**CANDIDATE FOR NOCALL Board Member At Large**

**Name: Pati Traktman**

**Title:** Librarian

**Organization:** Rogers Joseph O’Donnell

**City:** San Francisco

**Years Employed:** 1987 - present

**Education:** BA, English, S.F. State University; MLIS, U.C. Berkeley

**Previous Employment:**

**Organization:** Steefel Levitt & Weiss

**Title:** Librarian

**Years Employed:** 1982-1987

**Candidate Statement**

When I was young my Dad would take us to the public library every Saturday afternoon. I would load up on books, one for each day of the week. My Dad liked to chat with the librarians. One day I overheard her telling him that she was looking forward to going home that evening, sitting down with a good novel and having a grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup for dinner. In other words, my definition of heaven. I wanted to be a librarian from that moment on. Then in college I stumbled onto a page-filing job and discovered law libraries.

Yes, there have been quiet evenings with a good novel. And the occasional grilled cheese with soup. But librarianship has provided so much more: intellectual challenges, personal growth, professional recognition, pride, comradeship.

I would be honored to become a Board Member at Large to give back to a profession that has given me so much.

**NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities**

Chair, NOCALL Union List Committee

**Other Professional Activities**

Co-Coordinator, San Francisco Medium Sized Firm Librarians Group