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President's Message

The new NOCALL year of activities continues! First, I want to thank last year's Executive Board and committee members for their work in furthering our chapter's mission. Also to be recognized are the members of NOCALL. By attending the business meetings, participating in important discussions through our listserv, and routinely stepping up to volunteer your efforts, you each serve to keep our chapter strong.

NOCALL always has a notable presence at the AALL Annual Meeting, and this year in San Antonio was no exception:

- **Holly Riccio**, AALL President and past NOCALL President, envisioned and chaired the planning committee for the day-long **AALL Chapter Summit** in which chapter leadership came "together for an important discussion of the future of law librarianship and their role in it."
- **Bob Berring**, Walter Perry Johnson Professor of Law, UC Berkeley School of Law, and former director of Berkeley's Boalt Hall Law Library, received AALL's prestigious **Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award** for his exemplary service to the Association and his contributions to the professional literature.
- **Diane Rodriguez** served as AALL's representative to the SLA Legal Division, introducing and escorting Jeffrey M. Nelson, the Division's VIP, throughout the conference.
- **Jean Willis** was installed as chair of the Council of Chapter Presidents.
- **Julie Horst** served a panelist on Program C4 entitled **Click and Go: Ensuring Smooth Access to Online Resources**.
- **Lee Van Duzer** is chair of the Social Responsibilities SIS Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues. Their annual reception to support the Alan Holoch Memorial Grant was held at Acenar in San Antonio.
- **Leslie Ann Forrester** selected and obtained the prizes purchased for the NOCALL tables at the CONELL MarketPlace and the Activities Area. She also spearheaded the staffing of both tables. It was observed by me and others that NOCALL's tables attracted some of the greatest number of AALL Members. The CONELL MarketPlace Table was staffed by Les, Jean Willis, Diane Rodriguez, and Shannon Burchard. Those joining Les at the Activities Area Table included Shannon Burchard; Pati Traktman; Coral Henning; Robyn Moltzen; Mary Pinard Johnson; Diane Rodriguez; Leslie Hesdorfer; Dodi Levine; Chuck Marcus; Bernadette St. John; Tara

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Crabtree; Cindy Weller; Tina Dumas; and Marilyn Earhart.

- **Michele Finerty** served on the planning committee for the AALL Chapter Summit and was a panelist on the section entitled **Communicating Our Values – Strategic Alliances**. As chair of the AALL Leadership Development Committee (LDC), she presided over its annual business meeting. Michele spoke before the CONELL participants on the role the LDC plays in the professional development of AALL members, and she co-coordinated Program E3 entitled **Learning to Lead Yourself and Others Through the Unexpected**.
- **Robyn Moltzen** and **Mary Pinard Johnson** created the poster entitled **Sacramento County Public Law Library: Adapting Traditional Services to Promote Access to Justice**, which they presented at the **Poster Session** in the Member Services Pavilion in the convention Exhibit Hall.
- **Sandy Marz** was one of three individuals who were presented the **2014 AALL Volunteer Service Award** by AALL President Steve Anderson. It should be noted that this is the third year in a row that a NOCALL member was a recipient of this award.

Our September Business Luncheon was held at the beautiful and historic Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building in Sacramento. NOCALL members gathered to meet and hear Greg Lucas, recently-appointed state librarian, speak of his goals for that institution and the influence of libraries in supporting literacy. The decrease in funding for public libraries across the state, including public law libraries, was discussed. The meeting and luncheon were held in the 5th

floor Conference Room, originally constructed to be the California Supreme Court courtroom. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Waste (1926-1940) did not want his court meeting in what he termed an “attic,” so a replica was constructed on the 1st floor. By the way, the Mosk Library and Courts Building is thought to be haunted. In the California section of the State Library, an old man with glasses, in the form of a ghost, has been observed looking over old books. However, no such ghost joined us at the meeting. Our appreciation goes to those NOCALL members who made this event possible: Marguerite Beveridge’s work in inviting NOCALL to hold its meeting at the courthouse, and for arranging for the box lunches; Greg Lucas for his presentation; Carolina Rose and Legislative Research & Intent for its sponsorship; and Jen Fell, NOCALL Secretary for handling registration.

The NOCALL GRC members, including **Judy Janes**, chair, **Carolina Rose**, and **Marlene Harmon** have joined fellow GRC member **Diane Rodriguez** in reviewing the growing movement regarding courts charging fees for electronic court documents. Diane attended a Town Hall Meeting in Alameda County and observed that librarians, attorneys, and the public in attendance raised concerns about the effect on document access. The concerns in regard to this policy include: court websites providing a preview of documents before purchasing to determine if it is the right one; streamlining the mechanism to pay for documents and create accounts; and the lack of notification regarding the fee changes and proper training for all. The committee is investigating our potential role in making recommendations to help the courts with these transitions.

NOCALL News

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The Executive Board has a busy year ahead of it. The cost of doing business is one of its top priorities as we review the effect of hidden fees on NOCALL's budget and what should be done about it.

Save the Date:

Hilary Hardcastle and the Education Committee will soon be sending out registration flyers for the **2014 NOCALL Fall Workshop**, scheduled for Friday, November 7, 2014, from 11:30 – 1:30 pm, at Farella Braun & Martel LLP. Kim Clancy, Managing Director of Hampton O'Bannon Partners, LLC, and Heather Larrick, Bay Area Office Administrator at Shearman & Sterling, will provide tips and strategies for handling salary negotiations. After their panel presentation, attendees will enjoy lunch and small group facilitated discussions about the topics covered.

Tara Crabtree and her committee are going full steam ahead in planning the 2015 NOCALL Institute, scheduled for March 27 and 28, at the Portola Hotel and SPA in Monterey. The Institute's theme is "Too Hot to Handle: Librarians on Fire." Stay tuned for further details.

At the beginning of this column, I lauded the NOCALL membership, as well as the Executive Board and committee members, for everyone's work in keeping our chapter vibrant. As you can see by everything highlighted above, NOCALL fits Henry Ford's description of success: "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." I look forward to continuing that success with each of you.

- Michele Finerty
NOCALL President

MUSINGS FROM MARK

Mark Mackler
California Department of Justice
San Francisco

BIG SUPREME COURT CASES... The Atlantic recently asked prominent attorneys: "What's the most important United States Supreme Court case no one's ever heard of?" Here are some of the responses. Chief Judge Alex Kozinski: *Wickard v Filburn*. This 1942 case was about a farmer who grew more wheat than the law allowed. Wickard was heavily relied upon during arguments involving the Affordable Care Act. Scott Turow: *Buckley v Valeo* (1976). This case struck down post-Watergate campaign spending limits and set us on course to *Citizens United*. Ted Olson: In 1793, Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson asked the Court for an advisory opinion on whether the French foreign minister could commission privateers in the United States. Chief Justice John Jay declined to issue an opinion. This established the precedent for the Judiciary to render decisions only on actual cases. Kathleen Sullivan: Everyone has heard of *Brown v Board of Education*, but that applies only to the states. It was *Bolling v Sharpe* (1954) about segregation in the D.C. schools that found discrimination by the Federal government to be a violation of the Bill of Rights. Any Federal discrimination suit, including the DOMA litigation, descends from *Bolling*.

FROM 74 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL 767

(1981)... The Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) was approved as an AALL chapter on June 23, 1980. The Chapter now has a membership of over 120, has issued a membership directory, and also published a quarterly newsletter. The newsletter reports information, educational opportunities, and employment openings of interest to Northern California law librarians. The first meeting was held in Sacramento with a speaker from the California Legislative Counsel's Bureau and was followed by a tour of the State Law Library. The first NOCALL Institute was held in Napa on



May 15-16 and offered workshops on pretrial procedure, alternatives to trial, insurance coverage for libraries, government documents under AACR2, planning and opening branch libraries, and RLIN.

WHO SAYS THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES HAVE NO SENSE OF HUMOR?...Up

until now, I thought that Federal District Court judges were humorless. Well, I was wrong. I recently discovered the work of Judge Sam Sparks from the Western District of Texas. Here is an order for *Keystone Media International v Hancock* (A-06-CA-594):

Be it remembered on the 25th day of April 2007 the Court reviewed the file, and specifically defendant Hancock's motion for protection. After reading it a second time to make sure it was not a practical joke, the Court enters the following:

Stallions can drink from a creek without a ripple;
The lawyers in this case must have a bottle with a nipple;
Babies learn to walk by scooting and falling;
These lawyers practice law by simply mauling
Each other and the judge, but this must end soon.
(Maybe facing off with six shooters at noon?)
Surely lawyers who practice in federal court can take
A deposition without a judge's order, for goodness sake.
First, the arguments about taking the deposition at all,
And now this-establishing their experience to be small.
So, let me tell you both and be abundantly clear:
If you can't work this without me, I will be near.
There will be a hearing with pabulum to eat
And a very cool cell where you can meet.
AND WORK OUT YOUR INFANTILE PROBLEM WITH
THE DEPOSITION.

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Dismiss is DISMISSED.



TECH TALK: PUBLIC ACCESS: THOUGHTS ON THE PACER DEBACLE

Ramona Martinez,

Berkeley Law Library University of California

PACER stands for Public Access to Court Electronic Records. The PACER service started out as a pilot program in 1989, providing access to certain court documents via a dial-in bulletin

board service. There is a nice chronology here: <https://www.pacer.gov/documents/epachron.pdf>

Before PACER, there was still public access to court records. Paper files sitting in a courthouse or filed away in storage are technically accessible to the public – just not easily, quickly or free of charge. Electronic court records have made access a bit easier, but it's still not free.

In early August, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) announced it would be upgrading its system. Specifically, it said the "next generation (NextGen) Case Management/ Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system [would] allow you to use the same account for both PACER and electronic filing access." See the full announcement here: <https://www.pacer.gov/announcements/general/improvements.html>. It is good to remember that PACER is a search and retrieval system that sits on top of the various and sundry electronic case file archives maintained individually by each Federal court.

When PACER announced later in August that documents from certain courts would no longer be available because of incompatibility with the NextGen system, there was an uproar in the librarian community and beyond. A blog post by Andrea Peterson of the Washington Post does a good job of distilling the situation and making it a bit more approachable: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2014/08/26/why-pacer-removed-access-to-case-archives-of-five-courts/>. Even though the documents were "inaccessible" via PACER, they were still technically accessible, but researchers had to go to the original court's archive. Leslie Street (UNC Chapel Hill and AALL-GRC chair) provides guidance on how to do that in a blog post here: <http://blogs.law.unc.edu/library/2014/09/04/what-happened-to-the-information-removed-from-pacer/>.

Meanwhile, advocates of providing free access to the law saw an opportunity to take advantage of

the situation. The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) and the Free Law Project proposed hosting the documents in a free online archive using the rationale that PACER couldn't object to the documents being freely available if that didn't interfere with their fee-based system: <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/09/right-know-pacer-mess-and-how-clean-it>.

At the same time, Senator Patrick Leahy, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, got wind of the situation and addressed a letter to the AOC Director. Sen. Leahy pointed out that "requiring requesters to travel to the clerk's office of individual courts to retrieve actual documents ... is a dramatic step backwards from the centralized system that PACER provides." A week later, AOC Director John Bates responded in a letter stating his office was working to restore access. Andrea Peterson updated her earlier blog post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2014/09/19/online-court-archive-pacer-says-it-will-restore-access-to-missing-records/>. She provides links to the letters back and forth between Leahy and Bates and she also mentions the RECAP project, whose goal is to provide free access to documents from PACER after the first download.

Some are glad PACER will restore access, but EFF says an opportunity was missed: <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/09/opportunity-missed-why-were-not-thrilled-restoration-pacer-access-certain-court>.

Public access is a broad and complicated set of issues. My thoughts here are not meant to be a thorough analysis of everything that goes into providing access to court documents. They are meant to get us thinking and perhaps to start a conversation. They are also a reminder that online access to digital information is never truly free of cost.



AALL 2014 REPORT

Sharon E. Borbon

Fresno County Public Law Library

The AALL Annual Meeting and Conference is the premier educational and networking event for law librarians. The educational programs are top notch and cover a broad range of topics. I can't think of any other convention that places so many legal publishers, companies offering library-related products, and curious law librarians under one roof. Mix it all with Texas hospitality and you have a must-attend meeting.

It appeared that I might be one of the unfortunates staying at home this year due to budget shortages. But when I saw a "last call" posting regarding NOCALL grant opportunities I took a chance and submitted my application. I truly appreciate the financial support provided by NOCALL that allowed me to attend the conference where I picked up new ideas for tackling a few daunting projects. It was all about learning, interacting and having a little bit of fun.

AALL Annual Meeting and Educational Opportunities.

My library is located in a courthouse that was constructed in the 1960s. It's obvious from the design that not much thought was given to service for those with disabilities. Modifications to the building over the years have addressed many of those deficiencies. Unfortunately the law library space was never included in those modifications. Our own remodel in the early 90's resolved some problems but we have a ways to go to serve many of our patrons, especially those with vision impairments. Program C2 – **Spotlight on ADA Accessibility** was a very helpful introduction to



changes that have worked in other libraries. For all the past reading I have done this was the first time I was shown how the location of electrical outlets can be a real problem for many. They certainly are in my library where they are on the floor under tables!

Another program I found helpful was a Tuesday afternoon session on **developing your elevator pitch**. Although I've always been ready to give a brief update on the law library or share a few highlights of our services on a moment's notice, I realized that my 'pitch' was not always specific to the problem I hoped to solve. My standard delivery was quite stale and I needed to do some fine tuning. This engaging program helped me to adapt my pitch when presented with a new audience or changing set of circumstances.

As pointed out by presenters Wendy Moore and Francis Norton, make certain your pitch is:

1. Concise (few words as possible)
2. Clear (no technical jargon or acronyms)
3. Compelling
4. Credible
5. Conceptual
6. Concrete (keep it specific)
7. Customized
8. Consistent
9. Conversational

Among other things, I hope to create a specific pitch that will result in funds needed for moving our electrical outlets!

I found program R5: **Putting Your Best Foot Forward** very helpful. Presenter Alycia Sutor of Akina Corporation informed and entertained the room with her energetic and interactive presentation. As I considered my professional reputation, I also examined how my library is viewed. What are the expectations my stakeholders have of me and my library? How can I influence those expectations? I also took the exercise a bit further and applied the process to various organizations – including NOCALL.

It's important that we frequently look at our vision and purpose. We must work to ensure that when a member is asking, "What's in it for me?" that we are aligned with their needs because that is when we achieve commitment. Our success is, in part, measured by loyal and active members.

AALL Annual Meeting and Vendor Connections.

The exhibit hall is an important part of the conference. This is one stop shopping for an abundance of library products. If you aren't in the market for the court decisions of Great Britain, or if your budget doesn't allow for a fancy new scanner, you can at least discover products that may be on your acquisition radar in the future. It is an opportunity to learn about products or test drive the new bells and whistles of what you already have in your library, often while the developers are present. I find the vendors are in listening mode. They want to know end

user views regarding potential improvements to their products.



As a Westlaw patron access subscriber I was interested in viewing and learning more about Practical Law. I also took advantage of having my ILS vendor present for some very useful face-to-face discussion regarding their product and an

upcoming contract renewal. Another popular activity in the exhibit hall is making the give-away rounds. If you are willing to spend the time you can walk away with a bag of swag that will add a few pounds to your luggage!

I spent part of my time in the exhibit hall in the member's activities areas where, once again, NOCALL shined above all with a kick-ass table.



Hats off (and thank you for the hat which I may tip) to Leslie Ann Forrester and all the volunteers who made the table look fantastic and kept up a friendly interaction with attendees throughout the conference.

AALL Annual Meeting and FUN!

Several social events were held for attendees.



Among the offerings were Irish pubs, rodeos, historic buildings, karaoke and food aplenty along the San Antonio Riverwalk. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to let off a little steam after a day of near info overload. And wherever I went I ran into NOCALL members because...

well, because we know how to have a good time!

Attending the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference is a great way to learn while recharging your batteries. This year provided programs that specifically addressed some of the concerns we have in Fresno. Vendor contacts were made that I hope will result in improved services to my library users. And, I have definitely returned to work recharged!

I encourage others to start planning for next year when the AALL Annual Meeting will be in Philadelphia with President Holly Riccio (yes, our own Holly Riccio) leading us with the program theme "The Power of Connection." It's never too early to start planning. As for my recent experience, I want to once again express my sincere thanks to NOCALL and the Grant Committee for making my attendance possible.

A MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE IN SAN ANTONIO

Jodi Collova

Loyola Law School of Los Angeles

Thank you so much to NOCALL for generously awarding me a grant to attend the 2014 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in San Antonio. I had a wonderful time at the conference, met great people, and attended useful programs. I started out the conference by volunteering for CONELL, which was fun. I enjoyed meeting other newer law librarians and learning more about AALL. I especially enjoyed the Joint Pacific Chapters reception on Saturday evening, where I saw many members of NOCALL. On Sunday, I attended the **ALL-SIS ALL-NEW roundtable discussion**. There, I participated in discussions about faculty services that were quite useful and gave me some concrete ideas of how to better work with law school faculty members. On Monday, I had the opportunity to introduce the speakers at the ALL-SIS program: **Innovation the Google Way: Implementing Google's 80/20 Program**.

I found the most useful program at the conference to be **Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Communication Strategies to Maximize Your Value** with speaker Alycia Sutor from the Akina Corporation. She encouraged librarians to consciously think about how we are presenting ourselves in the workplace. Whether we realize it or not, our words and actions communicate an image to others. It is useful to think about how we want to shape that image and act accordingly.

As many of you know, I recently moved to Los Angeles to start a new position as Reference Librarian and Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School. I will miss seeing NOCALL members regularly this year. I have already joined NOCALL's sister organization, SCALL, and plan to get involved. Thank you so much to NOCALL for your generous help with my career development. I really appreciate it!



Spotlight on...

Mark Mackler

Who has had the greatest impact on my law librarian career?

Bob Berring, without question. When I lived in Massachusetts (God's Country, and no earthquakes) I began to explore law librarianship as a second career. Everyone told me: You have to meet Bob! You have to study under Bob! So, I met Bob and I studied under him and learned so many cool things. I learned legal bibliography and research, but --more importantly--I learned how to deal with all kinds of people who would need my assistance.

What do I see as the biggest challenge facing law libraries and law librarianship?

When I attended the School of Library and Information Studies at UC Berkeley, I learned the term "disintermediation." The dictionary defines this word, first used in 1967, as "the elimination of an intermediary in a transaction between two parties." I think that no one in our Reference class believed that our profession would be ever be threatened by this stupid word and stupid concept. A few decades later, it's clear that many see disintermediation as the "magic bullet" to cut costs and overhead. And I fear that no one in our profession, including me, has figured out a foolproof way to prove our value.

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

I'd probably go back to my first profession, which was secondary school teaching. I was a teacher for 11 years, and even now I am amazed by how useful my prior teaching experience has been to me. For you readers who might be thinking that I believe that working with lawyers is like working

with adolescents, I can only quote from House of Cards: You might well think that. I couldn't possibly comment.

What's the best advice I ever received?

Eileen Santos (who then was Eileen Norris) was my first boss at Farella, Braun + Martel. She taught me how to evaluate job candidates. "Imagine that you are on a long trip with this person. Imagine that he or she is sitting next to you. By the end of the trip, how would you feel about this person?"

What would people be most surprised to learn about you?

After the 1989 earthquake, I was one of the first San Franciscans to sign up for the San Francisco Fire Department's newly-formed NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team). Since then, I've participated in countless drills, first aid and CPR sessions, as well as disaster workshops. I relish playing the role of a bloodied amputation victim. Recently, I was chosen for the Disaster Corps, which is a statewide team that could be deployed anywhere in California.



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

Denise 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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AALL**

**Registration is Open for
Law Library Managerial Leadership Online Course**

As a library professional with many skills and abilities, it is important to expand those capabilities with knowledge that will help your library succeed. Building your library management competencies positions you to assist your organization for long term success. Register today for the [Law Library Managerial Leadership Online Course](#). This five-week online course will give you the opportunity to improve your managerial leadership effectiveness, learn from experts in the field, engage with a small group of your peers, and learn practical skills that you can apply immediately. This online course will be held from October 8 to November 13 and is designed to help you advance your career potential. [Registration](#) is now open.

**Save the Dates for the
AALL Management Institute: March 26-28**

The 2015 AALL Management Institute will be held at the Palomar Hotel in Chicago. The management institute will provide participants the opportunity to build management skills, collaborate with colleagues from different types of libraries, learn in a small group setting, and develop techniques to manage with confidence. More information will be available soon!



**AALL2go Pick of the Month - Working Smart:
Innovative Ways to Do More with Your Day**

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [Working Smart: Innovative Ways to Do More with Your Day](#)

Often, whether in a law school or law firm setting, the challenge is finding enough time to get everything done. In particular, as summer's leisurely stroll winds down and fall accelerates into full sprint mode, you may wish you had more time in your day. This program offers you techniques and technologies to facilitate greater daily work efficiency and effectiveness. The speaker, a law firm librarian, gives examples of how you can do things in less time. You'll find suggestions, for instance, on how to make your software work for you, how to get the most out of your Outlook email and calendar settings, how to use text entry shortcuts, and how to get a handle on organizing folders and files. Click on the Google Sites link to locate helpful materials including the program handout and a selective resource bibliography to RSS feeds/blogs, web monitoring sources, methods of organizing computer folders and files and setting up side-by-side applications, and how-to screencasts on adding items to your PC Start menu, saving an email to your Outlook Calendar, and setting up an Outlook Rule to isolate email from others in your institution. Take time for this quick 30-minute program and you'll be "working smarter" in short order!

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