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President's Message

Hello Everyone!

I'm writing this just one day after Governor Brown signed SB1075 the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA) into law. Michele Finerty, the chair of the NOCALL Government Relations Committee, was the point person in Sacramento to support the enactment of the UELMA in California along with David McFadden, Judy Janes and Larry Meyer. Working with Emily Feltren and the AALL Government Relations Committee, California law librarians were able to persuade our lawmakers to adopt the Uniform Law and respond to the public's need for free and authenticated access to the laws of our state. I am so glad that NOCALL is part of this incredible community of law librarians.

And there's more great work that NOCALL has been doing! Let me begin in Boston at AALL: Awards were given to Diane Rodriguez - Presidential Certificate of Appreciation; Holly Riccio - AALL Chapter Professional Development Award for the 2011 NOCALL Spring Institute program; Jean Willis - AALL Volunteer Service Award; and Sara Paul Raffel - PLL-SIS Emerging Leader Award. Holly also began her term as Chair of the Council of Chapter Presidents. NOCALLers were presenters, organizers, moderators and panelists in Boston. We all got a chance to schmooze at the Pacific Chapters reception and knock down a few pins at the bowling/networking event. And we had our AALL VIP, Grace Hum of the USF Law School in attendance.

What else has been going on? Well, NOCALL is moving into the "Cloud." Our web site was recently re-designed and moved to Wordpress. And now the Membership Committee has revamped the membership process. NOCALL will be using the [Memberclicks](#) web-based software to run our member database. Members can sign up or renew with a credit card through the NOCALL web site. We will also have the ability to search the member database and download a directory. Tina Dumas and Ramona Martinez have been working on this transition and we should be going live with it any day now.

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Also now in the “Cloud” are the NOCALL Archives. Thanks go to HeinOnline for digitizing and hosting our archives and to Rachel Samberg, the chair of the Archives Committee, for making this happen.

There’s lots of great programming up ahead. On September 27th we are holding our Business Meeting at the [Ten22](#) in Old Sacramento. Our guest speaker will be [Evan Halper](#), Sacramento Bureau Chief for the *LA Times*, and he will be on hand to give us a run-down on this year’s California ballot propositions. The Education and Networking Committees are continuing their programming on our history. Bob Berring will speak on “Reminiscences from a Librarian Who Saw It All” at Farella, Braun + Martell LLP on September 22. The NOCALL Fall Workshop is also ahead and the date is October 25th. The topic is “Keeping Our Edge, Communicating Our Strengths!” and will be held at Preservation Park in Oakland. And always keep an eye on the NOCALL listserv or our [Facebook page](#) for up-coming networking events, including our holiday “four corners” party. Be sure to “Like” us on Facebook so you can get to see all the great photos!

Looking further ahead, the Spring Institute will take place in Sacramento on April 12-13. Jean Willis and the planning committee are putting together a great educational event. Keep in mind too, that NOCALL members can get reduced registration for the [Internet Librarian](#), [ARK Group](#)

and [LMA Tech West](#) conferences coming up in the next few months.

As incoming President, it has been amazing to see our members’ enthusiasm and commitment to our organization. NOCALL runs on this energy—the energy of its committees and its members. I want to urge you to contribute your time and ideas. Our committees are awesome! You can join a committee by sending me an email. Or just [send me an email](#) with your ideas.

I want to let you know about a few goals I have for the coming year. I want to get our budget in order and I’m working with Treasurer Sean Kaneshiro and Audit and Budget Committee Chair Debbie Maglione to put together a new budget and budget process. I also want to facilitate effective communication among Board and Committee members. We will be starting a NOCALL repository of documents on PBWorks (I told you we were moving to the Cloud!). Board Member at Large, Jaye Lapachet, the Technology Committee, and I are working on getting it started.

Finally, on a somber note, Jenny Kanji, who was well known as the Librarian Relations Consultant for LexisNexis and chair of the NOCALL Education Committee, passed away on September 5, 2012 after a long illness. Our deepest sympathies go out to Jenny’s family.

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MUSINGS FROM MARK

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A LOOK BACK IN TIME: Our Library has an extensive run of *Law Library Journal*. I want to share with you what our colleagues were writing about in 1962, fifty years ago. (By the way, dues were \$15 for Active Members, \$30 for Institutional Membership for libraries having two persons, not more than \$150 for libraries with more than two persons, and \$50 for Associate Members “engaged in publication and related activities”.)

From the Elizabeth Finley’s “President’s Page” May 1962:

There seems to be a possibility that our long-cherished dream of a national headquarters may be approaching reality...A national headquarters will be a great stride forward in the efficient management of our affairs. Our activities in general should be better coordinated than they are now, though considering our volunteer method of staffing essential posts we have done remarkably well...It seems to me that there are dangers as well as advantages in a central headquarters. There is the danger that we may gradually lose our institutional sense of responsibility for the AALL and relax into an easy-going “let George do it” attitude. Such a result would be a tragedy for our Association. As the time draws near for me to join the elder statesmen, here are my parting words: Never let the control of your professional organization leave your own hands.

From Earl Borgerson’s “Education and the Image of the Law Librarian” August 1962:

The library profession has...demonstrated its professional ineffectiveness. It has no ability to supply the trained personnel needed to meet either the growth of the traditional field of librarianship or the growth of special librarianship...Librarianship, somewhere along the line, has never created or has never bothered to develop a mechanism for procreation. It is indeed time to shift from the “old maid” image to something considerably more vigorous...The profession is making some progress toward a change. The severe little lady scolding patrons is becoming a dynamic, knowledgeable person dedicated to a career of unlocking the wealth of information stored in books...To further complicate the scene, there is a great variety in law library work situations, an important factor affecting this image...Just who among us in this complex of law library situations is a law librarian? There is no doubt

that there is such a character on our stage whom we can call a law librarian. Until that character can be described in terms of professional responsibilities and in terms of required academic preparation, there can be no precise image. To be sure, we will continue to employ people in library work and call them law librarians, but this must not be mistaken for recruiting. Recruiting calls for new life-blood passing through prescribed formal education to employment.

AALL’s Annual Meeting:

Scheduled for the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, July 1-5.

From Viola Bird’s “Current Comments” May 1962:

The University of San Francisco School of Law will move into its first permanent home to be known as Kendrick Hall. The one million dollar building is made possible through a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kendrick. Mr. Kendrick is Chairman of the University’s Board of Regents, and is also Chairman of the Board of the Schlage Lock Company... Provision has been made for the accommodation of over 100,000 volumes in the Library. The School’s current home is on the third floor of the Gleeson Library and it is from this location that the School of Law will make its move to its permanent home, a building specifically designed for the study of law.

AND FINALLY, A CURRENT OBSERVATION...Time ran

an in-depth story on Justice Anthony Kennedy a while ago. “Sometimes he pontificates, slowing his cadence for theatrical effect. Other times he speaks with the self-effacing reticence of a genial librarian.”



WHAT I LEARNED LAST SUMMER AT THE AALL CONFERENCE . . .

Grace Hum

Assistant Professor of Legal Writing
University of San Francisco School of Law

AALL, NOCALL, CONELL, PLL, FCIL, RIPS, LHRB, OBS, ALL, TS, ILTA, CS. The very first thing that I learned at the AALL Conference: you love your acronyms! The second thing I learned: you are a legion of interested, engaged, smart, and thoughtful professionals that have a depth of knowledge about legal resources that is unparalleled.

I am a legal research and writing professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, and I am fortunate enough to work with incredibly talented and knowledgeable librarians at my home law school. But who knew that there are thousands and thousands of you?!

The conference programming was, in a word, remarkable. I was fortunate enough to attend CONELL, which was a whirlwind of information that helped me to understand the reach and impact of law librarians in so many different contexts. The keynote address by Richard Susskind raised lots of thought-provoking issues about how information technology and the internet has changed and will continue to change the landscape of legal services. And hearing about the creation of Google Scholar from one of its principle architects, Dr. Anurag Acharya, gave me some context for understanding the organization and content of this valuable and free, but limited website. Finally, in one of the most interactive sessions I attended, I really enjoyed watching the online research vendor reps in the hot seat being grilled by law librarians with tough questions about implementation, accuracy of results, document sharing, billing practices, and user satisfaction.

But even with all of this tremendous programming, the highlight of the conference for me was meeting new people and talking to them about how much they loved their jobs as law librarians. It was fascinating to talk to firm librarians about their interaction with new lawyers and whether the new lawyers were adapting to the research demands of their jobs (of course, I have a particular interest in hearing about how well law schools are training new lawyers). It was incredibly informative to talk to academic librarians from across the country to learn about how they structure their first-year research instruction. And it was heartening to hear about all of the good work that public law librarians are doing to increase

access in spite of their economic challenges.

I feel incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn more about the important work of law librarians and to meet such wonderful people. Importantly, attending the conference made me think about the need to adapt my teaching to a new generation of students, who have myriad resources beyond what I could have dreamed about when I was in law school. I'll still teach my students about the need for accurate and complete research, rich and thoughtful analysis, and clear and concise writing, but I'll do it with an eye toward the future of lawyering and modern research resources.

Many thanks to Shannon Burchard for inviting me to be a VIP at AALL, to NOCALL for generously supporting my ride and my stay at the conference, and to AALL for providing me with complementary registration.

2013 NOCALL SPRING INSTITUTE: SACRAMENTO BOUND!

Jean Willis

Sacramento County Public Law Library

Save the date for the ever-popular NOCALL Spring Institute. The 2013 Institute will be held Friday/Saturday, April 11 – 12, 2013 at the Capital Plaza Holiday Inn in downtown Sacramento, which is close to historic Old Sacramento.

The Programs Committee is busy investigating potential speakers and topics, which we anticipate will include some investigative sessions about EBooks, updates on RDA and/or Linked Data, and new uses for social networking tools at work. We haven't forgotten to include enough time for collegial networking and some fun. The planning committee is off to the races, stretching to ensure we offer a great educational event. Hope to see you there!



NEW ONLINE NOCALL DIRECTORY!

Tina Dumas
Nixon, Peabody

The news you've been waiting for! The NOCALL Membership Committee is pleased to release our new online Member Directory. Unlike the previous PDF directory, this one will provide up-to-date information on all NOCALL members while being located in a secure, password-protected area. It is searchable and printable, and more features may be added later.

Current NOCALL members can log in and update your own profile directly, to ensure that your contact information is current at all times. Please also let me know about any changes that you would like to have announced in future Membership News columns, to make sure that I don't miss anything.

Every current NOCALL member should receive their individual username and password by the end of September. If you have not received it by then, please contact me. Your username is your email address, so if that has changed, please send me the old and new email addresses.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2012-2013

Once you are logged in, you can also renew your membership. There is a link to the Renewal form at the NOCALL Membership page on our website, <http://nocall.memberclicks.net/>. We are now able to accept either a check OR payment via Paypal (credit card is an option)!

Your renewal will be retroactive to 6/1/2012, and will expire on 5/31/2013. We apologize for sending this renewal notice so late, but we were trying to get the new database set up, and to work out as many kinks as possible to make the process easy for you!

NOTE: If you need to renew in a different membership category than your previous membership category (e.g., Student to Active or Active to Retired), please use the appropriate application form linked at the NOCALL Membership page.

ALSO NOTE: If you have already sent in a check and application or renewal form within the last few months, you do not need to complete a new form, or re-send your check.

As with any technological undertaking, the database is still a work in progress, so if you have any questions or see something that can be improved, please do not hesitate to contact me.

NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 29, 2012
12:52 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.
One Market Restaurant
1 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Holly Riccio, President, called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m.

Thanks were given to Thomson Reuters for sponsoring the meeting.

A moment of silence was observed to honor John Sigel, California State Supreme Court Librarian, and Alan MacDougall, Manager of Library Services at Morgan Lewis.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

We approved the January 24, 2012 Business Meeting Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the treasurer's report were available to all who attended the business meeting, and Treasurer Claudia Cook provided additional details. The total assets, including the PayPal account, are \$11,264.83; though with incoming checks the total is closer to \$15,000. We are still waiting on a reimbursement check from the proceeds of the Joint Spring Institute, which is based on the number of NOCALL members that attended the institute.

Claudia reports that Grants expenses were higher than usual this year because of the date at which last year's grants were paid (post-event), and affirms that in the future grants will be paid up-front to ensure compliance with the annual budget.

Induction of New Officers

The newly elected NOCALL officers for 2012-2013 were introduced and sworn in:

- President: Chuck Marcus
- Vice President/President Elect: Jean Willis
- Secretary: Jen Richter
- Treasurer: Claudia Cook
- Member at Large: Jaye Lapachet
- Member at Large: Sara Paul Raffel
- Past President: Holly Riccio



Presentation of NOCALL Professional Achievement Award

Holly Riccio presented the 2012 NOCALL Professional Achievement Award to Mary Hood, in recognition of her notable and enduring contributions to the profession at both local and national levels.

NOCALL Advocacy Award

Holly Riccio presented the NOCALL Advocacy Award to Diane Boyer-Vine, for her accomplishments in and ongoing dedication to providing open, reliable and sustained access to legislative information.

NOCALL Grant Recipients

Grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Boston were awarded to Ledja Cullen, Debbie Maglione, Sara Paul Raffel, and Camille Reynolds. Ledja Cullen is also the recipient of the AALL Registration Award that was made available to NOCALL this year.

Highlights from the Committee Clusters

Technology Committee

The NOCALL website has a new platform that allows for easy updating and better navigation. User feedback thus far has been very positive and the committee will continue its efforts to refine web pages and incorporate members' ideas and suggestions.

Spring Institute Committee

The committee announced that the "take" is proportionate to the percentage of primary membership of attendance, and NOCALL will receive approximately \$4,500 for 24% of total attendance. By mid-June all Institute-related finances should be completed, and he reports that, barring comments on the hotel's chilly indoor temperatures, the survey responses were positive.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is working on making the NOCALL Membership database available online.

Grants Committee

The committee recently awarded three grants to members to attend the Spring Institute in San Diego, and was able to award four grants to NOCALL members to attend the AALL Annual Conference in Boston. Grant expenditure for the fiscal year was higher than usual because it covered grants for both 2011 and 2012 AALL conferences.

Crossover Meeting and Committee Volunteer Request

The crossover meeting is tentatively scheduled in the first week of August, with more details to follow. Holly reminded members of the importance of committee participation and asked that those interested in volunteering should email her or the respective committee chairs.

NOCALL Certificates of Achievement

Holly Riccio presented Certificates of Achievement to Greg Fite and Ramona Martinez, in honor of their years of dedication and service on behalf of their respective committees, Government Relations and Membership. After several years of service, Greg and Ramona are stepping down from their roles as committee chairs. Thank you to Greg and Ramona for your hard work and your commitment to NOCALL.

Member Comments:

Passing of the Gavel and Bell

Holly Riccio, Outgoing President, expressed her gratitude to all NOCALL members for their time and ongoing commitment to ensuring the chapter's success. She then passed the gavel and bell to Chuck Marcus, 2012-2013 NOCALL President.

As outgoing President, Holly Riccio was thanked for her service and presented with a plaque and gift.

Chuck Marcus, President, adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Richter
NOCALL Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AALL

Submit a Program Proposal for AALL 2013 in Seattle

Were you inspired by the AALL programs you saw or heard this year in Boston? Have you talked (blogged or tweeted) with a colleague or two about what would make for an even better program next year? Please consider submitting a program proposal for the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Seattle, July 13-16.

Starting September 6, you may use the online Program and Workshop Proposal Collection site to develop your proposal in your own workspace, share it with your colleagues, and submit it online by October 15. Helpful [resources for program proposers](#) can be found online.

AALL2go Pick of the Month - September

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [Accounting - Prepare for Your Future](#).

Do you need to learn how to read a balance sheet, an income statement, or interpret cash flows? Perhaps you yearn for a better understanding of financial auditing processes or more insight into how funds are allocated in your organization. Spencer Simons, director of the O'Quinn Law Library at the University of Houston, reviews the basics of accounting reports and procedures to help law librarians better understand the terminology and accounting processes used by the financial managers in their organizations.

Why should law librarians have a better sense of accounting principles? Law librarians who understand the drivers of financial decisions in their organizations will better equip themselves to work effectively within the budgeting process. Many law librarians also do business intelligence research and find themselves working with unfamiliar language.

This 69-minute audio program was presented at the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver on July 12, 2010, and is available free to members on AALL2go

Find this and more than 100 other free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on [AALL2go!](#)

Save the Date – AALL Law Library Management Online Course

November 1-December 14 AALL will offer a six-week online course designed to help you achieve higher management performance and advance your career potential. You will have an opportunity to connect and collaborate with peers. Topics will include effective law library management, communication effectiveness, negotiation and making the case for library value, and more. Stay tuned—registration opens in October.

AALL2go Pick of the Month - October

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [What Makes a Librarian Worth a Million Bucks? Valuing Staff, Resources, and Services When Dollars Are Scarce](#).

At the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting, two law firm librarians gave a detailed presentation on how to prove the true value of law librarians. They demonstrated how hard data and soft skills can be used in a numbers-based evaluation that can be effectively used to show worth.

Using the framework of a value assurance cycle, the presenters showed how librarians can audit existing staff and services; align library goals; appraise operations by determining a quantifiable measurement of time, cost, and quality; and act on the gathered data by making changes in the library. In addition to showing the importance of hard data, librarians must also showcase their "soft skills" that are often excluded from libraries' annual reports. The presenters emphasized the importance of including the librarian's leadership qualities and emotional intelligence when illustrating the value of the library.

This session provides a detailed overview of how to implement quality-improvement projects to prove the value of librarians, resources, and services. All library managers who have been challenged to show the value of their libraries would benefit from watching this excellent program. This program is presented in streaming video with accompanying PowerPoint slides.

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