarter we had approximately \$14,000 in checking and \$576.00 in the Pay Pal account from the Spring Institute. We also paid out \$26,044 to cover Spring Institute expenses. The hotel expenses did not include the room for the pre-institute roundtable because the Sir Francis Drake did not charge us for the space. We are still waiting on a sponsorship check from CEB and a \$300.00 payment from BayNet from the event we partnered on. Holly plans to follow up on the invoice she sent to BayNet.

Claudia noted that expenses were up this year due to more Association sponsored lunches and meetings. She cited specifically the business meeting held at Stanford University where we could not charge for lunch if we wanted to use their facilities. The lack of sponsorship funds and the expenses associated with the President's Dinner were also cited as reasons for increased expenses. The difficulty of reading the sponsorship landscape was discussed. It was suggested that the Board try to devise a way to get information from vendors which could inform our expectations of their level of financial support.

We saved about \$2,000.00 in postage by changing the format of the NOCALL Directory.

Claudia requested a mentor to support her in her role as Treasurer. Board members offered her the names of several members she could contact for assistance.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Response to West Firings

Diane and Holly presented the letter they wrote as NOCALL's response to West firing many of their library

relations managers. They asked for comments and feedback. Holly will wait a few days before taking further action so that people have time to request changes. The Board proceeded to discuss service issues they were having due to the restructuring of the West library relations department. It was mentioned that while the new West liaison to NOCALL was at the Spring Institute, many members did not meet her.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Joint Institute Contracts

Shannon announced that the conference would be held in San Diego. The Board was asked to review two hotel contracts on behalf of NOCALL and to give the Joint Institute Committee feedback and any state any prerequisites to approval of the venue.

The Crown Plaza hotel contract was discussed. The features discussed included: good room rate, in a hotel complex, central location, and close to freeway. A drawback discussed was the need to guarantee a certain number of attendees to secure a good room rate.

The Bahia contract was discussed. The positive aspects of the venue included a free one hour reception on a boat and the fact that it is a destination location (removed, close to beaches). A drawback was that the Bahia was charging a bit more for exhibit space and some services.

Shannon stated that the Bahia was the committee's generally preferred choice. She added that the difference in the cost between the two venues was minimal and the food costs comparable. Chuck added that the Bahia was a very pretty and offered a lot of activities. Holly thought that the membership would prefer the Bahia. The Board decided to recommend the Bahia. Shannon moved to authorize the contract and the motion passed.

Shannon announced the Susan Nevelow-Mart would be leaving California for a new professional position. This would mean that she would be sworn in but would resign the office of Vice-President/President-Elect soon after accepting the position. A special election will need to be held in the next couple of months following her resignation. Holly plans to go back to the Nominations Committee for candidates.

#### 2011 Spring Institute Wrap-Up

Holly reviewed the Spring Institute. There were over 100 attendees and 19 vendors. The vendors were happy and AALL exhibited. The institute went over budget by \$615.00. Many of the programs were recorded and the Board will need to decide how and where they should be made available. The Board discussed options such as selling the audio, or asking for donations in exchange, to support



Association educational opportunities and creating group listening opportunities like brown bag lunches. Holly will contact the Education Committee to request their input.

The pre-institute roundtables had good attendance and should be considered as an ongoing event. Holly will follow up with Ellen Platt and Julie Horst who lead the organization effort.

The Spring Institute workshop was focused on technical services and was well received.

Holly presented the idea of a Spring Institute article for NOCALL News which would feature the vendors at the event. Each exhibitor would be asked to submit a brief product plug which would then be incorporated into the article. The goal would be to provide members with a summary of the event as well as to serve as an added incentive to vendors to exhibit at the institute in the future. A possible problem was that there are no advertisements allowed in the NOCALL News, however the Board felt this article would not violate that policy and gave Holly approval to pursue her idea.

**Awards Committee Charge**

Diane had a question regarding the current procedure for handling paperwork submitted and generated during the awards nomination process. Currently, the committee charge calls for the destruction of all information after an award is given. However, Diane and others, see the value in maintaining records or at least capturing some basic information from the nomination applications. The Board discussed. On the pro side, data such if a person has been nominated before could lead to more informed decisions. On the con side, privacy issues were a concern.

Tibisay will search Association documents to ascertain if the retention of documents is discussed.

There was a general consensus that the continuity within committees needs to be strengthened and that this might entail procedures for retaining and sharing committee work product.

**Cluster Reports**

**Membership:**

Ramona would like to leave the membership committee after years of service. Chuck Marcus agreed to be committee chair during the transition period. The Board discussed the possibility of new procedures as well as the tools available for handling membership. The new AALL website was suggested as a possible option. Chuck will investigate options and gather details such as features and expected cost.

**Memorials Committee:**

The details of Schelle Simcox's memorial service will be announced. Mary Pinar Johnson and Mark Mackler are

working on a memorial piece for the NOCALL news. They will include information on how to make a donation to an account whose funds will be used to for the support of her child. NOCALL will make a donation to a cancer center in her name.

Shannon Burchard, President, adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NOCALL CROSSOVER MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2011**

**10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

O'Melveny & Myers LLP and Conference Call

Present: Sharon Borbon, Jessica Brasch, Crissy Brown, Shannon Burchard, Claudia Cook, Tara Crabtree, Tina Dumas, Julie Horst, Tricia Lee, Debbie Maglione, Ramona Martinez, Donna Purvis, Camille Reynolds, Holly Riccio, Terry Richards, Diane Rodriguez, Rachael Samberg, Mary Staats, Jocelyn Stilwell, Jessica Trenary, Tibisay Turner.

Holly Riccio called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Greetings and Introductions**

Holly welcomed everyone and shared that NOCALL is in need of Committee Chairs, new ideas and goals for the year. Board and Committee Chairs introduced themselves, noting their affiliations and role within NOCALL.

**NOCALL 2011-2012 Calendar**

Holly provided an overview of the main events that make up this year's NOCALL calendar. A brief discussion followed most items.

**AALL Networking Event**

The Networking Committee is planning a social event at the end of the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

**September Board/Business Meeting in Sacramento**

**Fall Workshop**

The Fall Workshop will most likely take place sometime in November and be held at Preservation Park in Oakland.

**Holiday Party in December**

A Four Corners holiday cocktail event will be planned for sometime in December.

### January Board/Business Meeting

This meeting will be held on the Peninsula. A location and speaker are still to be determined.

### Sunshine Week

#### Joint Institute

This year will mark the return of the Joint Institute with NOCALL, SCALL and SANDALL. The Institute will be held in San Diego on March 9th and March 10th. The Vice Presidents from the three chapters are working on the theme/topic, programming and other details.

### May Board/Business Meeting

This meeting will take place in San Francisco.

Julie Horst stated that the Networking Committee is always looking for more opportunities locally.

There was some discussion and some of the ideas that were mentioned included:

- Attending a Grizzlies Game in Fresno
- NOCALL Night at the Opera (Carmen)
- San Francisco Films at the Top of the Mark (Summer Only)

### NOCALL News

The NOCALL News deadlines are: September 2nd, November 4th, January 6th, March 2nd and May 4th. NOCALL members are encouraged to provide submissions. For those wishing to submit items for the the "What I'm Reading" column, please send those to either Nora Levine or Mary Pinard Johnson.

### Grants

Grants from NOCALL will be made available for the Fall Workshop, Internet Librarian, Joint Institute, AALL Annual Meeting and possibly to other educational events. There was some discussion here, including the idea of partnering with BayNet for broader attendance at the Fall Workshop.

### NOCALL Goals for 2011-2012 Year

Holly shared her goals for the year, which can be summarized as follows:

- Community/Continuity: Regular NOCALL member updates to the listserv; focus on additional publishing opportunities for NOCALL members to write articles for; establish procedures to allow for more committee continuity from year to year.
- Innovation/Initiative: Consider establishing iTunes channel; utilize technology to do more educational events with members; look into establishing New Board Member position - this would be a one year

term and a non voting position to get newer members involved earlier; task committee chairs with developing, sharing and executing new ideas. Shannon suggested contacting BE Press to post articles, audio and possibly use as a digital archive space.

- Teamwork/Take Ownership: Look for more opportunities to co-sponsor events; empower committee cluster coordinators to have more regular contact and communication with their committees; have committee chairs develop and implement goals and objectives for the year.
- Education: Work on expanding the Four Corners concept to incorporate educational events; utilize technology to do more educational events with members.

### Committee Chairs Overview

Holly reminded everyone to look at the NOCALL web site and make sure that the charge and information for their position or committee is up to date and still relevant. She also encouraged committee chairs to read through the reports for their committees for the past few years to get a sense of what has been done and use the past budget information to plan for their own budgets.

### Committee Reporting Overview

Holly reminded everyone about the committee cluster system and encouraged committee chairs to stay in more regular contact with their Board liaisons. Tibisay Turner reminded all outgoing and continuing Chairs that their annual reports for the 2010-2011 NOCALL year are due and they will be posted on the NOCALL web site once they have all been received.

### Networking Lunch

Lunch was served as outgoing and new committee chairs and board members met to discuss what occurred this past year and brainstorm ideas and goals for the coming year.

Holly Riccio adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tara Crabtree  
NOCALL Secretary

## AALL DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP

The AALL Distinguished Lectureship is an opportunity for members with a unique perspective on the history, practice, or philosophy of law librarianship to share their knowledge and expertise with other members in a prestigious setting. The lecture, which can be on a topic of the individual's own choosing, will be presented at the annual meeting and published in the Law Library Journal. The inaugural Distinguished Lectureship Award was presented this year to Jolande E. Goldberg of the Library of Congress. Her lecture, presented at 2011 AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, was entitled *De arte et de jurisprudentia: Some Aspects of Legal Iconography*. It will be published in a forthcoming issue of Law Library Journal.

Please consider nominating one of your colleagues for this award. The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2011. The full description of the award and the nomination form are posted online. Nominees will be evaluated primarily on the strength of their nominating statements. Although Letters of Recommendation are not required, they are extremely helpful to the committee.

Criteria for selection are:

- The nominee must be a member in good standing of the Association who has made a substantial contribution to its work.
- The nominee must have been active for a sufficient number of years to have acquired a broad perspective on law librarianship and must possess the qualities required to articulate his or her experiences and ideas.
- The nominee will be selected for speaking style, preeminence in the subject area, and willingness to commit significant time and energy to prepare for the lecture.

If you have questions or would like more information about the award, please contact a member of the Research and Publications Committee: Sara Sampson (Chair), Luis Acosta (Vice-Chair), Terry Ballard, Kim Clarke, James Donovan, Mark Engsborg, Julie Graves Krishnaswami, Evelyn Ma, Sima Mirkin and Renee Rastorfer.

See AALL's website for details:

<http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Member-Resources/AALLawards/award-distinguished.html>

### MEMBER NEWS

**Carolina Rose's** article "Beyond the Shelves: Researching California Wage Orders," appeared in *The Recorder* August 5, 2011. Subscribers can access the article online at <http://www.law.com/jsp/ca/PubArticleCA.jsp?id=1202509727570&rss=ca&slreturn=1>.

**Ron Wheeler's** article "Does WestlawNext Really Change Everything: The Implications of WestlawNext on Legal Research" appears in the Summer issue of *Law Library Journal* found at 103 LAW LIBR. J. 359 (2011) and can be accessed at <http://ssrn.com/author=658851>

**Ron Wheeler** also presented on two programs at the AALL Annual meeting in Philadelphia in July. One was called "I'm a New - Now What?" which was a panel of law librarians, new to management and leadership positions in their libraries, discussing challenges and how best to overcome them. The other was the Diversity Symposium: Celebrating the First 10 Years of the AALL Minority Leadership Development Award where Ron participated on a panel of previous award winners discussing the award, its relevance, and diversity within AALL and the profession of law librarianship.

**Holly Lakatos** at the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District in Sacramento hosted a webinar titled "Documenting Your Success: Writing Useful Staff Manuals" for the American Association of Law Libraries, Continuing Professional Education Committee on August 17th.

## 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:

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Yes. You read that correctly. Tina Dumas will be taking over for me as chair of the membership committee. This will be a transition year in which I will pull together the directory while Tina and I investigate our options for continuing to offer membership services in a way that allows portability and ease of use of the data. Thanks for a great learning experience. –Ramona Martinez

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