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President's Message

Happy New Year! I am so amazed and proud of what NOCALL accomplished last year and can't wait to see what 2012 has in store. We have also just celebrated Chinese New Year and are entering into the auspicious Year of the Dragon. one that is said to be characterized by progression and perseverance and that things will happen quickly early in the year. I would say that this prediction suits NOCALL perfectly!

By now, you should have all seen the slate of candidates that the NOCALL Nominations Committee has put together for our upcoming election. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members that agreed to run for office. I know from personal experience that holding an office is a big responsibility, but a very rewarding and enjoyable one. The candidates are:

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jean L. Willis

Assistant Director for Support Services
Sacramento County Public Law Library

TREASURER

Claudia Cook

Public Services Librarian
Alameda County Law Library

BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

Ledja Cullen

Evening Services & Reference Librarian
Golden Gate University Law Library

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Wei-Yau Jim Huang

Director
Santa Clara County Law Library

Jaye Lapachet

Library Manager
Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP

Sara Paul Raffel

Librarian
Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP

As we move from Winter into Spring, we have quite a few educational opportunities to look forward to. First, there is the 4th All-California Joint Institute that will be taking place from March 8-9 in San Diego. The theme of the Institute is *The State We're In: California Law Libraries in Unprecedented Times*. The early bird registration price is only \$109, so register by February 15th to take advantage of it. Then, the AALL Annual Meeting will be taking place from July 21-24 in Boston and, as usual, NOCALL members will be well represented as speakers and in other leadership roles. I hope that you can attend at least one of these events so you can do as the AALL Annual Meeting says - learn, connect and grow.

Speaking of the AALL Annual Meeting, each year AALL underwrites one free full registration for a number of chapters on a rotating basis with the intent of allowing the chapters to present the registration to newer members of AALL. This year, NOCALL is one of the chapters that is the recipient of this opportunity. This grant will be administered by the NOCALL Grants Committee and more information will be made available when the committee sends out a call for applications for AALL Annual Meeting grants.

It is also time to think about your colleagues and the wonderful contributions they have made to our chapter and the law library community. If there is someone that comes to mind that fits these criteria, consider nominating them for one of the following NOCALL Awards:

- **Professional Development Award**

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.

- **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.

All nominations should be submitted to NOCALL Awards Committee Chair Shannon Burchard no later than Thursday, March 15th.

As Winter starts to turn to Spring, NOCALL members can look forward to more fun and educational events from the Networking Committee, another KQED pledge drive opportunity organized by the Community Service Committee and our May Business Meeting where we will have the swearing in of our new officers and announce this year's NOCALL award winners. Thanks again to all of you that have been active in NOCALL this year - your energy, knowledge and collaborative spirit have made it such a pleasure to serve as NOCALL President!

MUSINGS FROM MARK

Mark Mackler
California Department of Justice
San Francisco

WHATEVER BECAME OF?...We had a relatively calm day a week or so ago, so I did a bit of Library housekeeping. I opened up a dusty mystery box and what did I find? Hundreds of yellow 4" by 6" checkin cards. It brought me back to the "good old days" when everything had to be checked in by hand. Even more interesting were the names of the publishers: Prentice Hall Law & Business, Clark Boardman, Ltd., Matthew Bender, Bancroft Whitney/Lawyers Cooperative, Michie, and many more. Times really have changed, haven't they?

TROY, MICHIGAN...Troy is a well-off Detroit suburb. The family income is high, and so is the level of education. Yet, according to an interview last year with City Manager John Szerlag, things weren't going well at all. The city was forced to cut \$22 million from the budget because the voters had refused to approve any increases in the property tax. Everything had been cut, including the Library budget. In fact, the Library had come perilously close to being shut down altogether. This is what Mr. Szerlag told The New York Times: We have zero dollars budgeted for the Library after July 1. A dedicated tax increase for the Library failed narrowly in November. It would have come to about \$100 per family. We've already stopped subscriptions. I think a library is the everyman's university. I think a lot of people who can't afford a computer use the library, and a lot of times nowadays the only way to apply for a job is through a computer. *A library is also an economic development tool. When you try*

to attract a business, you want your municipality to be a destination point. You don't want it to be a place where people only live and sleep. A library gives a sense of community. (Emphasis mine.)

AALL CONSUMER ADVOCACY CAUCUS

Michael Ginsborg
Arnold & Porter LLP

The AALL Consumer Advocacy Caucus will soon reach out to AALL members to identify priorities for recommending government intervention to the AALL Board. We have posted a letter on our initiative at <http://libraryconsumeradvocacy.wordpress.com/2012/02/08/open-letter-to-vendor-liaison-margie-maes-on-caucus-priorities-plans/>. Please welcome to contact me if you have comments that you would like me to share with the Caucus. Our success depends on our ability to represent your concerns.

TECH TALK

“There’s a Bloomberg on the Rise” (apologies for the Credence Clearwater Revival pun)

David Brian Holt

Santa Clara University, Heafey Law Library

It certainly appears that 2012 is going to be a very interesting year in the legal research industry. The two largest players in this market, Lexis and Westlaw, have both introduced new versions of their web-based products (namely [Westlaw Next](#) and [Lexis Advance](#)) with significant changes to both their search algorithms used for relevancy ranking and their user interfaces. Time will tell, however, what impact these new products will have on the market or legal research instruction. There is already some legal research scholarship suggesting that Westlaw Next may not be well suited for law school environments as it depends largely on crowdsourcing to determine relevancy (of particular note is USF Library Director Ron Wheeler’s excellent [article available in Law Library Journal](#)) which puts novel legal scholarship research at a disadvantage.

Along with these technology developments, we have also recently witnessed some major financial news among these companies. For example, Thomson Reuters, the parent company of Westlaw, is reportedly having a cash crunch meeting their near-term loan obligations. One notable financial blog even placed Thomson Reuters on its list of “[12 Popular Companies that Could Go Bankrupt Very Soon](#)”. Of course, financial and investing advice from a blog should always be taken with a grain of salt but it is still revealing that this market may be headed for some major developments over the next year. Additionally, West has recently announced their intention to sell off their casebook division, Foundation Press, although [some](#)

[speculate that this may be due to an expected decrease in the number of law students](#) rather than low profit-margins.

The biggest development I see on the horizon is the emergence of Bloomberg. Those of us in the law library community are not unfamiliar with this company. Many of us witnessed their big marketing splash at AALL back in 2008. Given that 2008 was also the peak of the financial crisis, Bloomberg may have been a victim of poor timing. Regardless, it appears that Bloomberg is making inroads into the legal research industry. According to a recent [Law Library Journal article by Laura K. Justiss](#), already 15% of law firms are using Bloomberg as an alternative to Westlaw and Lexis for locating primary legal sources. This number will undoubtedly rise as Bloomberg continues its reportedly quite aggressive marketing plan among law students (there is news that Bloomberg is giving accounts to law schools for free and even allowing students to use these accounts over the summer). Many of us have also read about [Bloomberg’s recent acquisition of BNA](#), a company known for materials in tax, accounting, employment/labor law, bankruptcy and intellectual property. Given this acquisition, it appears that Bloomberg is trying to fill-in the “gaps” of materials it will need to truly compete with the Lexis/Westlaw duopoly. Some are even speculating that they may be preparing for a Lexis acquisition given Bloomberg’s investment in a case keynumbering system.

Ultimately, it is difficult to predict what these changes will bring to legal education and legal research. Bloomberg certainly has the financial ability to “purchase” market share by offering their services and products as a “loss-leader”. Regardless of how this all falls out, it appears at 2012 will indeed be an interesting year for electronic legal research.

PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

Elisabeth McKechnie
U.C. Davis Law Library

“PIPA, SOPA and OPEN Act Quick Reference Guide,” by Kara Malenfant, **ACRLinsider**, From the **ALA Washington Office District Dispatch Blog**, January 11, 2012, available at <http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/archives/4574>

There has been much discussion lately regarding this set of proposed legislation, the one camp asserting that they will protect us from counterfeit products, the other that it will effectively shut down the internet. The American Library Association has prepared a comparison chart in a PDF format that compares and contrasts the three leaders in contention: PIPA, SOPA and OPEN, within the context of a brief discussion regarding all three. This will be a useful tool for librarians bewildered and wondering what all the fuss is about.

“How To Appear Competent in One Easy Step,” by Minerva Cheevy, **Research Centered Blog**, February 1, 2012, available at <http://chronicle.com/blognetwork/research-centered/2012/02/01/how-to-appear-competent-in-one-easy-step/>

How you handle your e-mails can affect the perceptions that others hold of you, which can be especially important to a librarian. This short article presents five tips for managing an uncontrolled e-mail box, including advising the user not to use unanswered e-mails as a to-do list and to answer short e-mails immediately.

“Fresh Round of Litigation Targets 12 Law Schools Over Jobs Data,” by Karen Sloan, **The National Law Journal**, February 1, 2012, available at http://www.law.com/jsp/nlj/PubArticleNLJ.jsp?id=1202540950653&Fresh_round_of_litigation_targets_law_schools_over_jobs_data&slreturn=1

This article describes the recent filing of multiple lawsuits against twelve law schools, alleging that the schools misrepresented their graduate employment data. Currently there are over fifty plaintiffs involved in the suit, with more expected, hoping to achieve class-action status in the cases. Schools involved include Golden Gate University, University of San Francisco, Albany, Cal Western and Hofstra.

“A Guide to the Digital Advertising Industry That's Watching Your Every Click,” by Joseph Turow, **The Atlantic**, February 7, 2012, available at <http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2012/02/a-guide-to-the-digital-advertising-industry-thats-watching-your-every-click/252667/>

This excerpt from Turow's new book, *The Daily You*, discusses the advertising industry that is following our every online move and why that should worry us. More than our governments, marketing companies are “secretly slicing and dicing the actions and backgrounds of huge populations on a virtually minute-by-minute basis” and using this data to determine just what information you will have access to, based on the marketer's perception of your “interests”. Limiting our information options based on a hidden profile amounts to discrimination of the worst kind, even though the official goal of the marketers is just to get us to buy more product.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Nora Levine

FALLING TOGETHER by Marisa de los Santos

I am nearing the end of this audio book and, as in her previous two books, I find the use of language engaging and beautiful. She is one of the few authors who uses words like effervescent and who really writes the way people express emotions. How many times have you had a whole perfect conversation in your head, but said something completely different out loud?

CLARA AND MR. TIFFANY by Susan Vreeland

I think this is one of Ms. Vreeland's best books. It is well written and has a wonderful artistic and creative aspect to the story. The characters are fully developed, though there are quite a lot of them, which can be hard to track. I like the juxtaposition of tolerance and intolerance expressed in this book. I also enjoyed the way the characters recreated musical evenings, bike rides (Clara calls it her 'wheel') and reading to each other from books and poetry. I like it that the characters know poetry so well that they request bits from favorite poems.

THE GOBLET OF FIRE by J. K. Rowling
This is probably the third time I have read or listened to this book. While I know the story, I can enjoy the details when I read it over and over. This is a book that my son and I read together. His take on it was that nothing really happened in this book, which made me think that it was a bridge book to advance the overall story, OR, in the cynical sense of working in a law firm for many years, that Rowling had a contract for a certain number of books and needed to fulfill it.

THE DARK ENQUIRY by Deanna Raybourn
This is the fourth in a series. I picked up the first as an audio book after being disgusted with another murder mystery. I needed some light reading listening and really became caught up with the characters. The murders are woven so well into the books that they are almost incidental to the relationships between the characters. The Dark Enquiry, set in England in 1889, really shows the evolution of the relationship of the two main characters, but I am not sure the reader would follow the plot without reading the first three. The audio book reader, Ellen Archer, adds so much to the characters. (I bought the print version of two of the series and really missed her inflections and tones.) I don't know if it is just the style of the author or the way people were brought up at that time, but it is so interesting to see how the characters control their body language to send a certain type of message. I don't remember reading about that in another book. Another interesting thing is the "code of conduct" that Victorian society lived by. Being a 20th/21st century person, I am having a hard time understanding the nuances of that code, so my next book may be something on Victorian etiquette!

SCANDAL ON RINCON HILL: A SARAH WOOLSON MYSTERY by Shirley Tallman
One of the traps of series books is, of course, repetition. It takes a skillful author to communicate important facts contained in previous books without being repetitive. This novel is fourth in a series about a female attorney in 1880's San Francisco. I enjoyed the previous three, but was put off by the repetition in this one. At least a quarter of the book seemed copied and pasted from previous books or from itself. Also, the strength of main character is lost in this book, as she comes across as shrill and annoying. Too bad. I really like the San Francisco setting. --*Jaye Lapachet Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP*

MRS. SCOTT: A LIFE ON SLAVERY'S FRONTIER by Lea VanderVelde

This is the incredibly intense life story of Dred Scott (full name Etheldred) and his wife, Harriet and their children.

As many people know, the *Scott v. Sanford* Supreme Court ruling is one of its most infamous. The case dragged the family through eleven years of great hardship on top of those both slave and free black people experienced in St. Louis during that time.

This book is very dense because it was so well researched. You will be very surprised to find out how their paths crossed elected officials of the high ranks; the harsh life in 1830's at Fort Snelling with the severe winters; the Missouri Compromise; detailed account of the Treaty with the Sioux and Ojibwa tribes for a large swath of Wisconsin forest; The Mexican-American War; medical practices on the frontier; and nuanced issues of social justice that have parallels in today's political arena regarding the undermining of our civil rights.

It has taken me awhile to get through it because I had to school myself on the

Missouri Compromise and other subjects of the 1850's, but it was well worth it. Above all it is an incredible story of a woman who spent her whole life fighting against more adversity than you could imagine, and who came out whole.-- *Kathleen O'Connor Lake County Law Library*

The **DISCWORLD** series by Terry Pratchett
What I learned from Terry Pratchett, prolific author of the fantasy adventure Discworld series, is that I absolutely love British humor – especially when accompanied by a wide and varied bunch of memorable characters one winds up caring about, and set in a good, fast paced story. I have now devoured most of his books (too many to count). I picked up my first at an airport last spring, entitled **CARPE JUGULUM**, and was immediately hooked. Though it is somewhere in the middle of the Discworld series, it didn't matter. Sequential reading is fine, but not necessary with his writings.

I read somewhere that before J.K. Rowling launched her Harry Potter series, the most popular author in England was Sir Terry Pratchett. I have enjoyed both. Let me know what you think. --*Carolina C. Rose Legislative Research & Intent LLC*

The NOCALL Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the upcoming NOCALL Election. Candidate biographies appear on the following pages.



Jean L. Willis

Candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

2012/2013

Northern California Association of Law Libraries

Present Position: *Assistant Director for Support Services*, Sacramento County Public Law Library (what I do: Technical Services & IT Manager).

Some Prior Positions: *Deputy Director & IT Manager* at San Diego County Public Law Library and *IT Manager* at McCormick, Barstow, et. al. in Fresno, CA. *Director* of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals Law Library (Philadelphia, Pa.) and of the Law Courts Library (Sydney, NSW Australia).

Professional Organizations:

- Member of *NOCALL* for 25 years. Served on Board as Member at Large in 2009. Serve as AALL Liaison 2011 & 2012. Member of NOCALL Institute Planning Committee in 2011 and for the Tri-Chapter Institute in San Diego in March, 2012.
- Member of *SANDALL* for 15 years. Collaborated on forming SANDALL as a Chapter. Served as Grants Committee Chair for several years, collaborating on developing Grants guidelines and application forms; reviewed and awarded grants for several years. Served on several SANDALL workshop planning committees.
- Member of *AALL* for over 20 years. Have provided three programs at different AALL Conferences and served on local arrangement committees.
- Member of *CS-SIS* for 15 years. Have served on Board as Member at Large and Secretary-Treasurer. Currently Chair of Recruitment & Involvement Committee.
- Member of *SCCLL-SIS* for over 15 years. Have written several articles for the *SCCLL News* and served on Trustee Manual Committee.

Candidate Statement:

Those who participate in and volunteer for NOCALL come from all types of law libraries and cross the spectrum of law library positions. Law librarians continue to be challenged, excited, curious and sometimes a little leery of the changes we face daily. Just when I think I've seen it all, something new comes along, and then I'm always grateful for the insights, support, knowledge and wisdom of my colleagues in NOCALL. We're in it together for the long haul; we're learning and growing; we're sharing information, successes and failures. And we have some fun along the way. What could be better?

Thanks to the NOCALL Nominations Committee, who asked me to run for office this year. I am honored by their vote of confidence. I have been volunteering in various capacities with NOCALL for many years, and it is always a pleasure to collaborate with NOCALL members to ensure that the NOCALL remains a vital, relevant, amusing, informative and educational chapter. Together we can ensure not only that our needs for continuing education and networking are met, but we can also make certain that we play a critical and vital role in the broader legal community.

2012-2013 NOCALL Election
CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Name: Claudia Cook
Title: Reference Librarian
Organization: Alameda County Law Library
City: Oakland
Years Employed: 3

Education:
Lenoir Rhyne College, B. A.
Emory University, Masters in Library Science

Previous Employment:
Organization: Heller Ehrman L.L.P.
Title: Reference Librarian
Years Employed: 2

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held & Activities:

- NOCALL Education Committee 2009-2010
- NOCALL Treasurer 2010 to present

Other Professional Activities:

- South Eastern Association of American Law Libraries (SEAALL) 1978-2005
- Atlanta Law Libraries Association (ALLA) 1978-2005; Treasurer 1981

Other Relevant Information:

Thank you to the Membership Committee for their confidence in nominating me to run for a second term as Treasurer. If elected, I plan to continue working with the Board to create and implement improved procedures for budgeting and financial planning. This past year, I streamlined and enhanced the Treasurer recording and reporting procedures through a change in our financial accounting software.

2012-2013 NOCALL Election
CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

Name: Ledja Cullen
Title: Reference and Evening Services Librarian
Organization: Golden Gate University School of Law Library
City: San Francisco
Years Employed: 2009-Present

Education:

MLIS, San Jose State University
B.A., Music, Humboldt State University

Previous Employment:

Organization: Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies, San Jose State University, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
Title: Graduate Student Assistant to Curator
Years Employed: 2007-2009

Organization: Stanford University Music Library
Title: Cataloging Internship (Professional)
Years Employed: 2009

Organization: South San Francisco Public Library
Title: Library Clerk
Years Employed: 2007-2009

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held & Activities:

- Member (2009-Present)
- Technology Committee Member (2009-Present)
- Technology Committee Co-Chair (2011-Present)
- Spring Institute Attendee (2010)

Other Professional Activities

- AALL Member (2009-Present)
- WestPac Member (2010-Present)
- WestPac Local Arrangements Committee Member (2010)
- WestPac Annual Conference Attendee (2010)

Other Relevant Information:

In 2009, after having worked at private, public, and academic libraries while earning my MLIS, I enthusiastically began my career as a law librarian at Golden Gate University School of Law Library. Concurrently, I joined NOCALL and have enjoyed participating in conferences and serving on the Technology Committee. NOCALL members are always willing to network, and I highly value the knowledge and resources provided by the organization.

As a candidate for Board Member at Large, I look forward to expanding my participation, promoting the organization, and perpetuating the opportunities and benefits NOCALL affords legal information professionals and students.

2012-2013 NOCALL Election
CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

Name: Wei-Yau Huang
Title: Director
Organization: Santa Clara County Law Library
City: San Jose
Years Employed: 11+

Education:

San Francisco State University, BS, 2000
San Jose State University, SLIS, 2002

Previous Employment:

Organization: J Paul Leonard Library, SFSU
Title: Library Aide
Years Employed: 1998-2000

Other Professional Activities:

- Chair, Web Design Committee, California Council of County Law Librarians, 2010-2011
- Member, Bylaw Committee, Asian American Law Librarian Caucus, 2004-2005

Other Relevant Information:

Being a Member at Large allows me to give back to the community that has given me so much. My library journey would have been impossible without the kind words of encouragements and the generous mentoring from its members, as well as the numerous training and networking opportunities that it has provided throughout my career. As a Member at Large, I will work with everyone in NOCALL and make sure the tradition is being carried on. I am honored to be considered for this position. As someone who has a very non-traditional career trajectory, I was fortunate to have received various mentoring, trainings, and encouragements from many NOCALL members to help me navigate the early part of my career. I am honored to be considered for the position of Member at Large. Win or lose, I will strive to pass on the generosity and kindness I received from other NOCALL members.

2012-2013 NOCALL Election
CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

Name: Jaye A. H. Lapachet
Title: Manager of Library Services
Organization: Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP
City: San Francisco
Years Employed: 10

Education:

University of California, Berkeley, MLIS 1993
University of California, Los Angeles, Certificate in Archives, 1988
University of California, Berkeley, BA History, 1986

Previous Employment:

Organization: Content Innovations, LLC
Title: Principal, Information Systems Designer
Years Employed: 8

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held & Activities:

- NOCALL Union List co-chair 1993-1996

Other Professional Activities:

- Thomson West Advisory Board, 2009-2012
- San Francisco Union List organizer, 2009-present
- Special Libraries Board Member, BayNet Library Association 2007 – 2008
- Nominations Chair, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, Special Libraries Association, 2004 – 2009
- Nominations Committee Member, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, Special Libraries Association, 2004 – present
- Program Director, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, Special Libraries Association, 2002 – 2003
- Assistant Program Director, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, Special Libraries Association, 2002 – 2003
- Mid Sized Firm Librarian's Group (MSFLG) Convener, 2000-present

Other Relevant Information:

Jaye A. H. Lapachet, M.L.I.S. is a professional law librarian. She has worked in law firms and law libraries since 1987, and was an information management consultant for 8 years. Ms. Lapachet has set up databases and workflow systems in numerous libraries and is an expert at identifying ways to streamline workflow. These projects have included a variety of database projects, technology implementation, training programs and department reorganizations. She has written for a variety of publications and speaks at conferences. Ms. Lapachet's strength is out of the box thinking and idea generation. She feels that the identification of information assets, followed by the organization and reuse of those information assets is critical to the ongoing success of an organization as whole. Further information and a list of publications can be found at: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/jlapac>.

2012-2013 NOCALL Election
CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

Name: Sara Paul Raffel
Title: Librarian
Organization: Paul Hastings LLP
City: San Francisco & Palo Alto
Years Employed: 5.5

Education:

MLS, Pratt Institute, Library and Information Science, 2005
BA, New York University, Gender Studies and Politics, 2003

Previous Employment:

Organization: New York County District Attorney's Office
Title: Reference Librarian
Years Employed: 2

Organization: O'Melveny and Myers
Title: Library Assistant
Years Employed: 1

Organization: New York Public Library
Title: Intern
Years Employed: 1

NOCALL Committees, Offices Held & Activities:

- NOCALL Member, 2006 – present
- Member, Spring Institute Committee, 2011
- Panelist, "The Bridge to Nowhere: Successfully Spanning the Legal Research Gap," Spring Institute, 2008

Other Professional Activities:

- AALL Member, 2004 – present
- SLA Member, 2004 - present
- LLAGNY Member 2004 – 2006
- Participant, AALL Futures Summit, 2011
- Member, AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee, 2009 – 2010
- Chair, PLL-SIS Continuing Education Committee, 2009
- Member, AALL Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee, 2006 – 2008
- Member, PLL-SIS Public Relations Committee 2007 - 2008
- Chair, LLAGNY Public Relations Committee, 2005 – 2006
- Fellow, AALL Leadership Academy, 2008
- Advisory Council, Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries (TRIPLL) Conference, 2010
- Advisory Council, Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries (TRIPLL) Conference, 2012

Other Relevant Information:

I am honored to be asked to run for the Member-at-Large position. NOCALL has been an extremely helpful resource for me during my geographic transition from New York to San Francisco, and then in my role from Reference Librarian to Library Manager. The relationships I have formed via NOCALL have been beneficial on many different levels. I am eager to further promote NOCALL, and to take an active role in strengthening the organization. I want to promote quality educational programming, and encourage new librarians and library school students to join. My ultimate goal is to ensure that all members have as positive an experience as I have.

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:

Carl Malamud, 2011
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, Shannon Burchard, at burchards@usfca.edu, or USF Zief Law Library, 2130 Fulton St., San Francisco, CA 94117

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:

Ellen Platt 2011
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, 2012.** Please include the following as a cover page to the narrative:

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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, Shannon Burchard, at burchards@usfca.edu, or USF Zief Law Library, 2130 Fulton St., San Francisco, CA 94117

NOCALL Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28, 2011
Blue Prynt Restaurant
Sacramento, CA

President Holly Riccio called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Greetings and Introductions

Holly welcomed attendees and introduced the three speakers who spoke on varying aspects of animal law.

New Vice President Introduction

Chuck Marcus was introduced as the newest member of the board in the position of Vice President.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed in memory of John (Jack) Siegel. Jack managed the Law Section of the California State Library in Sacramento and then moved to San Francisco to run the State Supreme Court library for 27 years. He passed away on May 22, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes from the Crossover Meeting held on July 19, 2011 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

No budget is approved this year, as we did not have an approved budget for the past year. The Spring Institute had

some remaining bills to be paid and there will also be income from the Spring Institute in this budget year because of sponsor money being received late.

Public Relations had some expenses due to the AALL Giveaway and the display carrier that was invested in for current and future AALL display transport.

NOCALL Calendar/Upcoming Events

NOCALL is once again providing a discount to members that wish to attend the Internet Librarian conference, taking place in Monterey from October 17-19, 2011.

The NOCALL Fall Workshop will be held in November at Preservation Park in Oakland.

There will be an upcoming Four Corners Holiday Event sometime in December.

The January Business Meeting will be held in the Peninsula.

The Joint Institute will be held in San Diego from March 9-10, 2012.

The May Business Meeting will be held in San Francisco.

Listserv Policies

All chapters of AALL are now required to adopt a website copyright statement and discussion forum rules. The Board was provided with some sample language from AALL and, after making some

modifications, approved and adopted both documents. They are linked from the listserv page on the NOCALL website.

President's Goals

Holly talked about her goals for her year as President, focusing on the areas of communication, continuity from year to year with respect to committees, co-sponsorship and cross-collaboration with other organizations, and creating more educational opportunities for our members.

COMMITTEE CLUSTER REPORTS

Newsletter

Chuck Marcus reported that the September/October issue of NOCALL News would be coming out in the next week or two.

Technology

Chuck Marcus reported that the Technology committee is working on getting other committee members ready as backup for updating the website.

Education

Donna Purvis reported that the Fall workshop date is to be announced. It will be at Preservation Hall in Oakland and will be a half day event. The topics will be How to be Competitive in Today's Economy, Working in Virtual Environments and Virtual Reference Teams. In January, Cathy Hardy will be working on an RDA educational event that would be done as a webinar or conference call.

Networking

Ellen Platt reported that there will be an Opera event in November or December and that our annual Four Corners Holiday event will be held in December. They are also working on a laser tag event and a visit to the Computer Museum Park for next year sometime. They are also trying to schedule another Internet Archive tour and lunch. They are also working on a networking event to coincide with both the Fall Workshop and Joint Institute. In addition, the committee will be putting on the round table discussions that were so popular at the last NOCALL Spring Institute.

Chuck Marcus reported that BayNet is bringing Roberta Schaeffer from the Library of Congress to speak at Hastings College of the Law on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 and that NOCALL members are invited to attend.

Membership

Ramona Martinez reported that they are working with the Daily Journal to publish the next NOCALL Directory in PDF. They are also evaluating different software options for managing the database and hope to have more information to report in the future.

Placement

Claudia Cook reported that the committee is working on assisting members with reviewing resumes and are also looking at the possibility of holding a resume workshop.

Government Relations

Holly Riccio reported that the committee

is "fighting the good fight" and passing along information to the NOCALL listserv as applicable. They are also working on a Sunshine Week event that will take place next year.

Community Service

Holly Riccio reported that the committee needs volunteers for another upcoming KQED Pledge Drive and they are also trying to work with KQLW on their upcoming pledge drives. They are planning a book drive event for October, a toy drive for December and a food bank event for February.

Public Relations

Holly Riccio reported that the committee is always looking for authors for the "Beyond the Shelves" column in The Recorder. They are also looking for more committee members to work on some of their upcoming initiatives.

Memorials

Holly Riccio reported that there is a memorial for Schelle Simcox that will be published in an upcoming issue of Law Library Journal.

The meeting was adjourned by Holly Riccio at 2:00 p.m.

NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

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

One Market Restaurant

1 Market Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

Shannon Burchard, President, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Thanks were given to West for sponsoring the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The January 26, 2011 Business Meeting Minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Claudia Cook presented the Treasurer's Report and noted that the issue of the CD needed to be discussed regarding the intent of the organization to maintain and roll-over approximately \$26,000.00.

Induction of Officers

The officers for the coming year were announced and inducted.

President: Holly Riccio

Vice President: Susan Nevelow Mart

Secretary: Tara Crabtree

Treasurer: Claudia Cook

Member at Large: Ellen Platt

Member at Large: Deborah Maglione

Presentation of Professional Achievement Award

Ellen Platt

Donna Williams presented the NOCALL Professional Achievement Award to Ellen Platt. Ellen has been an active member of NOCALL for over 17 years. Ellen was acknowledged for her encouragement of members to be active and for those in the field to be members. Coral Henning noted her enthusiasm and embodiment of the spirit of NOCALL. Tina Dumas acknowledged Ellen's dedication to NOCALL through the unofficial value of having fun.

Presentation of Advocacy Award Carl Malamud

"Carl Malamud is a technologist, author, copy fighter and public domain advocate, currently known for his foundation, public.resource.org and for Law.gov."

Membership Committee

The membership cluster examined ways that it will need to redefine itself. Chuck Marcus will be a bridge for the membership committee. Ramona Martinez has handled the membership successfully for years and has brought Chuck Marcus in with this bridging purpose in mind.

Communication Committee

Two articles are due to be published in *The Recorder*. Members are encouraged to write and submit articles for future publications. The next article will appear in the June 3rd edition of *The Recorder*.

Grants Committee

This year the Grants Committee funded attendance at the NOCALL Spring Event for a library student and provided full funding for three members to attend the AALL Annual Conference; Sean Kaneshiro, Chuck Marcus and Hilary Hardcastle.

Networking Committee

Two special 'Frolic and Detour Awards' were presented by the Networking Committee. The award for Best Costume was given to Tina Dumas and the award for Best Musical Adaptation was given to Holly Riccio, both for their efforts to the NOCALL Flash Mob at the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver.

Committee Plea

Holly Riccio made a plea to all members to be active, to participate in NOCALL, to be members of committees and to actuate growth and change in the organization. Holly made a request for names to be submitted to her for consideration and/or volunteer opportunities.

Awards and Recognition

Outgoing President Shannon Burchard was thanked for her service and was presented with a plaque and gift by outgoing Past President Diane Rodriguez.

Holly Riccio, President, adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Crabtree
NOCALL Secretary

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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