



## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES 2021/22 Annual Report

By Delia L. Montesinos, President

### OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

The NOCALL officers during 2021/22 were: Delia L. Montesinos, President; Sarah Lin, Past President; Jeremy Sullivan, Vice President/President-Elect; Jean Willis, Treasurer; Holly Herndon, Secretary; Tina Dumas, Member-at-Large; and Stephen Richards, Member-at-Large.

Committee Chairs were: AALL Liaison, Holly Riccio; Academic Relations, Kristina Chamorro; Access to Legal Information, Taryn Marks; Audit & Budget, Jean Willis; Awards, Sarah Lin; Constitution & Bylaws, David McFadden; Education, Kristin Brandt; Grants, Cathy Hardy and Sherry Takacs; Listserv Admin, Ramona Collins; Membership, Jessica Brasch; Memorials, Leslie Hesdorfer and Jane Metz; Networking, Maribel Nash; Newsletter, Mary Pinard Johnson; Nominations, April Eudy; Placement, Robyn M. Moltzen; Public Relations, Courtney Nguyen; Spring Institute, Jeremy Sullivan; Technology, David Holt; Web Admin, Eli Edwards; and Wiki, Alyssa Thurston.

### IMPACT OF COVID

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Board meetings, Business Meetings, and events were held online.

### BUSINESS MEETINGS

NOCALL held three Business Meetings, in September 2021 and in January and May 2022. All of them were well attended, likely to their virtual format. AALL Vice President/President-Elect Beth Adelman was the guest speaker in January. She congratulated NOCALL on its 42nd anniversary and shared information from the national organization pertaining to the new 3-year strategic plan, future AALL Annual Meetings, and membership updates. In May, guest speakers were Steve Medley and Angela Gonzalez-Curci, Competitive Intelligence Specialists at Wilson Sonsini. They spoke about the impact of analytics in Competitive Intelligence, and how their data science skills have helped to advance their careers.

### EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT

NOCALL has around 200 active members. Beyond enjoying an active Listserv, the Chapter published five issues of the [NOCALL News](#).

The Education Committee held four programs during the term. In June, Lexis presented “Taking the ‘Pulse’ of Legal News with Law360”, a Lunch & Learn Session postponed from the April 2021 Spring Institute. In December, the Committee held a virtual panel on “How to Retire Gracefully” which provided insights into the process itself, how to make a smooth transition, succession planning, and how law libraries can meet the challenges of the “Great Resignation.” More recently, in May, members attended a session about “Recruiting, Retention, & Resilience: A Collaborative Conversation on Law Library Diversity + Equity”, a program co-sponsored by VALL, SWALL, NOCALL, ORALL, LLSDC, and ALLA. Additionally, the Chapter held a number of virtual happy hours throughout the year. The Academic Relations Committee also continued its outreach to SJSU and other MLIS students.

The 2022 Spring Institute was delayed until mid-June, after the new term started, and will be included in next year's Annual Report to AALL. It was held virtually and the theme was "Expanding Access to Knowledge In Difficult Times."

#### DE&I EFFORTS

NOCALL selected Tracy Lee as its BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) Student Trustee. This program, established in 2021 by then-President Sara Lin and now led by the Academic Relations Committee, exposes BIPOC MLIS students to law librarianship and professional engagement through NOCALL Board mentorship.

In addition, NOCALL added a field for personal pronouns to its membership directory. The Chapter recognizes that name and gender identity are central to most individuals' sense of self and well-being, and that it is important to acknowledge and support individuals' self-identification.

#### AWARDS

At the May Business Meeting, NOCALL presented the 2022 Professional Achievement Award to Jean Willis who has spent 40 years demonstrating her tireless devotion and support to law librarianship. She has served in many boards and committees, including as NOCALL President and AALL Treasurer. In addition, she has presented at numerous conferences on subjects from reference, to operations and technical support. Moreover, she lends her support to the development of the next generation of law librarians with her work with SJSU's library school.

#### GRANTS

The Committee awarded three grants: one to attend the ARK Group's Law Firm Library 2022, another to attend the 2022 Teaching the Teachers (sponsored by RIPS-SIS), and one to attend AALL's 2022 Annual Meeting in Denver.

#### MEMORIALS

The Committee gathered memories of Linda Spath, which were published in the January/February issue of NOCALL News. NOCALL made a donation in Linda's honor to the UC San Diego Foundation for the John Alksne MD Visiting Professorship Fund. The Committee also announced to the NOCALL membership via the listserv the passing of former member Tom Reynolds.

#### NEW INITIATIVES (CARRIED OVER TO 2022/23 TERM)

NOCALL is working to consolidate the Chapter's Bylaws and Constitution into a single document, and make changes related to specific deadlines included in the bylaws.