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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: YEAR IN REVIEW

How can this be my last President's Message?! Time waits for no one, so here goes. I couldn't possibly thank everyone who's worked on behalf of NOCALL this past year sufficiently. Nevertheless, this is my humble attempt.

Mary Johnson has an infinite amount of patience for NOCALL News writers who push/blow deadlines. I know because I've benefitted from her gracious extensions more than once. In fact, the whole Sacramento County Public Law Library staff has done a lot of heavy lifting for NOCALL over the years. A million thanks to each of you and your fearless leader, our outgoing treasurer. We have some big shoes to fill as they step back to let others lead.

David Holt and his committee pulled off another successful Spring Institute. Congratulations on a day filled with brainstorming, networking and collaboration! Thanks to some thoughtful work by the Task Force on Spring Institutes, and three Institute committees working to implement its recommendations, our finances are healthy. David will present a report with more details at our upcoming business meeting but let me just say, "We're in the black, and that's a fact!" Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong is already laying the groundwork for next year's Institute. I am grateful to have these two stepping up to serve and I look forward to working with them next year as Past President.

Perhaps spurred on by the wave of enthusiasm generated at the Spring Institute, the Government Relations Committee worked with our sister chapters of SCALL and SANDALL to send letters to Governor Brown and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee strongly endorsing stable funding for our county law libraries. Judy Janes, Michele Finerty and David McFadden are an advocacy force to be reckoned with!

Lori Ruth saved me by stepping in to be our secretary when Jodi Collova was unable to serve. I'm grateful to her for being willing to take on a service position on short notice. She and I are both learning how much goes into being the NOCALL secretary.

Serving as our Members-At-Large, Cindy Weller and Sarah Lin have been helpful, flexible and they've contributed to our Board discussions and decisions thoughtfully.



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Our Grants committee reviewed a record number of applications this year. Cathy and Sherry, thank you so much. Because of your diligence, NOCALL is giving members a boost to encourage professional growth and long-term engagement with our Association.

Michael Ginsborg wears multiple hats, and I appreciate his support and encouragement as I stumbled along. Sure enough, as soon as I see a glimmer of hope that I might be learning how to be NOCALL President, I'm passing the gavel on to David.

We have new Committee chairs and members: Cara Johnson in Public Relations, Kristi Chamorro in Academic Relations, Amy Wright in Nominations. I'm excited to see you take on your new roles with such enthusiasm.

Be like Cara, Kristi and Amy! Our Networking committee needs someone to take the helm. Now there's a fun committee! Plan parties and outings for yourself and your colleagues. Our Education committee is in need as well. I was just talking to Jocelyn today about the perks of arranging educational opportunities. Think of the power! You wish you could learn about xyz topic right in your backyard? Be the one in charge and make that happen.

Thank you ALL and I hope to see you at the May Business Meeting.

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### NOCALL News

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## MUSINGS FROM MARK

Mark Mackler

**LONELY LAWYERS?...**Recently, the *ABA Journal* reported on loneliness among lawyers. In a survey of more than 1,600 workers, lawyers outranked other professionals on the “loneliness scale.” Sixty-one percent of lawyers ranked above average on the scale, compared to 57 percent of engineers, 55 percent of research scientists, 51 percent of workers in food preparation, and 45 percent of workers in education and library services. The study found that higher education may be a contributing factor. Graduate degree holders were lonelier and had less workplace support than people with only undergraduate or high school degrees. *Above the Law* followed up with its own story in which it noted that these results should not come as a surprise to anyone, least of all to anyone associated with the legal field. There are few other professions where so much of the work is so solitary. Technological changes and the way law is practiced today make this kind of report inevitable.

One of the examples of technological change has been the disappearance of law libraries. The law library had been a place where lawyers met and could ask each other questions about their cases or simply talk with their colleagues. If you did not recognize a face, you could always introduce yourself and find out a little about his or her practice. It was a way to connect. For any of you who doubt my observation that lawyers often work in professional isolation: How many times has an attorney come to you with a question which was very similar to a question that another attorney had recently asked? You tell the attorney that so-and-so has a similar issue, and the response is “Who? What floor is she on?”

### **THE LEGAL PROFESSION IS ABSORBING AN INFLUX OF WOMEN...**

The April 18, 1978, *New York Times* reported on the increasing number of female attorneys in the United States. At that time, of the 118,000 law students in the United States 33,000 were women. That was ten times the number enrolled ten years earlier. Of the country’s 460,000

practicing lawyers, between 35,000 to 40,000 were women. However, women had yet to make it into professorships at the top law schools or into partnerships at the bastions of white male conservatism: the Wall Street and Park Avenue law firms. Until the last few years, courtroom doors were virtually shut to women, no matter where they worked. The few women who did graduate from law school went into government work, became law librarians, or were relegated to such fields as trusts and estates work where contact with clients was limited.

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### **TECH TALK: WHEN TECH IS HINKY, AT WHAT POINT DO WE INFORM THE USER?**

Delia L. Montesinos, Ropes & Gray LLP

Recently, an attorney asked me to run some quick company profiles so I went to the usual databases, found the company name, and clicked on the ‘report’ icon to create the tearsheets. Typically, I just take a quick gander at these reports, to confirm the company name and to make sure the formatting looks good. However, this time, because I was curious about the business, I took the time to read each report. Imagine my dismay when I realized one of them was missing some critical info! I re-ran the report and got the same result. Exited the program, closed the browser, cleared the history and cache, even rebooted the computer—because you know that’s the first thing IT always asks, “Have you tried rebooting...” sigh—and nothing worked. Each time I got the exact same result.

The issue seemed to lay with lists displayed inside frames. On-screen, you would click on ‘next page’ to view the next five items on the list. Fair enough. The problem is that the report included only the first five items of the list; it ignored the rest because they were ‘hiding’ in subsequent pages inside the frame. What puzzled me most was that the ‘report’ icon was smart enough to expand sections that were collapsed on-screen, so I knew the icon wasn’t simply

the equivalent of a 'print screen' command. Yet, I still couldn't figure out how to print a 'complete' report.

Since the FAQs did not address my issue, I assumed it was user error and called customer support for assistance. The rep was able to replicate the error through my account, so he said he would kick this up to the next service level and, in the meantime, would run the profile and send it to me. Five minutes later, I opened that report and... same info was missing. I looped back with him but [insert crickets].

I am upset on two levels: first, and most importantly, I have been running this report for MONTHS and have been sending it off to attorneys on the assumption that it worked. What am I supposed to do now? Do I search through Outlook, figure out who has received these "bad" reports, apologize profusely, and send them "good" (aka manually compiled) reports? Or do I keep quiet and simply make sure I don't run this vendor's quick report ever again?

Second, I'm disturbed because I cannot possibly be the first person who has brought this problem to their attention. While I often brag that I am The Master at finding tech bugs, let's face it, this is not some deeply hidden, trivial glitch. It's a big product failure, and there is no way the vendor is unaware of it. So why haven't they reached out and said, "Hey, we're working on this, don't use this feature right now"? Better yet, why don't they simply remove/disable it until it's fixed?

I wish I could say this is the first time a research engine has failed me in such a spectacular way. However, I seem to discover a new "doesn't-work-as-advertised" issue, be it work-related or personal, at least once a month. Which brings me to the question: when tech fails, when and how should we inform the user?

On the one hand, I totally get a vendor's reluctance to fess up because I am facing the same dilemma. If I take the honorable route, I might not only be on the receiving end of some well-deserved anger from

the attorneys but, worse, I might lose their trust in my skills—I will be the nincompoop no one wants to work with. On the other hand, OMG, this is such bad practice! I could list a number of reasons why this is bad, but only one truly matters and it's a biggie: we work in the legal realm, where incomplete/incorrect information can have serious consequences for a law firm and its clients. I think this risk clearly outweighs most arguments you can make against disclosing known glitches.

Once you've made the (right) decision to disclose a known issue, you have to decide how to share the bad news. Should you send a "stop the presses" message, potentially creating major drama? Or should you wait until the next announcement goes out and quietly slip it in? At my former law firm, the Library sent out a Daily News email, which not only compiled the top news of the day but also had a "from the library" section; this is where we disseminated this type of information. At my last job, I sent out a monthly newsletter where I summarized all tech updates, including known issues. However, if something truly urgent came up I simply sent out an email alert to my users, or walked over and personally delivered the news if it only affected a small subset.

My Summers arrive in a couple of weeks. I think it's safe to say that most of us focus on two key points when training Summer and Fall Associates: explaining billable charges and, after they've been scared witless about incurring said charges, reminding them that the legal research world does not revolve around *Wexis*; that there are plenty of other equally good databases, some even better. This year, however, I'm adding a third point: research engines contain mistakes and are often incomplete, so Always Question Authority. I think it's a lesson I need to re-learn myself.

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, let's do a quick review of what's happened in the legal tech world these past four months:

- BNA set a timeline to [sunset](#) BNA.com; for most, the lights-off date will coincide with the end of

contract date. They will also cease a number of print publications, though some of these titles will continue to be available electronically.

- Casetext rolled out [new enhancements](#) to its platform, including CARA AI. This uber-cool citation tool now accepts any type of litigation document, including (gasp!) docs that have no legal citations. Cites or not, CARA will return a list of relevant authority and, per Bob Ambrogio's testing, the results are pretty good, though, as he notes, it does work best with litigation-related documents.
- Fastcase launched its AI Sandbox for law firms, which sounds pretty darn awesome and you should [read](#) all about it. What interests me, however, is the continued growth of their secondary materials: not only have they [launched](#) their own press but they've [added](#) content from WK, as well as a bunch of employment [treatises](#) from Littler.
- Lexis continues to integrate new tools and content into Advance. Soon, patent content in Advance will be [driven](#) by TotalPatent One—on the up side, better visual and searching capabilities; on the down side, the revamped TotalPatent One platform is v-e-r-y s-l-o-w. Ravel integration is also [coming soon!](#) Have loved Ravel for years and am super excited to see how this pans out.
- ROSS [launched](#) EVA, a free brief analyzer citation tool. Sounds familiar, you say? Casetext thought so too, so they challenged them to a live Robot Fight at Legaltech/Legalweek. Alas, ROSS declined to participate, but Casetext went ahead and staged it anyway. To find out who won, read this [recap](#). As far as I'm concerned, it's a win for the users: we got a fun Robot Fight and a new cool FREE citation tool to boot. Sign me up!
- Thomson Reuters [released](#) their Data Privacy Advisor, an AI-driven product for monitoring and researching global privacy rules and regulations.
- Wolters Kluwer launched a [new tax tool](#) for estate planning attorneys. This is not a fun area of law, at least for me, and the tool looks to be super-helpful in unraveling tax laws and regulations.

## PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

Elisabeth McKechnie, U.C. Davis Law Library

**“Gun Violence Archive,”** by Wendell G. Johnson, *C&RL News*, April 2018, p206

This short piece discusses the new Gun Violence Archive (<http://www.gunviolencearchive.org>) and its relevance given the more than a dozen school shootings in 2018. He also discusses the home page navigation tools and methodology for gathering statistics. He recommends the use of the “Congressional Reports” tab to see gun violence statistics broken out by congressional district.

**“Perspectives in Hiring Academic Librarians with Frequent Job Changes,”** by Marilia Y. Antunez, *Journal of Library Administration*, vol. 58, no. 3, pp. 205-229, 2018

The authors created a study of library administrators and other librarians who had made hiring recommendations toward librarian candidates with a history of frequent job changes. While more than half of the 230 participants believed that frequent job changes reflected unfavorably on the candidates, the study showed that in fact there is no systematic bias against such job-seekers.

**“Post-Facts: Information Literacy and Authority after the 2016 Election,”** by Stephanie R. Blumemle, *Libraries and the Academy*, vol. 18, no. 2, April 2018, pp. 265-282

This article discusses the problems of teaching authority in information literacy in a ‘post-truth’ era flooded with fake news. Source evaluation by itself is no longer sufficient and cannot act as an antidote to Americans’ information illiteracy. It also addresses the issue of where such authority resides where 58% of Republicans believe that colleges and universities have a negative effect on the country.

**“So What the Hell is Doxxing?,”** by Decca Muldowney, *ProPublica*, Nov. 4, 2017. Available at: <https://www.propublica.org/article/so-what-the-hell-is-doxxing>

We are all newly sensitive to the ways in which our personal data can be stolen and used against

us. Doxxing, short for ‘dropping documents’ is the publication of personal contact data for the purposes of harassment. People’s ‘documents’—records of their finances, relatives, addresses—get posted online in implicit invitation for others to attack them. It’s been used to shame people taking part in white supremacist marches, except the doxers got the identity wrong. This article gives advice on how to protect yourself from doxxing, although it’s impossible to do so fully. Using two-factor authentication, strong passwords, increasing privacy settings on social media and removing yourself from people search sites are a beginning.

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## WRAPPING UP MY FROG PROJECT

Sarah Lin, Reed Smith

In May 2017 I received the joint TS-SIS & OBS-SIS’ Funding Research Opportunities Grant to look into the possibility of connecting NOCALL member library discards with Council of California County Law Libraries (CCCLL) member libraries who needed them. As you may remember, this idea came from Ellen Platt’s suggestion during the 2015 Spring Institute that if the county law library budgets were so limited, perhaps NOCALL members had books they didn’t need that would fill those gaps. Over the last year I circulated surveys to NOCALL members and CCCLL members (thank you to everyone who participated!), talked with county law librarians, and attended the advocacy-focused 2018 Spring Institute in order to examine the needs of the county law libraries and how discarded materials could fill those needs. For some time, our larger county law libraries, like San Francisco and Sacramento, have had various informal arrangements to pass superseded materials to smaller counties who needed them. As I reported in previous articles, I surveyed libraries for needs and availability and the general feeling was that “it depends” which materials would be available and which would be needed. That wasn’t enough to justify the expenditure of time and resources to

craft and maintain a website dedicated to materials exchange as I had envisioned. The current transfer of materials between large and small counties does not appear to be broken and the availability of materials, plus their ability to get to another county, was largely dependent on what those future materials might be—and there’s no way to predict what materials would be available and by whom. Additionally, attending the Spring Institute really drove home that out of date books will not help the funding crisis our county law libraries are in—the problem is much larger than their acquisitions budgets.

Although I examined this problem with an acquisitions lens, I learned a great deal about the plight of our county law libraries. There are opportunities for NOCALL—both the organization and individual members—to make a tangible difference to CCCLL members. Facilitating communication between members of CCCLL and NOCALL would be a great place to start. If there were permanent lines of communication open between the organizations (rather than relying on the time of certain dual members), CCCLL members could describe where they want help and what form of help they want, whether it is old books on a particular subject, letters to congressional representatives, or help with a marketing campaign. Communication could come from meetings between organization presidents, sharing minutes, a CCCLL member sitting on NOCALL’s Access to Justice committee, or a dedicated cross-organization committee. The other opportunity NOCALL has is to open membership—a special membership category or even just access to the listserv—to CCCLL members. The NOCALL Board would most likely want to poll the membership to see reception to these ideas but opening the NOCALL membership doors a little wider could present tangible examples of ILLs filled, workshop attended, new law librarians mentored, or even grants awarded to give more of our largesse than simply books we’d otherwise dump in the recycle bin.

Although out of date books aren’t a panacea, there are certainly concrete ways for NOCALL to help our

county law libraries and I hope that our membership will take time to think about how they'd like to help and communicate that to the Board. In order for the Legislature to increase county law library acquisition budgets, it will take a lot of Californians working together through advocacy and knowledge sharing. Luckily, these are two areas in which librarians excel!

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## COMMITTEE CORNER - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jourdan Corbitt, LibSource

*In this installment, Jessica Brasch highlights the current activities of the Membership Committee. Have committee business you'd like to share with the community? Please email [Jourdan.Corbitt@LibSource.com](mailto:Jourdan.Corbitt@LibSource.com).*

### **Please describe the important work done by the Membership Committee.**

The Membership Committee provides essential administrative functions that keep NOCALL running. We manage the system that processes member applications and renewals, collects dues, and provides access to the NOCALL directory. Because we have administrator access to the membership system, we are also able to assist with event planning and registrations.

### **Tell us about your latest news/accomplishments.**

NOCALL's annual membership drive is right around the corner! The new membership year starts on June 1st, and renewal notices will go out the last week of May. Please be sure that your Membership Profile (especially your email address) is up to date, by logging on to [nocall.wildapricot.org](http://nocall.wildapricot.org). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [membership@nocall.org](mailto:membership@nocall.org).

This will be my first time managing renewals as Membership Chair, having taken over the position last September. I certainly cannot take credit for this, but I think a major accomplishment of the Membership

Committee was the move to our current management system, Wild Apricot. I believe this was spearheaded by Tina Dumas and David Holt. I have found Wild Apricot to be fairly intuitive and easy to use. Much of the membership process is automated, which makes my job much easier.

That said, there are still some kinks to be worked out, and we are still learning new things about the system and settings. For example, invoices were not being automatically generated for organizations that "bundle" their memberships, and unbeknownst to the individual members, several memberships lapsed last Fall. We've changed the settings so that this should not happen again this year. I also recently reached out to bundle administrators to make sure their bundle's information is current for the next billing cycle. If you have any questions about your bundle, please contact [membership@nocall.org](mailto:membership@nocall.org).

### **How many committee members are there?**

At this time it is a committee of one, which actually has been working fine. The Wild Apricot system takes some time to learn, and it might be confusing to have too many admins. I've had the benefit of the past Committee Chair, David Holt, being actively involved as an admin and available for questions and troubleshooting. If anyone is interested in taking over the role of Committee Chair in the future, I will be happy to do the same.

### **What are the future goals of the Membership Committee?**

My main goal is to keep the system running with as few glitches as possible. The membership process should be easy enough for our members to navigate on their own without too much involvement by me. However, one downside to such an easy, automated system is that notices and reminders are more easily missed. I hope to reach out to the NOCALL community about the membership process on a regular basis, so that it continues to be on their radar. Hopefully this column will help do just that!

## E-READER LIBRARIAN'S DIGITAL BOOK REVIEWS

Elisabeth McKechnie, U.C. Davis Law Library

*\*Book prices will be listed where available; All prices are accurate as of writing date and may have changed by the time this column goes to press. Books are sourced from Amazon.com unless otherwise noted.*

### **Let There Be Laughter: A Treasury of Great Jewish Humor and What It All Means**, by Michael Krasny

Price: \$1.99

Formats: Kindle

First, the confession: I haven't read this book myself. I got the Kindle version for my non-Jewish husband as an anniversary gift. Now my only conversation with him is a series of loud hoots, chuckles and the bad jokes he reads out to me. I interpret this to mean that he's loving the book and highly recommends it. It not only has jokes but also a history of Jewish humor and humorists in this country, which he also reads to me. His only complaint is that the glossary of terms is limited, such that he has to resort to Google to find the difference between a schlemiel and a schlemazl.

### **Lucy Maud Montgomery Short Stories 1986-1922**, by L.M. Montgomery

Price: Free

Formats: EPUB, Kindle, Plain Text

Source Note: Project Gutenberg (Author page):

[www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/author/36](http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/author/36)

Most of us know her as the author of Anne of Green Gables and its sequels. Montgomery was a prolific author of short, folksy stories which she published in church newsletters and widely published magazines. While we might consign her writing to juvenile or teen readers, in reality she wrote for adults. These stories reflect the same wit and humor displayed in Anne, some including characters from Avonlea. When I need a peaceful read, I dip into one of her stories, relaxing and transporting me to another, slower-paced world. Cheaper than tranquilizers.

Project Gutenberg has collected these stories from various sources and divided them for download by date of production: 1896-1901, 1902-1903, 1904, 1905-1906, 1907-1908, 1909-1922.

### **Whose Body?** (The Lord Peter Wimsey Mysteries Book 1) by Dorothy L. Sayers

Price: \$2.99 at Amazon.com

Format: Kindle

Price: Free at Feedbooks:

<http://www.feedbooks.com/book/3406/whose-body>

Format: EPUB, Kindle, PDF

This is the first in a series of mysteries begun by Sayers in 1923 and you are in for a treat if you haven't read Lord Peter yet. Lord Peter Death Bredon Wimsey is the younger son of a Duke and the black sheep of the family. Instead of settling down to a country life of huntin', fishin' and book collectin', he haunts police courts and solves mysteries for the fun of it. A strange corpse has appeared in a suburban architect's bathroom, stark naked save for an incongruous pince-nez. The police blame the architect for the murder but Lord Peter has his doubts. The characters are fun and fleshed out, the plot is perplexing but not bloody. Follow Lord Peter and his loyal man, Bunter, as they ferret out the murderer. This is British mystery at its most aristocratic.



*Spotlight on...*

## **Pati Traktman**

### ***How did you choose law librarianship as a career?***

Like a lot of people I didn't choose law librarianship as much as I fell into it. I had always wanted to be a librarian. My Dad took us kids to the library every Saturday and I just loved it there. In college I desperately needed a job that I could do around classes. My Mom met a woman who owned a filing business in a meditation class (oh, Marin in the 70s!) and I started filing in law firm libraries. The rest is history.

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

Working as a genealogist. As a matter of fact I am thinking of that as something to do when I eventually retire. Librarians make great genealogists. We have the reserch skills and a passion for solving puzzles, helping people get answers.

### ***Who had the greatest impact on my law librarian career?***

The two Marys: Mary Hays and Mary Staats. I was filing at Cooley Godward while in college. Cooley hired its first law librarian, Mary Hays, about a year after I started there and she really took me under her wing. She taught me the ins and outs of legal research, let me work flexible hours while I finished my B.A. Just a wonderful role model. When I was ready to apply to UC Berkeley for the MLIS program she put me in touch with Mary Staats who was an alum. Mary S. was able to give me some insights into the program. And she recommended me for an interview for her job at Rogers Joseph when she left in 1987. I got it and I've been at Rogers ever since!

### ***Is there anything obscure that you know more than the average bear about?***

On the work side of life - I would say government contracts law. The firm has a very active national practice in this area. It's a whole separate world of case law and research and acronyms. Lots of acronyms. On the personal side of life – Irish genealogy research.

### ***Is there anything most people don't know about you?***

I volunteer at the United Irish Cultural Center Library here in San Francisco. It's the first all-Irish library in the United States. I've never worked in anything other than law firm libraries so this has been a great opportunity to use my skills in a totally different library arena.

**PROPOSED NOCALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 18, 2018, 10:00am-11:00am

by conference call hosted UC Davis (using Zoom)

Members Present: Ramona Collins, Michael Ginsborg, Coral Henning, David Holt, Sarah Lin, Lori Ruth, Cindy Beck Weller

**Greetings****Status Updates on Upcoming 2018 Events**Winter/Fall Workshop

Ramona Collins: The Winter Workshop was cancelled. However, NOCALL did co-host the [SLA Sierra Nevada Chapter's Fall Workshop: Generation Gap -- Benefits and Challenges of a Mixed Generation Workforce](#) in October 2017. Unfortunately, Holly Riccio needed to step down as Education Committee Chair, who is responsible for organizing the Workshop. Holly won a AALL award for her 2016 Fall Workshop programming and we thank her for her service. We hope to hold a 2018 Fall Workshop at the California Judicial Center, who are happy to host, on the topic of Supreme Courts – Federal and State if a volunteer steps forward. A notice was posted on the website that we are seeking a new Education Committee Chair.

Election

Ramona Collins: A notice went to the Board with the slate of candidates for the upcoming election. The slate will be published in NOCALL News shortly. A vote on the Chapter Mascot will also be included.

Spring Institute

David Holt: We are currently finalizing the keynote speaker, a professional advocacy trainer. There will be three tracks: 1) county law library funding led by the guest speaker; 2) metrics and assessment in law firm libraries; and 3) how to integrate library services into skills training. An announcement is currently being reviewed and will be published in the upcoming NOCALL News as well as the California County Council of Law Librarians newsletter. We hope that the Institute will get a good turn out from county law libraries. There was discussion about how to do outreach to the county law libraries as well as recruit volunteers. President Collins feels good about where we are in preparation for the Institute.

Master Calendar

Ramona Collins: We are currently using Google to host the NOCALL master calendar. Board members and committee chairs are encouraged to enter important dates and deadlines. So far, the Treasurer's deadlines have been entered. Using a master calendar is part of an effort to preserve institutional knowledge for future officers. The Master Calendar will be mentioned at the upcoming the Business Meeting.

### NOCALL News

The September and January NOCALL News editions have been compiled and two more will be coming out in March and May. There was discussion about having a column in NOCALL News where committee activities would be promoted and volunteer solicitations made.

Deadlines:

~~9/8/17~~

~~11/3/17~~

~~1/5/18~~

3/9/18

5/4/18

### **Committee review**

#### Administration cluster (Coordinator: David Holt)

-AALL Liaison (Chair, Coral Henning). No report given.

-Archives. Ramona Collins: Have not had time to give deep thought to that committee or how to use our archives and supplement them. Currently the archives are housed at Stanford and a Chair is needed.

-Audit and Budget. (Chair, Jean Willis). \$46,228.26 in Checking, \$6,399.90 in Savings, Total: \$52,628.16. Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong did a great job getting vendors to remit via paypal. Currently there is \$3,000 that needs to be transferred, increasing the total: \$55,228.16.

-Constitution and Bylaws. (Chair, Chuck Marcus). No report given.

-Nominations. Amy Wright is the new Chair!

#### Communication cluster (Coordinator: Lori Ruth)

-Newsletter (Chair, Mary Pinard-Johnson). See above report.

-Webpage (Chair, Julie Horst). No report given.

-Technology (Chair, David Holt). Ramona Collins: Materials created in the course of planning the Spring Institute should be scanned and put on the Google drive. There is a plan to move the material on the wiki to the Google drive, in order for there to be a single location for institutional knowledge. There is a plan to put the Election Procedures on the Google drive as a test case for working out procedures for preserving institutional knowledge.

David Holt: Goal for the next 12 months is to move the domain name from Network Solutions to Amazon. There is a billing issue that is in the process of being resolved. Once the domain

moves over, this expense will be negligible, about .50/month. The only other technology expense is \$70/month for Wild Apricot.

Education cluster (Coordinator: Cindy Beck Weller)

-Education. New Chair need. Ramona Collins put an announcement in NOCALL News. Need an Education Chair in order to make the Fall Workshop happen.

-Networking. Chair April Eudy has been coming up with great events, such as Four Corners.

-Spring Institute. Chair David Holt asked when online registration should launch. The event is planned for March 16. Logistical details were discussed involving sending vendors hotel information, where to hold the reception, and what registration for the reception would look like.

Membership cluster (Coordinator: Sarah Lin)

-Academic Relations. Kristina Chamorro is the new Chair!

-Membership. Chair, Jessica Brasch, is doing great job. Jessica compiled a list of lapsed NOCALL members. Ramona Collins has not been able to contact lapsed members. President Collins suggested that Board members review the list of lapsed members and provide feedback on which members would be good candidates for renewal.

-Placement. Chairs Robyn Moltzen and Judy Heier. Going well.

-Outreach cluster (Coordinator: Coral Henning)

-Government Relations. Chair Judy Janes' Report via email:

We are closely following the Net Neutrality issue and stand ready to participate as appropriate.

The FCC's vote to repeal the US government regulation requiring fair and equal access to digital data requires publication in the Federal Register which then allows Congress to introduce a resolution of disapproval. It appears this will happen. We continue to follow AALL's lead on this issue.

-Access to Justice. Chair, Michael Ginsborg, is still looking for additional members. He did receive a good response to his initial announcement and now has five new members. Member-at-Large, Sarah Lin, proposed a project to create a "toolkit" to assist pro se users in expunging their criminal records for past marijuana convictions. They will work together to research the requirements and create the toolkit. Eventually, the idea would be to provide the toolkit to County Law Libraries. President Collins suggested writing up the proposal in the NOCALL News to gauge interest among NOCALL members who might step up to help create the toolkit.

-Community Service. (Chair, Monica Stam). No report given.

-Public Relations. A new chair is needed.

-Recognition cluster (Coordinator: Michael Ginsborg).

-Awards. Chair, Michael Ginsborg, reported soliciting the membership for nominations

by email. One nomination has been received so far. He expects to continue making announcements until the deadline of March 16, 2018.

-Grants. Chairs Cathy Hardy and Sherry Takacs are doing a great job. There should be grant money for the upcoming Spring Institute.

-Memorials (Chairs, Leslie Hesdorfer and Jane Metz). No report given.

Treasurer's Report (Coral Henning). Refer to Audit & Budget report.

## PROPOSED NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2018, 11:00am-1:00pm

Weil – Redwood Shores

Call in number: 888-235-7501

Conference ID number: 6508023024

Attendees: Luci Barry, Ramona Collins, Maribel Nash, Michael Ginsborg, Corinne Tomeo, David Holt, Cara Johnson, Nicole Lemieux, Emily Morris, Lori Ruth, Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong, Sherry Takacs

Thanks and introductions.

Speaker: Camelia Naranch, Digital Projects & Continuing Resources Librarian at Stanford University, Robert Crown Law Library, to present the ABA Women Trailblazers and the Law Project. Thank you for coming today.

### Announcements

Thanks to Luci Barry and Emily Morris at Weil for hosting.

Fall Workshop (co-sponsored with SLA Sierra Nevada Chapter). This event went well and our financial contribution fit within our budget.

The Proposed Winter Workshop has been cancelled until Fall 2018.

The Education Committee needs additional volunteers and a new Chair.

The NOCALL 2018 Election will take place in March. Lori Ruth, in her secretary role, will create and share the ballot with members using survey monkey.

Slate: **VP/President Elect:** Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong  
Law Librarian, Sixth District Court of Appeal

**Treasurer:** Nancy McEnroe  
Reference Librarian, Alameda County Law Library

#### **Board Members at Large**

Steve Feller  
Law Professor, San Francisco Law School  
and  
Pati Traktman  
Librarian, Rogers Joseph O'Donnell

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**Old Business**

David Holt moved to approve the September 27, 2017 Business Meeting minutes, Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**New Business****Review of 2017-18 budget** (Ramona Collins for Jean Willis)

The budget is healthy. Ramona proposed that NOCALL offer funding for the Pacific Chapters joint reception in Baltimore to make up for our lapse last year. The Audit and Budget Committee supported the proposal. Ramona will contact the President of the Puget Sound Chapter who are in line to host in 2018 and provide a report.

Jean proposed offering some additional grants to AALL this summer and stated that grant recipients should report back to the chapter – via a newsletter article – on how attending the conference was meaningful for them and assisted them in their job.

**Committee reports****Administration cluster** (Coordinator: David Holt)

-**AALL Liaison** (Coral Henning). Meg Kribble from Harvard is our VIP this year. Coral will host her.

-**Archives** (short report by Ramona Collins). This committee is inactive at the moment. There is a collection of paper materials held at the Stanford Library. The [charge of the Archives Committee](#) is available on the NOCALL site, and could use updating.

-**Audit and Budget** (Jean Willis). See report in New Business, above.

-**Constitution and Bylaws** (Chuck Marcus). Recent bylaws changes and an amendment to the constitution have been completed.

-**Nominations** (Amy Wright is new Chair). This committee will start work on next election cycle in 2019.

**Communication cluster** (Coordinator: Lori Ruth)

-**Newsletter** (Mary Johnson) Most recent issue is out. Election slate and candidate bios are in there.

-**Webpage** (Julie Horst). No report. All is well.

-**Wiki** (Jaye Lapachet). There was a discussion of a possible migration of the institutional knowledge in the Wiki to the NOCALL shared Google drive. A committee would need to be formed to consider how/whether to complete this project.

-**Technology** (David Holt). No report.

Education cluster (Coordinator: Cindy Weller, Member-at-Large).

-Education (NEW CHAIR NEEDED). No report.

-Networking (April Eudy). Recent Four Corners celebrations in SF, Sacramento, San Jose, and the Central Valley went well.

-Spring Institute (David Holt). David reported that the event is coming along very well. Registration is open as of January 24, 2018. The theme of the Institute is advocacy in all library types. The institute will be held at the California Museum in downtown Sacramento.

-Membership cluster (Coordinator: Sarah Lin, Member-at-Large)

-Academic Relations (Kristina Chamorro is new Chair).

-Membership (Jessica Brasch, Chair) Ramona Collins, with help from Board, hopes to reach out to members who have not renewed.

-Placement (Robyn Moltzen and Judy Heier, Co-Chairs). No report.

Outreach cluster (Coordinator: Coral Henning, Treasurer).

-Government Relations (Judy Janes). No report.

-Access to Justice (Michael Ginsborg). The committee has a good number of members who will develop projects to support the committee's charge.

-Community Service (Monica Stam, Chair). No report.

-Public Relations (NEW CHAIR NEEDED). After a discussion of the committee's charge, Cara Johnson expressed interest in becoming the Chair.

Recognition cluster (Coordinator: Michael Ginsborg).

-Awards (Michael Ginsborg). The committee has received one nomination so far. Nominations may be submitted by using the form on the [Award Committee website page](#).

-Grants (Cathy Hardy and Sherry Takacs, Co-Chairs). Sherry Takacs reported that there is \$2000 in the budget for grants. There will be a special one-time \$600 grant earmarked toward AALL Registration generously donated by Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton LLP in memory of Debbie Maglione. Grants are available for the Spring Institute. Application deadline is March 1st. Grants for the AALL Conference will be awarded prior to the Early Bird registration deadline.

-Memorials (Leslie Hesdorfer and Jane Metz, Co-Chairs). No report.

Meeting adjourned at 1pm.



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