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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the beginning of summer 2014! Hard to imagine that a whole year has gone by and now I am moving into a new role on the NOCALL Board, as Past President. I wish to extend my deep appreciation and gratitude to the hard-working Board members this year: Michele Finerty, Vice President, Sean Kaneshiro, Treasurer, Jen Fell, Secretary, Chuck Marcus, Past President, and David Holt and Judy Heier, Members at Large. Everyone collaborated to ensure that this was yet another banner year for NOCALL. I also extend a huge thank you to all NOCALL Committee Chairs and Committee members who contributed to our successful year.

Jodi Collova, as Education Committee Chair (with great help from Hilary Hardcastle), kicked off the year with a very well-attended Fall Workshop at Golden Gate featuring David Greene, Senior Staff Attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, who addressed the controversial issue of telecom digital surveillance programs. NOCALL's fabulous Networking Committee sponsored several fun events, including a tour of the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, Holiday 4-Corners socials and a fun time at the SomaR Bar in Oakland. Additionally, the Networking Committee developed an online meet-up for members to contribute favorite recipes on Noshing with NOCALL. The online cook book is still in process due to a few hitches, but hopefully this can be shared soon.

We had dynamic Business meetings in September in Sacramento and in January in Menlo Park. Sacramento's meeting featured Michael Vitiello, Distinguished Professor of Law, Director, Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, who spoke about issues concerning the legalization of marijuana and medical marijuana. January's event included a demo update about what's new on Bloomberg from Sharon Pate of Bloomberg BNA plus a panel discussion by our law library colleagues explaining how Bloomberg is a useful tool for private, academic and state, court, county law libraries.

Then, of course, Vice President, Michele Finerty, put together a super Spring Institute in San Francisco in March entitled Navigating Rough Seas: Charting a Course for Success. This event was well attended and received very positive evaluations. Kudos to Michele and the team of NOCALL volunteers who ensured the success of the Spring

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Institute. Later in the Spring, Jodi Collova and her Education committee sponsored a brown bag lunch with Doug Obegi, staff attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council and a UC Hastings graduate. Doug discussed the current challenges facing California's water management system, as well as potential solutions.

We just held our traditional Spring Business meeting in San Francisco, where incoming AALL President (and former NOCALL President), Holly Riccio, inducted this year's NOCALL Board: Michele Finerty, President, Tara Crabtree, Vice President, Rachael Smith, Treasurer, Jen Fell, Secretary, Hadi Amjadi and Sherry Takacs, Members at Large, and yours truly as Past President. The luncheon included our traditional annual awards to deserving NOCALL members. This year Diane Rodriguez received the NOCALL Professional Achievement Award, and Michele Finerty received the NOCALL Advocacy Award. Both richly deserve the acknowledgement due to their volunteer work and many contributions both to NOCALL and the law library profession as a whole. Congratulations, Diane and Michele.

But wait! There's more. The [AALL Annual Meeting and Conference](#) will be held in early July in San Antonio, TX. I hope to see many NOCALL members there, including our NOCALL grant-awardees: Sharon Borbon, Jodi Collova, Marilyn Earhart and Bernadette St. John. Congratulations to all four and good wishes for an educational conference. At the conference, several NOCALL members will receive Awards. Bob Berring receives the prestigious Marion Gould Gallagher Award. Sandy Marz receives the Volunteer Service Award. Holly Riccio is part of a team of authors receiving the Joseph

L. Andrews Bibliographic Award. Sacramento County Public Law Library is receiving the Law Library Publications Print Division Awards. Congratulations to all!

For those attending the conference, there are two fun and helpful networking events. I would like to encourage everyone, but especially any first or second time attendees, to make sure you attend, if at all possible, because both events offer an opportunity to meet your colleagues in a more informal setting. As with past years, NOCALL is participating in the Western Pacific Chapters Reception, which will be held at [Pat O'Briens Restaurant](#) on Saturday, July 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We are still planning the end of the conference NOCALL Networking event, so stay tuned for location. This will be held on Tuesday, July 15, at a restaurant close to the convention center and most likely from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

NOCALL will be sponsoring a table at the CONELL Marketplace as part of our outreach and PR efforts, and as always, Les Forrester is busy preparing the NOCALL Activities Table in the Exhibit Hall. I encourage all NOCALL members to visit, and perhaps sit at, the NOCALL Activities Table. Les is quite creative, and we always have a good time there. More importantly, it's another venue for outreach and marketing our vital Chapter, as well as a chance to catch up with your colleagues.

NOCALL will be represented at this year's AALL Chapter Summit, which will be held (by invitation only) on Friday, July 11. Michele Finerty, Tara Crabtree and I are attending, and Holly Riccio is the Chair of the Summit. The day-long workshop is led by Mark Levin and focuses on such

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issues as leadership, communicating our value, mentoring future leaders, member recruitment, retention and engagement. I know that we are looking forward to engaging in a dynamic learning opportunity, while determining how to lead NOCALL to even greater successes.

This past year's Board has been examining NOCALL's financials and seeking various means of reducing expenses, where feasible. In addition – and thanks mostly to David Holt, who will be the next Technology Chair – we are looking at options to streamline and maximize the Chapter's use of technology with an eye, again, for reducing costs. We wish the incoming Board and Committees all the best in continuing this effort.

Last but not least, I encourage all NOCALL members to participate in our Chapter by volunteering on [Committees](#). See the [website](#) and ask questions if you need guidance. Feel free to write to incoming NOCALL President, Michele Finerty, to volunteer. It's a lot of fun; typically committee work is not too burdensome; you'll learn a lot; and it's a great opportunity for professional growth and development.

Membership Dues forms will be sent out very soon by Tina Dumas, Membership Committee Chair. I hope everyone re-joins and encourages any newcomers to join, as well. Look for the Dues notices soon in your email.

It has been a very fast, fun, invigorating and amazing year for me as NOCALL President. I have enjoyed meeting some members for the first time and getting to know other members even better. I am very grateful to have had all of your support on this journey, and I wish NOCALL and all NOCALL members continued success as we move towards our bright future together.

Cheers,
Jean Willis
NOCALL President

MUSINGS FROM MARK

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CIVILITY FOR ATTORNEYS?...In case you missed it, here is the new California Rule of Court 9.4. Every newly-admitted lawyer will have to pledge: "As an officer of the court, I will strive to conduct myself at all times with dignity, courtesy, and integrity." Aren't you glad that you're a member of a profession where you don't need a civility oath?

JEEZ, WAS I DRUNK LAST NIGHT..."Based on facts appearing in the presentence report, at approximately 9:40 p.m. on July 9, 2013, defendant's vehicle struck a parked car on Summerfield Road in Sonoma County. Defendant was driving with a blood alcohol level of .25. At the time, defendant was subject to mandatory supervision based on prior DUI offenses. He acknowledged that he had been drinking since 10:00 a.m. that day, celebrating the removal the day before of an ankle bracelet monitoring his alcohol consumption." *People v. Escalante* (April 25, 2014, A140629) [nonpub. opn.]

WHO SAYS THE COURTS OF APPEAL HAVE NO SENSE OF HUMOR?..."Defendant Nicholas John Smit was charged with a number of drug offenses that exposed him to a maximum of 11 years in state prison. How did defendant attempt to avoid those 11 years? By trying to kill the detective whose testimony was required to convict him, of course. None of the usual suspects such as Wile E. Coyote, Elmer Fudd or Yosemite Sam, not even Boris or Natasha, ever eclipsed what defendant did here...In a way, defendant's attempts to kill the detective were successful. He no longer faced that 11 years. Instead, the court sentenced him to four consecutive life terms, plus an additional term of more than 40 years." *People v. Smit* (2014) 224 Cal.App.4th 977



ARE PUBLIC LIBRARIES LIKE COSTCO?...

Costco has been on a roll. President Obama has singled it out as a terrific company. The stock is doing great, and the employees seem to be treated well. Let's compare Costco's employee training program with that of most public libraries. Costco has a strong corporate culture. It invests in its people and promotes from within. Employee training is very important, especially in regard to customer service. First-year employees get *several hundred* hours of formal training. Public libraries also enjoy a positive culture, but really...How many public libraries (or any kind of library) offer adequate customer service training and professional development to their staff? Because of limited budgets, this level of training is impossible to provide. (adapted from *LLRX*, published March 2, 2014)

PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

By Elisabeth McKechnie and Susan Llano
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"As Researchers Turn to Google, Libraries Navigate the Messy World of Discovery Tools," by Marc Parry, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 21, 2014, available to subscribers at <http://chronicle.com/article/As-Researchers-Turn-to-Google/146081/>

This article discusses the growing use of "discovery tools," which mine giant indexes of aggregated content. Students used to Google-type searching are confused by the array of specialty databases and want a way to search everything at once. The author points out the problems inherent in developing and using these tools and wonders how this type of searching is influencing the way people research and how it affects their results.

"8 Book Historians, Curators, Specialists, and Librarians who are Killing It Online," by Alexis Coe, *Buzzfeed Books*, February 16, 2016,

available at <http://www.buzzfeed.com/alexiscoe/book-historians-curators-specialists>

Fun article on information professionals who have embraced social media and posted some of their unique finds. Pictures include a medieval manuscript complete with cat paw prints, and a homage to the rich and varied lives of monkeys in the margins of medieval manuscripts.

"Surviving Rot and Finding the Online Past," by Greg R. Notess, *Online Searcher*, March/April 2014, pp.65-67. Available to subscribers <http://www.infotoday.com/OnlineSearcher/Issue/4411-March-April-2014.shtml>

Although the Internet Archive's [Wayback Machine](#) remains one of the largest and most comprehensive archives of the old web, the author discusses other sources for finding archived webpages (such as the [Library of Congress Web Archives](#) and the California Digital Library's [Web Archiving Service](#)) and provides alternative search strategies for getting around link rot.

"How the 'Netflix of Books' Won Over the Publishing Industry (Q&A)," by Daniel Terdiman, *C/Net*, Jan. 25, 2014, Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/mclb7fa>

Someone has reinvented the circulating library. For a small monthly fee, e-book users can borrow e-books, with a choice of formats. The founder of Oyster, a non-librarian, has created this service on a Netflix model by contracting with the big publishing houses to make their wares available. Oyster's founder, Eric Stromberg, has created an attractive webpage to showcase his stock. The only thing missing is a decent catalog.

"Search Engine Land's Guide to Google," *Search Engine Land*, Available at: <http://searchengineland.com/guide/google>

This is less an article than an index to every service that Google offers as well as lists of Google resources. If you have some free time, start clicking the links!

**WHAT ARE YOU READING?**

Nora Levine

Study finds reading literary fiction improves empathy

New research shows works by writers such as Charles Dickens and George Eliot sharpen our ability to understand others' emotions – more than thrillers or romance novels.

<http://www.theguardian.com/books/booksblog/2013/oct/08/literary-fiction-improves-empathy-study>

THE GOLDFINCH by Donna Tartt

In my opinion, this book deserves every molecule of the Pulitzer Prize. I am in total awe of Donna Tartt's talent, breadth of subject, and character development. And did I mention plot? I enjoyed this work as an unabridged audio book and was bereft when it ended. There wasn't one character in the book that wasn't meticulously layered and their interactions and conversations with each other were believable and amazing at the same time. It took her 10 years to write and every second of her effort is evident to me.

WE ARE WATER by Wally Lamb

I finally got around to reading this as I am a confirmed Wally Lamb fan. At first I thought I didn't like it as much The Hour I First Believed or She's Come Undone, but it quietly grew on me. I'm glad I forced myself to get through the more uncomfortable chapters (just two really) to reach a conclusion that was heartrending. A few tears were shed on the bus ride home as I finished the book.

THE CLIFTON CHRONICLES by Jeffrey Archer

Jeffrey Archer is one of those prolific British mystery/spy genre authors, and he's a Tory, but The Clifton Chronicles (four books so far) are quite fun and not of those genres. I devoured all four of them and everyone I've recommended them to has thanked me. Together these novels comprise a soap opera to be sure, but they are

irresistible. Their draw also lies in the fact that by following the main protagonist, Harry Clifton, the stories take you from pre-WWI to pretty much the present (I surmise).

On a similar note, I've just discovered Daniel Silva. Where have I been? I've started with **THE ENGLISH GIRL**, but intend to start at the beginning of his bibliography and intersperse his books into my reading list.

Finally, I would like to recommend **THE DIVORCE PAPERS** by Susan Rieger. She happens to be the sister of a friend of mine and the wife of the New Yorker film critic, David Denby. (Mr. Denby sure marries talented women. I've read all the books of his first wife as well, Cathleen Schine.) The Divorce Papers will appeal to all the law librarians out there as the story is told through law firm interoffice memos and divorce proceedings – filings and transcripts. The characters are immensely likeable (most of them) and just a very satisfying read.

Planned for the next few months are the following:

The Lowland – Jhumpa Lahiri

Light Years – James Salter (and others by him)

Instructions for a Heat Wave – Maggie O'Farrell (loved *After You'd Gone*)

The Unchangeable Spots of Leopards – Kristopher Jansma

The Dog Stars – Peter Heller

Orange is the New Black – Piper Kerman

*Hillary Burg
Gordon & Rees LLP*

THE COLD DISH by Craig Johnson (A Walt Longmire Mystery)

Cody Prichard is found dead near the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Two years earlier, Cody had been one of four high school boys given suspended sentences for raping a local Cheyenne girl. Somebody, it would seem, is



seeking vengeance and Sheriff Longmire might be the only thing standing between the three remaining boys and a Sharps .45-70 buffalo rifle. This is a riveting book, with a surprising, heart-breaking ending.

*Gerald Clark
Oregon*

**THE END OF MEMBERSHIP AS WE KNOW IT:
BUILDING THE FORTUNE-FLIPPING, MUST-HAVE
ASSOCIATION OF THE NEXT CENTURY**

by Sarah L. Sladek

This book was published by ASAE-The Center for Association Leadership in 2011. It's a provocative book about the challenges facing associations. In many ways it's a book about selling to the customers of associations and it challenges association leadership to recognize the different interests and needs of different segments of the members/customers. Segmenting by generation provides one very effective differentiation. That's not perfect of course, but when one looks at the author's descriptions of why Boomers, Gen X & Gen Y join and participate in associations, it requires one to evaluate the offerings to each group.

The section on building an online community drags, partly because it describes the options from 2011. Still the principles for building the community hold today as they did then. Most noteworthy, the author shares many examples of how associations, including NELLCO, have successfully adapted to their challenges that make the book a very worthwhile read.

While not appropriate for the collection of most law libraries unless the collection supports the work of library users in associations, I recommend it highly for anyone who cares about making the associations they belong to more effective and long-lasting.

*Mark E. Estes
Bernard E Witkin Alameda County Law Library*

NINETY PERCENT OF EVERYTHING by Rose George

The title of this eye-opening investigation into the modern shipping industry refers to the fact that ninety percent of what we wear, eat, and consume arrives via container ships. Most of us, however, know almost nothing about this enormous industry, suffering from what the chief of the British navy calls "sea blindness." The sea is something we fly over or use for leisure activity. Heavy security prevents us from physically exploring the world of shipping, so Rose George decided to investigate and report back. Her passionate book is especially illuminating for those of us who live near a major port yet know nothing of its business. Since the advent of container shipping in the 1960's, trade by sea has grown fourfold. In 2011, the 360 commercial ports of the U.S. took in international goods worth \$1.73 trillion, or eighty times the value of all U.S. trade in 1970. The newly designed ships expected to sail in 2014 will carry eighteen thousand (!) containers. To do her research, the author embedded herself on a giant Maersk container ship for five weeks, and on a Portuguese navy frigate which patrolled for pirates in the Gulf of Aden for another week. She exposes what the daily life and working conditions are on the ships, and admonishes us to "buy your fair-trade coffee beans by all means, but don't assume fair-trade principles govern the conditions of the men who fetch it for you. You would be mistaken." She dispels any romantic notions you might have about pirates, and vividly describes the ecological impact of these enormous vessels crisscrossing our oceans every day. This book reads like a novel, a modern adventure on the seas, but Rose George's explorations will make you see this real world with a new appreciation for almost everything you own. It might be the perfect beach (sea) read.

*Ellen Gilmore
UC Berkeley Law Library*



The “**IRISH COUNTRY**” series by Patrick Taylor I am reading the books authored by Patrick Taylor. They are set in Ireland, in the fictional village of Ballybucklebo, and they take place just after World War II. Dr. Barry Laverty has just obtained his medical degree. He travels to Ballybucklebo to assist Dr. Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly who has been the MD in the village for many years. Fingal has some interesting methods, but a big heart, and Dr. Laverty has much to learn. The books remind me in some ways of a cross between the James Herriot books and the “Call the Midwife” BBC series in that you see the tremendous changes that health care undergoes in that era, along with a view of life in a small village. The books are charming and amusing and good fun.

The “**CHET & BERNIE**” mysteries by Spencer Quinn

For laugh-out-loud passages and what seems to me a dead-on look into the thoughts of dogs, I have been reading the Spencer Quinn's Chet and Bernie mysteries. Chet is a dog who flunked out of the police academy during the final test. A cat was involved. Bernie is his former cop, now PI companion. Chet adores Bernie and I adore them both.

THE ART FORGER: A NOVEL by B.A. Shapiro

The Art Forger is about one of the Degas paintings stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. It is a fascinating look into the world of art, artists and forgers.

HAVANA REQUIEM: A LEGAL THRILLER by Paul Goldstein

Bringing things back around to law firms, I read Havana Requiem. It is set in the US and Havana, and deals with copyright law and a group of Cuban musicians seeking to reclaim the rights to their work. I know -- who would think copyright law would make a good read, but it

does. Goldstein paints a vivid picture of Havana, and does not overwhelm the story with too many details. There is suspense, drama, and some probably realistic depictions of law firm partner meetings.

*Cathy Hardy
Hanson Bridgett*

THE BOOK THIEF by Markus Zusak

Narrator: Allan Corduner ©2006 Random House Inc. Listening Library (14 Hours)

This popular Young Adult novel, inspired by the experiences of the author's parents in World War II Germany, became a bestseller and has been made into a movie. After listening to the audio book, I'm sure neither print nor film could improve on the experience of hearing it read by Allan Corduner. Corduner embodies the narrator of this novel, who happens to be Death himself. As you can imagine, life, or rather the end of it, is keeping Death very busy as the war progresses. Try as he might to maintain his dispassionate view of humanity, he slips a little when he considers Liesel Meminger. Parents disappeared, brother dead, 10 years old and illiterate, Liesel is sent to live with foster parents Hans Hubermann, a poor house painting accordion player and Rosa, his trash talking wife. It is in their rough edged, but not unloving care that Liesel finally learns to read. She also learns to steal books, a skill she hones after stealing a book from a lighted pyre at a Nazi book burning. She falls in love with what she finds in books. Considering that this book is not only set in a poor area of 1940s Germany, and narrated by Death, you might think it would be grim and depressing, and it certainly has its moments. But it is also a story about the unique fun of childhood friendships, the love and courage of family, the humor of everyday life, all of which somehow survive death and war. Allan Corduner narrates Death, wearily cynical and practical, pulled



despite himself into Liesel's corner, with complete conviction. He transports the listener into the full and compelling lives of World War II Germany's working poor.

*Marlene Harmon
UC Berkeley Law Library*

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON by Randy Shilts
This book covers the AIDS crisis from just before the first AIDS-related deaths through the forced acknowledgment of the crisis by a willfully ignorant president. I lived through the periods described in this book and determined that I could not read the book and relive the horrors of that period for a long time. It has been nearly 30 years since the book was published and I have finally read it and am glad to have done it.

It is a well-written documentation of the early years (roughly 1977 - 1986) of the AIDS crisis put together by Randy Shilts -- one of the only major newspaper columnists in the country assigned to specifically cover the AIDS crisis in the early years.

Shilts takes an unflinching look at the way politics (within the government, the gay rights movement, and the medical community) often conspired to inhibit progress and to allow thousands of people to die. There are people who are portrayed heroically in the book, but the vast majority proves to be all too human and come up short when they are most needed. Thank goodness for those who rise above this tendency.

The warnings I would give to a potential reader is that this book is graphic in the ways in which AIDS is spread and in the sexual activities of gay men in the 1970s/1980s. It also paints political figures with a fairly broad brush, but this is not done without some justification given the actions (and inactions) of politicians documented in the book. Also, the author's own diagnosis and

death from AIDS 8 years later clearly color his reporting.

*Edward Hosey
Ninth Circuit Library*

ORDINARY GRACE by William Kent Krueger
An unforgettable thriller/coming-of-age novel set in 1961 Minnesota. Extraordinarily beautiful writing, sense of place and characters. A best of the year for me.

Dodi Levine

JUST ONE DAMNED THING AFTER ANOTHER (and have just bought the sequel) **A SYMPHONY OF ECHOES** by Jodi Taylor
This is a sci-fi/fantasy series that is absolutely hilarious. Unemployed historian, Miss Maxwell, called Max, is recruited into a super-secret time-travel program funded and run by a British university. They go back in time to watch and photograph famous historical events, supplying data for the University's faculty and researchers. Then they discover that evil time travelers from the future are organizing dinosaur hunts in the Cretaceous period and all bets are off. The characters are quirky and Max, a born troublemaker, is the quirkiest of all. This is like a cross between the Avengers and Doctor Who. Just One Damned Thing after Another is currently on sale in Kindle format for .99 at Amazon.

*Elisabeth McKechnie
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TECH TALK: EVOLVING TOOLS FOR CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY RESEARCH AND BILL TRACKING

Ramona Martinez

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Conducting California state legislative history research has never been a piece of cake. For those familiar with the materials available for Federal legislative history research, California materials can seem sparse and hard to find. Thankfully, the State of California Legislative Counsel's office created the [Official California Legislative Information](#) site which provides online access to bills, legislative analyses and votes from 1993 forward. Searching is possible by bill number, author or keyword.

The Legislative Counsel could have rested on its laurels after simplifying researchers' lives with its first-generation legislative information tool. Rather, they have greatly improved the functionality of the site and added many useful features for researching legislation from 1999 forward. See: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

The new interface still offers search by bill number, author and keyword but the author search box has a drop-down menu of legislators' names. The list is specific to each legislative session, which is particularly useful if you can't remember who was in office when or how the name is spelled. Once you find a bill, try the "compare versions" tool. See how the current bill compares to the bill as it was introduced (additions are in blue and strikeouts are in red.) "Today's law as amended" is another useful comparison tool. See how the code section in question would change if the bill passed. Again, additions are in blue and strikeouts are in red. Several new features require users to register for an account. Users need only enter their first and last names and an email address. Once logged in, users can send comments to the author of the bill. How easy is that? No need to find the author's contact information.

Just type in your comment and click "Submit." Bill tracking is also available. Users can choose to receive notification of any or all of the following: committee recommendations, referrals to committee, amendments, vote results, enrollment, Governor's response and final results. Finally, users can share bills on Facebook or Twitter.

Surely, readers will have noticed that the new interface does not include legislation from 1993-1998. The Legislative Counsel states the old interface will continue to be available for "some time" – likely until they can get all the material onto the new interface.

Meanwhile, if you have a research project that requires finding older legislative information, try the California State Archives: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/collections/legislative.htm>. If you can't go to Sacramento, many NOCALL member libraries offer research guides on how to conduct California legislative history research using their collections.

- Golden Gate: <http://lawlibrary.ggu.libguides.com/CaliforniaLegislation>
- Hastings: <http://librarysource.uchastings.edu/sp/subjects/guide.php?subject=cal-leg-history>
- Santa Clara: <http://lawguides.scu.edu/content.php?pid=143025&sid=1217712>
- Sacramento County: <http://www.saclaw.org/pages/california-legislative-analysis.aspx>
- BerkeleyLaw: <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/dynamic/guide.php?id=54>
- USF: <http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/califleghist>

Finally, some projects may require the assistance of a professional. Thankfully, the following are also NOCALL members and supporters.

- Legislative Research and Intent, LLC <http://lrhistory.com/>
- Legislative History and Intent <http://najfiles.net/>
- Legislative Intent Service, Inc. <http://www.legintent.com/>



Spotlight on...

Donna Williams

Who or what has had the greatest impact on your law librarian career?

My very first librarian boss, Eileen (Norris) Santos at Farella, Braun & Martel, had the greatest impact on my career. I got a job at Farella in 1984 as a floater working in all areas (reception, library, accounting, records, copying, recruiting, etc.). It was wonderful experience because I quickly learned the workings of a law firm. My time in the library was what I loved the most. After a few months, Eileen hired me, encouraged me to go for my MLIS, and taught me skills that I use to this day. She also taught me the importance of becoming involved in professional associations and networking. I still keep in touch with her to this day, and I'm a better person for it!

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing law libraries, law librarianship and/or legal publishing today?

I think there are several huge challenges facing law libraries. The first would have to be the cost of keeping up a collection (both online and print). We all have to be fiscally responsible, and many times when people see that something is online they think it was free. It's also a challenge to get people to actually read the online version of items, as in the e-books. I think we need to be the positive change people.

Another huge challenge is PR. We need to constantly toot our own horn. While it can be uncomfortable, I think one very easy

improvement we can all do is take Mark Estes' advice: When you are being thanked for something you did, don't say "no problem." Say, "thank you, I enjoyed the challenge." (My apologies to Mark if I didn't quote him 100%, but that's the gist.) And always, always have some elevator speeches ready about your library.

If you were not working as a law librarian, what would you most likely be doing?

I'd be a graphic designer, a jeweler or a landscaper.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

"Be able to take criticism, without it, you can't grow," from my older brother, David, when I was a little kid. I've taken that to heart. While sometimes it can be very hard, it's great advice.

What was the last book you read that you really enjoyed and why?

A book I recently read and thoroughly enjoyed was *Headhunters on My Doorstep: A True Treasure Island Ghost Story* by Maarten J. Troost. He's written several other books about life in the South Pacific. His take on things has me busting at the seams sometimes, and also learning a lot. In this book he writes about his battle with alcoholism and his adventure resteping Robert Louis Stevenson's path. I never knew what people went through with alcoholism, so now I have a whole different view point. I also love learning about all things in the South Pacific.

WESTERN PACIFIC CHAPTERS RECEPTION AT AALL ANNUAL MEETING

For those of you making plans to go to the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio, try not to miss the free reception for the five Pacific Chapters: SANDALL, NOCALL, SCALL, LLOPS & WestPac.

SANDALL is the host chapter this year, so please try to make it and greet your West Coast colleagues.

Featuring:

Networking over Hors D'oeuvres & an open bar for house wine, domestic & import beer, tea, water & sodas.

Cost:

Absolutely free

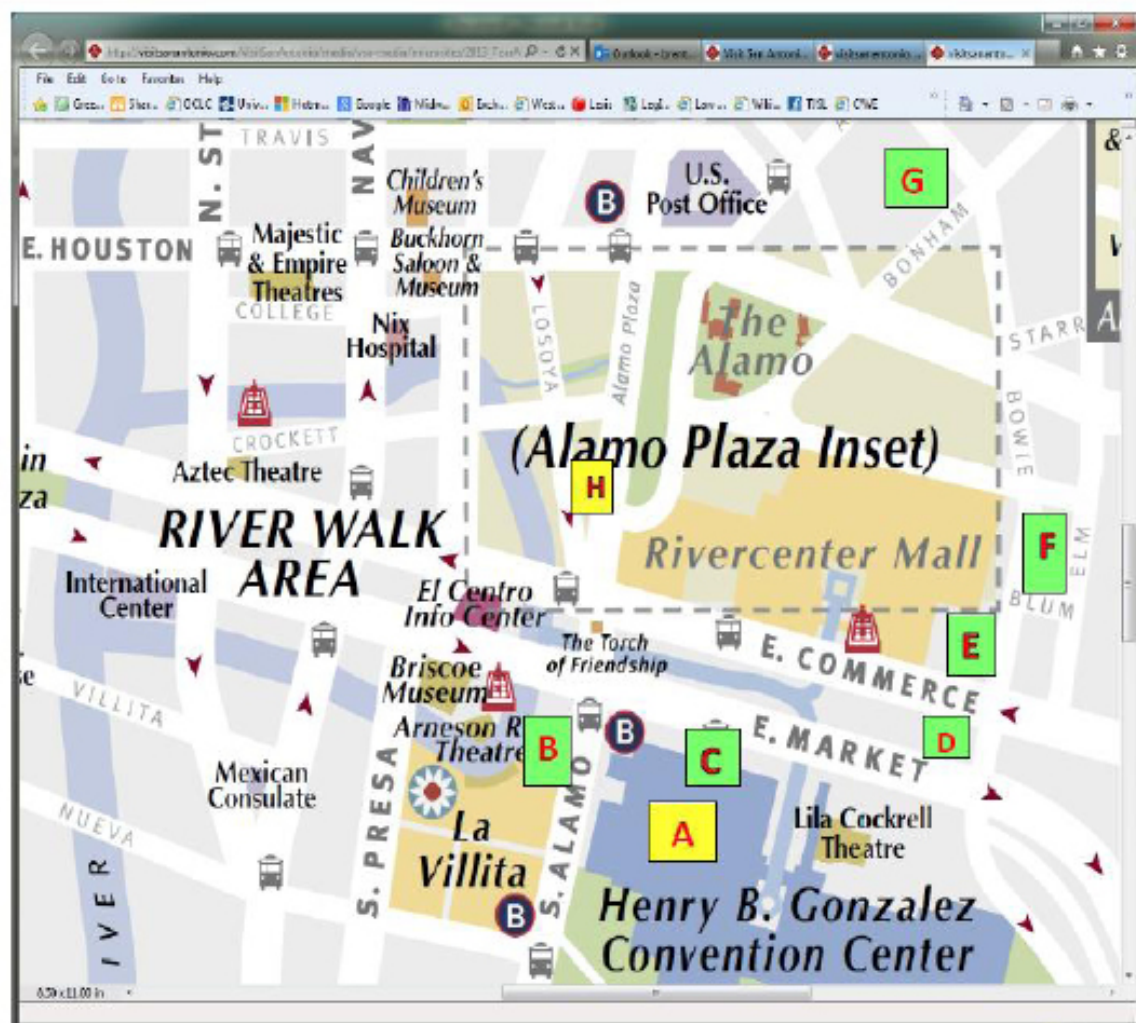
When:

Saturday, July 12, 7-9 p.m.

Where:

Pat O'Brien's, located in the [Grand Promenade](#) in the historic Alamo Quarters Bldg., near the Riverwalk. Once inside the Grand Promenade, proceed to [The Briars Suite](#).

Pat O'Brien's (H on the map below) is within easy walking distance of the Convention Center (A) and all six convention hotels (B-G).



**PROPOSED****NOCALL Business Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 22, 2014
Marines' Memorial Club
11:30 am – 1:30 pm

The meeting and luncheon were sponsored by Thomson Reuters.

President Jean Willis called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m.

Preliminary Business

Welcome and thanks were given to Heather Heen, Carol Wallace, and Elaine Paschke, of Thomson Reuters, for generously sponsoring NOCALL's May Business Meeting at the Marines' Memorial Club.

Old Business

Tina Dumas moved and Coral Henning seconded that the January 28, 2014, Business Meeting Minutes be approved as written. Members approved the January 28, 2014 Business Meeting Minutes as written.

New Business**1. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Sean Kaneshiro presented the 3rd Quarterly Report. At the beginning of the quarter, the balance was \$11,101.31. The treasury took in \$10,254.33, primarily from Spring Institute related funding, and our expenses totaled \$2,333.94. At the close of the quarter, we had \$19,021.69 in checking; \$6,394.50 in COD; \$920.04 in PayPal; for a total of \$26,336.32.

2. Induction of Officers

Holly Riccio, incoming AALL President, inducted the newly elected and continuing NOCALL officers of 2014-2015:

President: Michele Finerty
Vice President/President Elect: Tara Crabtree
Secretary: Jen Fell (continuing)
Treasurer: Rachael Smith
Member at Large: Hadi Amjadi
Member at Large: Sherry Takacs
Past President: Jean Willis (continuing)

3. Presentation of Awards**NOCALL Professional Achievement Award**

President Jean Willis presented the 2014 NOCALL Professional Achievement Award to Diane Rodriguez, Law Librarian at Hassard Bonnington, in recognition of her notable and enduring contributions to the profession at both local and national levels.

NOCALL Advocacy Award

President Jean Willis presented the NOCALL Advocacy Award to Michele Finerty, Technical Services Director at the University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law Library. Michele's tireless efforts toward the promotion and passage of UELMA and her support of animal rights and welfare are recognized and appreciated by the Awards Committee and all NOCALL members.

4. NOCALL Grant Recipients

Grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in San Antonio were awarded to:

- a. Sharon Borbon, Library Director, Fresno County Public Law Library
- b. Jodi Collova, Reference & Electronic Services Librarian, Golden Gate School of Law Library
- c. Marilyn Earhart, Librarian, Commission on Peace Officers Standards & Training
- d. Bernadette St. John, St. John & Associates Law Library Consulting



Earlier in the year, a grant to cover registration costs at the NOCALL Spring Institute was awarded to Mary Staats of Farella Braun + Martel LLP.

The committee awarded a grant to Hilary Hardcastle for travel to the AALL 2014 Leadership Academy, to which Hilary was accepted.

5. Upcoming Events

- a. *Western Pacific Chapters Networking Event at AALL in San Antonio:* The location is set for Pat O'Briens Restaurant, Saturday, July 12, 7 to 9 pm. Anna Russell from SANDALL will be the onsite host this year. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- b. *NOCALL Networking Event at AALL:* in planning for Tuesday, July 15, 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Thanks to Diane Rodriguez & Shannon Burchard who are both working on this. More details are forthcoming.
- c. *NOCALL Cross-Over Meeting:* to be scheduled by incoming Board President, Michele Finerty, most likely in August.

6. Committee Cluster Report Highlights

Sean Kaneshiro-Administration

AALL Liaison

During their stay in San Francisco to attend the Spring Institute, AALL President Steve Anderson and Pam Reisinger went on a tour of Hassard Bonnington in San Francisco with Diane Rodriguez and Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass with Jaye Lapachet, and visited the University of San Francisco with Donna Williams.

Archives

Rachael Samberg purchased some boxes to store more materials.

Audit and Budget

Denis Pagh, committee chair, is planning to have the 2014-2015 budget completed by June 1st.

David Holt-Communication

Technology

David will be taking over next year as chair for Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong, who is stepping down. The committee will be reviewing NOCALL's technology vendors to see if associated costs can be reduced or if more affordable vendors can provide comparable services. There have been some issues with our email forwarding vendor and the committee is investigating. David invites members to email NOCALL photos to him for posting on the chapter's social media websites.

Judy Heier- Education

Spring Institute

Michele Finerty reported that this year's Spring Institute was a success. Member and vendor attendance was high, and feedback from both groups was overwhelmingly positive.

Networking

Julie Horst reports that the committee is planning to host a new-members reception for 2014-2015; current members are welcome, of course! Stay tuned for more information.

Education

The committee hosted a brown bag lunch on April 16 at UC Hastings. Doug Obegi, staff attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council, discussed the current challenges facing California's water management system, as well as potential solutions. His presentation was wonderful and the event was well attended. Jodi Collova will be stepping down as chair and moving to Southern California very soon, and NOCALL thanks her for her wonderful year of service as Education Committee Chair. Hilary Hardcastle will serve as Chair for 2014-2015.

*Jen Fell-Membership***Membership**

The committee is running smoothly, with most tasks now automated and much more manageable. Renewals will be sent out shortly. NOCALL currently has approximately 350 members. The committee is working on expanding group renewals going forward.

Placement

Mary Staats reported that the committee has little to report at this time. Robyn Moltzen, committee member, is currently working with the SJSU SLIS program to correct some issues with the job board postings. In the future, the committee would like to incorporate additional services like mentoring opportunities and resume workshops.

*Chuck Marcus-Outreach***Public Relations**

Emily Bergfeld reminded members that the Beyond the Shelves column in the Recorder was canceled due to changes within the paper. Members are welcome to submit their own articles for publication going forward; please email content to Emily.

*Michele Finerty- Recognition***Grants**

The committee awarded a grant to Hilary Hardcastle for travel to the AALL 2014 Leadership Academy, to which Hilary was accepted.

Passing of the Gavel and Bell

Jean Willis, Outgoing President, expressed her gratitude to all NOCALL members, officers, and committees for their time and ongoing commitment to ensuring the chapter's success. She then passed the metaphorical gavel and bell to Michele Finerty, 2014-2015 NOCALL President.

As outgoing President, Jean Willis was thanked for her wonderful years of service and presented with a plaque and gift.

Michele Finerty, President, adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Fell
NOCALL Secretary

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