

# NOCALL News

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## President's Message

The air is cooling off, the days are shorter, and fall is officially almost here – so it's time for another issue of the *NOCALL News*! I'm happy to report that our association has had a wonderful quarter, including a very interesting and productive AALL. Looking back at my time in DC with our current VP, Sarah Lin, I can say that NOCALL was present and accounted for at so many sessions and events throughout the conference – I'm so impressed with our members and everything that you all do to contribute to our profession!

While I was at AALL, I ran into NOCALLers everywhere:

- I got to catch up with a number of you at the City Tap House for the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception – always a fun event, where we can see our local friends as well as our friends from SCALL, WestPAC, NOCALL, LLOPS, and SANDALL. This year's event was very well attended, and I know we all had fun.
- We had a NOCALL-only event at the Henley Park Hotel, and it was lovely to see some of you at this informal meet-up.
- Our amazing bulletin board, featuring a life-size cut-out of RBG, is the board that launched a million selfies. Thank you to our amazing Public Relations Committee (Courtney Nguyen, Les Forrester, and Shannon Burchard) for putting it together – you guys always make sure we have the sharpest board in the display area (and the fastest-disappearing swag, of course!).
- Sarah Lin co-led a technology discussion at the Leadership Training for Chapters
- Our members Diane Rodriguez, Jean Willis, and Marlene Harmon participated in Lobby Day, making the world better for legal information and access to justice issues.
- Jean Willis presented the Bethany J. Ochal Awards (and our dear friend Coral Henning was honored with one of these awards) at the GLL-SIS Business Meeting.
- Christina Tarr presented two sessions on the transition to TIND at Berkeley Law Library (Deep Dive: Things you need to know before moving to a New ILS, and OBS-SIS Hot Topic Forum).
- Jeremy Sullivan was one of the panelists for Deep Dive: The Federal and State Court Analytics Market – Should the Buyer Beware? What's on the Horizon?
- Ramona Collins spoke about Shiftboard at the AALL Cool Tools session, and of course...

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- Our own Diane Rodriguez was featured during the Meet the Candidates session, as she's running for AALL President!

For those who weren't able to make it to AALL, our fabulous Networking Committee put together a bowling night, and I honestly wish I could have been in both places - all the attendees seemed to have a great time!

As the weather is getting colder, we're looking forward to our September Business Meeting, which will be held at Downey Brand in Sacramento (many thanks again to Angelia for providing the space!). We're also starting to think about our annual Four Corners Holiday Celebration – if you're interested in hosting for your region, please reach out to our Public Relations Chair, Courtney Nguyen, for the details!

I also wanted to mention that the State Bar has reached out to NOCALL for public comment on "Regulatory Reforms Aimed at Increasing Access to Lower-cost Legal Services Supported by Technology" – if you have any comments on this, please forward them to me ([Jocelyn.stilwell@jud.ca.gov](mailto:Jocelyn.stilwell@jud.ca.gov)) for inclusion in NOCALL's letter. I'll be working with our friends and fellow NOCALL members at the CCCLL to make sure we give the State Bar a good assessment from the perspective of law librarians.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of our chairs and committee members who make NOCALL such a force to be reckoned with. Being on a committee is a good bit of work, and being a committee chair is even more demanding. But you, our members, step up to the plate every year to keep NOCALL vital and thriving.

Your fellowship and friendship make volunteering fun, and I'm proud to call you my peers and my colleagues. If you're a returning committee member or chair, thank you so much, I'm lucky to have your help and your experience. If you're a new committee chair or committee member, I'm excited to work with you enthusiastic new folks over this upcoming year!

If you're interested in volunteering with NOCALL but haven't reached out yet, we do have a few chair positions open: we're searching for a Nominations Committee Chair and an Archives Chair. If you'd like to help out on any other existing committees, I know our chairs are always on the lookout for a few good folks! Volunteering with NOCALL has been a joy and a learning experience for me, and I know many of us feel the same way. Don't wait, join the fun!

All my best,

Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong  
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## NOCALL News

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## HEADNOTES FROM HOLLY

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**LAWYERS TURNED AUTHORS...** We often hear about lawyers that decide they love the research part of being a lawyer, but not the lawyering piece, as they often leave “the dark side” to join the law librarianship ranks. However, there is also a contingent of lawyers that move from the law to writing fiction, either full time or as a side gig. I had the pleasure of working with two such individuals during my career. The first is Monique Truong, who I met when she was a young IP associate and I was a baby law librarian, both of us working in large law in NYC. She has since left the legal profession to pursue writing full time, and has just published her third novel, *The Sweetest Fruits*. Her passion for research, while not legal in nature anymore, is evident in her masterful prose, focusing this time on the story of Lafcadio Hearn as told through the eyes of three of the most prominent women in his life. The second is Reece Hirsch, who I worked with at a San Francisco law firm many years ago. He manages to both practice law and write fictional thrillers, drawing on his privacy practice for his characters and content. His latest book, *Black Nowhere*, is the first in a series featuring a female FBI cybercrime investigator. I know there are other lawyers turned authors out there in the legal-sphere, so if you know of any to add to the list, please share them with me.

**WORDS HAVE WEIGHT...** I have been listening to Stephen King read his book *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*, not only because I enjoy his fiction and wanted to hear about his process, but also to learn more about the craft of writing on the whole. There are a multitude of great quotes and takeaways so far, and many have meanings that extend far beyond writing. Some of my favorites are:

- “You can approach the act of writing with nervousness, excitement, hopefulness, or despair...come to it any way but lightly.”
- “When you write a book, you spend day after day scanning and identifying the trees. When you’re done, you have to step back and look at the forest.”
- “The scariest moment is always just before you start. After that, things can only get better.”
- “To write is human. To edit, divine.”

**DIVINE EDITING...** I had the unique pleasure of working with an editor during my time in my last law firm position, and started leveraging his expertise the minute I decided to run for AALL President. I will never forget when I shared my first draft of my candidate’s statement for his initial review. Before rereading it, he told me that “...[w]hatever you have written, I will push you to do better,” so I knew that he was in my corner, and we shared the common goal of getting the best possible writing out of me. As expected, he provided the requisite grammatical edits and wordsmithing, but also said this to me: “Your statement is full of life and humor and authenticity, then all of a sudden you put on the uber-librarian death mask.” (Ouch!) But, he was right, as my voice and personality had become lost halfway through my statement. I always remember this comment when writing, and constantly strive for my writing to be more Madame Bovary, less Nurse Ratched. Over the course of my term as AALL President, I wrote habitually, and with practice—and sound editing advice—my writing developed and improved, and continues to grow to this day. As all writers know, great writing is a continual process and never-ending pursuit, but one that is well worth the journey.

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## E-LIBRARIAN BOOK REVIEWS

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\*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.

**Title:** *Locating the Law, a Handbook for Non-Law Librarians, 6th ed. (2018)*

**By:** SCALL, Public Access to Legal Information Committee, Elizabeth Caulfield, ed.

**Source:** Southern California Association of Law Librarians

**Source URL:** <https://scallnet.org/publications/>

**Format:** PDF

**Price:** Free

Many of us deal with the general public who are struggling to handle their own legal affairs. This handbook combines a manual for them but also for

the non-law librarian trying to serve them. In simple language, this book explains the United States legal system and the very basics of California legal research. It also includes bibliographies of reference works in various subject areas, a discussion of county law libraries in California and resources for unrepresented parties. Best of all, it's free.

**Title:** *What a Colored Man Should Do to Vote*

**By:** Anonymous

**Publisher:** Unknown

**Source:** Project Gutenberg <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/60103/60103-h/60103-h.htm>

**Format:** EPUB, Kindle Html

**Price:** Free

This book, written during the days of the poll tax, gives state by state directions on how a black man in the American South can successfully vote. It gives instructions on behavior, documents to be retained and presented at the polls, residency and registration requirements so that the black male voter can't be turned away before casting his vote. Just reading the instructions gives the reader a summary of the law at that time and a good chill because it wasn't that long ago.

**Title:** *One Way*

**Author:** S.J. Morden

**Source:** Amazon.com

**Format:** Kindle

**Price:** \$4.99

Frank Kittridge is a lifer in a private prison somewhere in the United States. Formerly an architect, he killed his son's drug dealer without regret or remorse. He's been inside for years when he's offered a once in a lifetime deal to travel to Mars and build the first human scientific settlement as part of a convict work gang. He's not being freed, he'll still be serving his time, but on Mars, first building and then supporting the base he and the other cons (murderers all) create. He agrees and is duly shipped to Mars with his team. This book details in scientific detail what it would take to put a team on Mars with all its dangers. Not all the dangers stem from the planet itself. This book was enthralling and had me hooked all the way through. Very well done. Note: There is sequel pending, which costs much more than the first book. I'm on the library list for it.

**Title:** *The Book of the Unnamed Midwife*

**Author:** Meg Ellison

**Source:** Amazon.com

**Format:** Kindle

**Price:** \$3.99, free on Kindle Unlimited

Ever read a book that, while you dislike much of the content, you can't stop reading it because it's so well-written? That's this post-apocalyptic science fiction book. The heroine, whose name keeps changing during her account, survives a plague that decimates the human population. Women and children are nearly eradicated, leaving a big gender imbalance. Afterwards, women mostly die in unsuccessful childbirth and society has fragmented into small groups of men armed with guns. Our heroine soon learns that women have become prized possessions, subject to slavery, gang rape and mistreatment. Dressed as a man and toting a gun, she makes her way from the hospital in San Francisco where she had been a nurse/midwife, inland, trying to find a safe place. The book is her diary, depicting the people she comes across, stays with and befriends along her way. Note: There are two indirect sequels, priced \$1.99 each. I haven't cracked them yet.

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## LEGAL TECH RECAP

**Delia L. Montesinos, Ropes & Gray**

AALL took place in July and there were lots of tech announcements and reveals, most of which are listed below. Be sure to read the recaps about the state of litigation analytics products at the end of this column—as more and more attorneys begin to request these kinds of stats, we need to be aware of their limitations.

### BLOOMBERG

- Dropped BNA from its name and [rebranded](#) as Bloomberg Industry Group.
- [Unveiled](#) a Litigation Resources page, which organizes litigation-related research tools and reference materials, including statutes of limitations, jury instructions, court rules, laws, and regulations. The new page is part of the Litigation Practice Guidance, a suite of resources for litigators that includes overviews, checklists, sample forms and sample filings.

- [Previewed](#) their yet-to-be named brief analyzer, an AI-powered tool that checks briefs for missing authorities or arguments, à la CARA. Bloomberg expects to beta test in September and to launch by the end of the year, based on feedback from the beta testers.
- [Announced](#) it will deliver a new pricing strategy based on the seats you need versus the traditional enterprise-pricing model offered by most competitors. They also will have “transparent” pricing; meaning, they will disclose their tiered pricing so everyone pays the same per seat within each tier.
- Minutes for the CRIV Semiannual Call are [here](#). Of note, the standing order program will continue through the end of the year.

### CASEMAKER

- [Unveiled](#) a redesigned platform, with more intuitive navigation, faster search, and expanded functionality. New features include Alerts for new developments, enhanced search bar with Advanced Search option, breadcrumbs, shareable links, and CMN integration.
- [Partnered](#) with Tracers to provide access to public and business records information. Subscribers are re-directed to Tracers to access the data but are entitled to special pricing.

### CASETEXT

- [Introduced](#) their new citator, SmartCite. Like other citators it has flags, including one for cases that rely on overruled cases, and it’s also integrated with CARA. O’Grady talks about it [here](#), Ambrogi [here](#).
- [Partnered](#) with Tracers to provide access to public and business records information. Users will receive a discount on their monthly minimum access fee from Tracers and usage is credited against this fee.
- [Added](#) annotations for state and federal statutes, rules and regulations. Their “smarter” annotations highlight “key referencing passages” to show language that has been heavily cited by later cases and also show where the court applied “emphasis added.”

### CONTINUING EDUCATION OF THE BAR (CEB)

- [Launched](#) a completely revamped research platform with new pricing. Anyone can sign up for free and access case law and statutes, as well as CEB law alerts and articles. OnLAW option includes secondary sources, Plus adds unlimited CLE and a case citator, and Pro adds expanded practice area libraries.
- [Added](#) *Simmons’ Wage and Hour Manual for California Employers* and *Sullivan on Comp* to their OnLAW libraries. What a hugely major coup!

### FASTCASE

- [Announced](#) its app now synchronizes with the desktop version of the same.
- [Released](#) the first two insurance treatises published under its Full Court Press publishing arm. Also [announced](#) the publishing of On Legal AI, from CodeX and LexMachina co-founder Joshua Walker.
- [Partnered](#) with the Florida Bar to launch Case Alerts, a daily report of FL court decisions in key practice areas.
- [Announced](#) it is relaunching Law Street Media at the end of 2019. The ‘new’ product will not only provide legal news but also will connect to Docket Alarm & Fastcase. The Company also plans to work with state bar partners to highlight local expertise.
- The [2019 Fastcase 50](#), which recognizes “the year’s smartest, most courageous, innovators, techies, visionaries, and leaders in the law,” includes four librarians.

### GAVELYTICS

- [Announced](#) they’ve added Alameda County to their coverage and that New York and Texas should be launched in Q4. I also received an email saying they have revised their pricing model and that they will be releasing a new business intelligence tool soon.

### HEINONLINE

- [Added](#) Venn diagrams (beta) to results, to see where your search terms intersect. What a simple yet super effective visualization tool!

## INTELLIGIZE

- [Launched](#) Intelligize RedBook, a workflow tool for securities attorneys.

## KALEIDOSCOPE

- [Added](#) an agreements database and alerting capabilities (companies, funds, people, etc.). I've only recently begun to use this (free) [company research tool](#) for SEC filings and am loving it.

## LEGAL COMPASS

- Announced it's adding "Firm Performance Overview" reports for all Am Law 200 firms over the next 6-9 months (no link; I got an email from them). Each report details a firm's performance compared to its peers and includes insights on financials, laterals and more.

## LEX MACHINA

- Launched three new modules: [Environmental Analytics](#) has info on nearly 14,700 environmental cases in federal court since 2009. [Consumer Protection Litigation Analytics](#) covers 145,000 cases, including more than 26,000 class actions.

## LEXIS

- [Rolled out](#) the integration of Courtlink into Lexis Advance. The new CourtLink has a much-simplified interface, reducing the number of steps required to conduct a search and allowing users to apply search criteria and filters from a single screen. It also integrates with other Lexis offerings, like Lex Machina and TotalPatentOne. Reference and training materials can be found [here](#).
- [Released](#) a new, streamlined Lexis Advance home page. Also added hundreds of [news sources](#) from Latin America and Europe and [Expert Witness Cards](#) to Lexis Answers.
- Printing/downloading/emailing a full report is [available](#) in Context. They've also enhanced expert witness searching to include Area of Expertise.
- Introduced flat pricing for solo/small firms. If interested, Ambrogi [compares](#) it to other vendors' pricing.
- [Announced](#) a joint venture with Axiom spin-off Knowable, a contract analytics platform that is similar to Kira and Luminance. Knowable will remain independent, though will receive access to LexisNexis' brand, resources and infrastructure

- Practice Advisor [added](#) info on CCPA and GDPR to its Data Security & Privacy practice area.
- Minutes for the CRIV Semiannual Call are [here](#).
- Lexis' recap of their participation/announcements at AALL is [here](#).

## ROSS

- Wanna see it? As of June, they are offering a 14-day free trial. Ambrogi has the [deets](#) on what brought about this change.

## WESTLAW/THOMSON REUTERS

- First, I want to thank Heather Heen for all she's done to keep me abreast of all things Westlaw for so many years, even when I was not part of big law. You will be sorely missed!
- Added a couple of things to Westlaw Edge
  - Quick Check enables a lawyer to "drop and drag" a brief or motion their AI portal and retrieve a thorough analysis of the cited or missing authority. O'Grady's review is [here](#); Ambrogi's is [here](#).
  - [Jurisdictional Surveys](#), aka 50-state surveys, can be accessed via the Tools tab, Statutes & Court rules page, or the toolbar on a statute document.
- [Acquired](#) HighQ, a cloud-based collaboration and workflow platform. Artificial Lawyer has a good [overview](#) of what this deal means for TR.
- Minutes for the CRIV Semiannual Call are [here](#).

## WOLTERS KLUWER

- [Announced](#) an alliance that allows current Docket Navigator subscribers to access the platform through three Cheetah platforms: IP Cheetah, WK Trademark Navigator, and Antitrust & Competition Cheetah.
- [Launched](#) Capital Markets Clause Analytics as part of their Transactional Law Suite for Securities. Lawyers can use it to build their own model documents and compare their clauses to 'market standard language' from a database of over one million individual clauses.
- Minutes for the CRIV Semiannual Call are [here](#).

## THINGS YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT

- According to the [ABA Profile of the Legal Profession](#) survey, 37% of attorneys begin their research with a general search engine like Google and 31% start with a paid online resource. Westlaw is the most-used paid online legal research service; for free legal websites, Cornell's LII comes out on top.
- The 2019 Aderant Business of Law and Legal Technology Survey asked: what technology tools rank most important to lawyers in driving efficiency? Document Management ranked first; AI next to last. KM and CI (business intelligence) ranked in the middle. Download the free [survey](#) or read a [recap](#).
- Bob Ambrogi [talks](#) about AI-powered brief analysis (aka CARA, ROSS, Judicata, etc.) going mainstream.
- ILTACON19 recaps by [Bob Ambrogi](#) and [Ron Friedmann](#) (Prism Legal). Plus, [recap](#) of an ILTACON panel on how AI has altered the practice of law.
- RIPS-SIS just launched a new resource: [Legal Research Article Summaries](#), which provide a brief overview of select articles that discuss the instruction-related topics.

## AALL ANNUAL MEETING: LEGAL ANALYTICS SESSION

You can view the session recording [here](#) [AALL membership required]. Recaps, in no particular order,

- Jean O'Grady (one of the panelists), [What Do Law Firms Need To Know About Purchasing Litigation Analytics Products?](#)
- Legal Talk Network (audio interview of the panelists), [Legal Analytics--Products and Best Practices](#)
- Tech Law Crossroads, [AALL's Litigation Data Analytics Competition: Five Take Aways](#)
- Legaltechnews, [Despite Analytics Being in the 'Early Stages,' Legal Research Execs See Bright Future](#)
- Legaltechnews, [Law Librarians Push for Analytics Tools Improvement After Comparative Study](#)

## PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

Elisabeth McKechnie and Kristin Brandt  
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**"Supervisors as Mentors, How Supervisory Mentorship Can Supplement Formal Mentoring Programs,"** by Laura Evans, *C&RL News*, July/August 2019 available via EBSCO.

Binghamton University Libraries offer a mentoring program for new academic librarians, which is especially useful since a requirement for tenure includes writing and publishing. Evans discusses her library's experience with adding supervisory mentoring to a preexisting mentoring program. The library had changed from a flat organizational structure to a more hierarchical system with the hiring of multiple new librarians. This created a shortage of peer-mentors and made it desirable for supervisors to fill the gap. The article discusses how a supervisor can mentor a supervisee without complicating the relationship. For example, a supervisor can discuss early on what strengths the new employee brings to the position, provide background on how the library units work together and make expectations for scholarship clear as well as suggest possible research topics.

**"Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia,"** by Joni R. Roberts and Carol A. Drost, *Internet Reviews, C&RL News*, July/August 2019, available at EBSCO. Museum website at: <https://www.ferris.edu/jimcrow>

This short article describes a little-known source for information about Jim Crow America. This includes not only memorabilia but scholarly articles on the topic. The collection dates to the 1970's when Prof. David Pilgrim, a professor at Ferris University where the museum is now sited, began gathering materials related to racial discrimination during that time period. Academic materials include scholarly research and essays that explain racist caricatures.

**"Integrating Cultural Humility into Public Services Librarianship,"** by Twanna Hodge, *International Information & Library Review*, Vol 51, no. 3 268-274, 2019.

This article, was written by a librarian born on St. Thomas Island in the U.S. Virgin Islands, giving her a multicultural perspective. She gently proposes that librarians adopt an acceptance of other cultures

as part of librarian service to the public. While you cannot be bias free, you can reduce your tendency to act on bias by questioning automatic stereotypes and refusing to act on them. She suggests that biases are often acted on unconsciously and unintentionally but can be combated by “micro-affirmations.” These are apparently small acts, often unconscious but very effective, stemming from a wish to see the other succeed. A worthy article.

**“Policy and Legislative Research for Congressional Staff: Finding Documents, Analysis, News, and Training,”** by Sarah W. Caldwell, Ada S. Cornell, and Michele L. Malloy, *CRS Reports*, updated June 28, 2019. Retrieved from <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R43434.pdf>

Finding Congressional documents can be a daunting experience. This *CRS Report* update should help researchers navigate the universe of legislative information. The authors created the report—organized in eight tables—as a finding aid for Congressional staff. Tables cover congressional documents, sources that track legislative activity, executive branch documents, legislative support agencies, congressional news sources, policy and scholarly research, and training and services. An appendix with clickable links provides an alphabetical list of resources with descriptions. Both free and subscription resources are included.

## **AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM (CPE GRANTS)**

Have an idea for an educational event?  
Need help paying for it?

CPE grants are available to chapters, SIs, member institutions, caucuses, and individual AALL members to encourage program development and promote sharing among AALL entities.

Proposals are due October 31, 2019

See [www.aallnet.org/education-training/grants/cpe-program-grants/](http://www.aallnet.org/education-training/grants/cpe-program-grants/) for more information.

## Hilary Hardcastle

UC Hastings Law Library

***If money was not an issue, what new library service would you offer your patrons (lawyers, students, the public etc.)?***

If money were no object, I would love to create a Makers Lab in the library, like the one they have at UCSF (<https://www.library.ucsf.edu/use/makerslab/>). Our students would enjoy the crafting options - sewing, knitting, button-making, and using the cricut maker. Since money IS an issue, we make do with origami kits and coloring books.

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

I'd like to believe I'd be an astronomer, but in all likelihood, I'd probably still be practicing law.

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

Vince Moyer, UC Hastings' Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarian, has had the greatest impact on my career. Before I applied to library school, when I was still a miserable lawyer figuring out what to do with my life, he agreed to let me intern for him and introduced me to the wonderful world of law librarianship. He has been a mentor and friend throughout my library career.

***How (or which) books influenced your childhood?***

I grew up in a small town in northern Idaho where summer camp wasn't an option, so I spent my summers reading in the backyard. The original Nancy Drews, Joan Aiken, John Bellairs, Jane Austen, the Lord of the Rings...

***What do you consider the perfect meal?***

Any meal with mashed potatoes and gravy.

***What ability or skill do you most wish you had (that you don't have already)?***

I wish I could speak Japanese fluently. I took Japanese classes in college and lived in Japan for a year after graduating, but discovered that Japanese people preferred to practice their English on me than listen to me mangle their language. As a result, I never became fluent and now I can't remember much more than "konichiwa."

# NOCALL CROSS-OVER MEETING AGENDA 2019-2020

June 25, 2019, 2:00pm to 3:00pm  
Conference Call via Zoom

Attending: Sarah Lin, Donna Williams, Ramona Collins, Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong, Nancy McEnroe, Jen Fell

Unavailable: David Holt, Hillary Hardcastle

## 1. Greetings and introductions

- a. Board Members
  - i. Interesting note: Donna Williams was the President for our organization's 20th anniversary, and she's a Board Member for our 40th!
- b. Committee Chairs
  - i. This is a truncated crossover - we will do a more formal check-in with committee heads at the September Business Meeting.

## 2. Calendar of events – what's on tap for 2019-2020

- a. 2019 AALL Annual Meeting – Jocelyn Update
  - i. Pacific Chapters Joint Reception – invites sent
    1. This event is being sponsored by Thomson Reuters (\$2000 of the \$2400 expected spend), so NOCALL will not need to pay a large amount.
    2. Jocelyn will send a reminder email right before AALL.
  - ii. NOCALL Board – Life-size RBG poster (thank you to Les and Courtney for making it happen!)
    1. Jocelyn - check with Les about NOCALL Hashtag
  - iii. CONELL
    1. Is there someone from Stanford? Let's make them Archivist!
    2. Make people feel welcome. Suggest committees that match their interests.
  - iv. NOCALL social networking event at 2019 AALL Annual Meeting – let's discuss.
    1. Roll to next year - let's do something fun at AALL in New Orleans for our 40th anniversary.
    2. Since we're skipping this year, let's make a real push to let people know about the Pacific Chapters Reception, to come out and connect there.
- b. NOCALL Networking Event - Maribel
  - i. "The NOCALL networking committee would like to host an event in mid-July, for those members who are not able to go to DC. A member recommended a bowling night at Mission Bowling Club. MBC has a rental charge for lanes, of \$48/hour/lane. We were hoping to rent out a couple lanes for an hour or two. I think members would pay for our own drinks/food/shoe rental/etc."
  - ii. Proposed NOCALL Sponsorship - \$200
    1. Unanimous vote in favor.
  - iii. Can anyone think of a vendor who might be skipping AALL, but would like to sponsor the peripheral costs for this event?
    1. Lisa Hampton from Leg Research as a sponsor for costs not covered by NOCALL?
- c. September Board/Business Meeting in Sacramento
  - i. Locations? Best Western, Old Town Sacramento? Downey Brand? Tina at Nossaman?

- ii. Include Committee Transition Information at this meeting.
- d. Fall Workshop in Sacramento/Davis area - Update by David and Sarah
  - i. Planners will meet after AALL
  - ii. Theme: "Practice Ready"
  - iii. Partner with local law schools
- e. Holiday 4 Corners event in early December
  - i. Always looking for local hosts!
    - 1. SLA may co-host our SAC 4-Corners:
    - 2. Jen will follow up with Jean, Sarah will follow up with SLA.
- f. January Board/Business Meeting in Palo Alto or Menlo Park
- g. Sunshine Week?
  - i. Sarah will reach out to committee heads, and perhaps wrap this in to Fall Workshop or Spring Inst if there is interest?
- h. Spring Institute – Sarah's update
  - i. South Bay or San Francisco (Free Space Willing!)
  - ii. Very wide scope for this year - get more non-members involved!
  - iii. Will be sending out invites to be on the committee around the end of the summer (after September).
- i. May Board/Business Meeting in San Francisco

### **3. NOCALL News deadlines – Jocelyn Update**

The deadlines are tentatively set for:

- September 6
- November 8
- January 10
- March 6
- May 8

### **4. Grant Deadlines - Rolling**

### **5. Items of Business**

- a. Special Committee - Expanding Membership and Engagement (Jocelyn Update)
  - i. We will have a telephonic meeting on this after AALL
  - ii. Current news:
    - 1. Working with Grants Committee to fund free membership (upon request) for Law School and Library School members
    - 2. Promote grants opportunities to newer law librarians
    - 3. Outreach at CONELL
- b. Switching from Bank of America to a Credit Union - Rubric and research results (Nancy Update)
  - i. Banks need to have the following features: remote access and remote deposit by phone app, multiple locations for easy change-over of officer and treasurer access, insurance to secure our funds, and ability to cut checks as needed.

- ii. Results: We were not able to find a credit union that met all of these criteria - the main barrier being "enough locations for officer access change-over" regardless of where we physically meet.
- iii. We will not switch for now - future treasurers may have a different feeling about this.
- c. Job Description Updates: We've gotten a few notes about updated job/committee descriptions in our committee reports for this year - the board already approved the update to the Membership Committee. Request any additional revisions by the next business meeting?
  - i. Jocelyn will reach out.
- d. Wiki: We'll memorialize this year in PB Wiki and explore other options in 2020-2021?
  - i. Security issues? Google Drive is more secure - Nancy will anonymise some of the accounting data to protect our members who were reimbursed for expenses.
  - ii. Sarah and Jocelyn will explore other Wiki solutions, time permitting.
  - iii. Jocelyn will reach out to Jaye about Wiki leadership.
- e. NOCALL LinkedIn Page
  - i. Wrap in Courtney (PR) and Marisol (Networking) for Sept. Business Meeting
  - ii. Establishing a NOCALL LinkedIn Page would give us a great opportunity for virtual networking and message boards, and give us a repository for accomplishments like publications, etc.
- f. Zoom Seminar - Goal of One Per Year?
- g. Community Service - Business Meeting Synergy (revitalize our Community Service) - Let's reach out to the chair of the Community Service group, and see if there are ways we can integrate our existing meeting structure to support causes. (Sarah Lin notes that the Chicago Chapter does this, by having people bring materials for fundraisers to their meetings - her example was back-to-school items at the September Business Meeting, etc).
- h. Grants:
  - i. We have relationships with other chapters - can we sponsor additional grants to these sister chapters/other events?
  - ii. Name something after Coral? Something related to Access to Justice?

## 6. NOCALL Committee Chairs

- a. Responsibilities of Committee Cluster Coordinators - meet today with Chairs to discuss goals, with regular contact to monitor developments and Committee expenses and income
- b. Revisit Ellen's 2017 recommendation to bring a Vice Chair/Chair structure to select Committees
- c. Chairs needed for AALL Liaison, Archives, and Nominations. Jaye would like to transition out of the "Wiki Chair" role.
  - i. Tina - Nominations?
  - ii. ALL Liaison - Past President? Doesn't have to be.
  - iii. Jocelyn will reach out to Jaye
- d. Chairs to review Committee charges and recommend needed changes
- e. Comments on goals or plans from attending Committee Chairs or Board members

## 7. 2019-2020 Goals For NOCALL (Please share your ideas!)

- Fill committee chair vacancies
- Expand membership
- Engage new members or members new to NOCALL events (have more annual events)
- Increase member participation
- Continue to contain costs, using low-cost venues if possible