



From the President

By Ramon Barajas

I joined SCALL as a student member in 2001. From the very beginning, I embraced the opportunity to volunteer and to be a part of something larger than myself. My boss and mentor, Aleta Benjamin, encouraged me to get involved. So I did. I volunteered on the IT Committee and maintained the SCALL website in much simpler times when all you needed was the Windows Notepad app and rudimentary html chops (I still have some of those old html files on my external hard drive at home). I was fortunate to have someone like Aleta in my life, someone who instilled the spirit of community and volunteerism in me.



SCALL is filled with so many great talents and volunteers. I've always known

this, but accepting the position of Vice President, and now President, has really opened my eyes to see all of the moving parts that come together so fluidly to make this engine run. If you could all see behind the curtain, you would be in awe. I would like to thank all of the committee chairs, committee members, past and current, for helping build this extraordinary association. We didn't reach 65 years by sheer chance or circumstance. We did it by pulling together and working hard.

At the SCALL Business Meeting in June, we had the pleasure of honoring Diana Jacque with the William B. Rohan Chapter Service Award. Diana's contributions are too many to list, but we have all benefited many times over from her work. The winner of this

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The Importance of Connecting at the AALL Annual Meeting

By Kelly M. Leong

At my first AALL Annual Meeting in 2010, I learned a valuable lesson – the Annual Meeting is about making connections with people and ideas, professional and personal. This includes not just the ever present networking within our profession, but also connections that bring us into contact with different ideas and the opportunity to connect with people who share those ideas, whether they are personal and professional ideas. You can see these connections manifest at the Annual Meeting when law librarians bump into old colleagues and close personal friends.

In 2010, I was still a library school student and very much in the formal learning mode. I tried to attend as many educational sessions as possible at my first Annual Meeting and boy, was I exhausted after the first full day. I remember falling asleep in my hotel

room surrounded by the meeting schedule and various program handouts. At that time, I was interning at Duke Law and I ran into Dick Danner, Melanie Dunshee, and a number of various law library administrators (at the time, I had no idea who they were, but I do now). I was quickly, and without any hesitation, invited along to dinner. I was definitely a little nervous, but it was one of the most entertaining professional dinners I have ever attended. I sat at a table with a group of individuals who had seen law libraries go through major changes in legal information and technology. There were about three of us newer librarians at the dinner table filled with ideas about how to keep pushing libraries forward and eager to see what the next big transition in libraries would be. That dinner taught me that within law libraries, there are these groups of individuals who are

ready and eager to face the constant changes in legal information and technology, and have a great laugh while doing it. They may have met each through work, through a professional connection, but it was clear that they had made much deeper connections and developed strong friendships.

Now that I am not as new of a law librarian, this year's Annual Meeting in Austin was filled with seeing many of the wonderful people I have connected with in the profession. Over the years, I have built a network of colleagues who I respect and trust, and I have been lucky enough to make some amazing friends. At this year's Annual Meeting, I got to catch up with old friends who now live far away and others who live a short drive from me. The programs I attended

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year's Vendor Appreciation Award was Cindy Spohr. For over 20 years, Cindy has supported the efforts of law librarians on the national and local levels. The Albert O. Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Ralph Stahlberg for his long-standing and exceptional service to SCALL in addition to his work with the LA Law Library.

I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting in Austin. This year's theme, "Forgo the Status Quo," lived up to the marquee billing. Keynote speaker, Bryan Stevenson, really struck a chord with attendees with his powerful and inspiring

message of civil justice and human compassion. I was pleased to see SCALL so well represented at this year's conference. Cornell Winston, Mark Gediman, Alina Kelly, Malinda Muller, Ryan Metheny, June Hsiao Liebert, and Heather Joy all participated in some capacity as either speakers, moderators, or panelists. Well done!

By the time this column reaches your desk, you will have received a SCALL Member Satisfaction Poll. The Board is discussing ways in which we can improve member engagement and satisfaction. We have many irons in the fire at the moment. One of our greatest

challenges is that our association spreads across such a large geographic area that hosting and promoting events can be difficult. We are looking at ways to improve member engagement by exploring new meetup formats. The Board is also considering establishing a social media presence that will supplement our website. The feedback you provide through the poll will be instrumental in shaping the association's next chapter.

I look forward to a rewarding and fulfilling year as SCALL President. Cheers!

Career Opportunities

By Tiffani Willis

Date Posted	Job Description	Location
September 25	Research Analyst; Sidley Austin LLP	Los Angeles
September 11	Sr. Research Librarian; Covington & Burling LLP	San Francisco; Los Angeles or Redwood Shores
September 7	Research Analyst; Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP	San Francisco
September 6	Research Manager; Pearl Care Search Group (Agency Listing)	Los Angeles
September 6	Legal Library Assistant; JW Michaels & Co. (Agency Listing)	Palo Alto
September 1	Cataloging Librarian; LA Law Library	Los Angeles
August 30	Librarian; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit San Jose Branch Library	San Jose
August 28	Business Research Specialist; Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP	Los Angeles
August 21	Records Manager and Records & Archives Group Supervisor; JPL Library	Pasadena
July 14	Library Assistant V; USF Dorraine Zief Law Library	San Francisco
May 22	Principal Librarian; California State Library	Sacramento
April 12	Librarian/Information Services Manager; Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo	Cerritos

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were just as diverse as the groups of people I spent my time with at the conference. As a member of AMPC, I was asked to attend a select number of programs to assist program coordinators and take headcounts. Two of the programs I was assigned to, [Meeting the Legal Information Needs of Transgender Library Patrons](#) and [Social Justice in Law Libraries: #LawLibrariesRespond to Real-Life](#), were not programs I may have chosen on my own, but they were two of the best programs I have ever attended. Both programs addressed the very real and sometimes unexpected issues law libraries must address. The presenters were knowledgeable and the programs had strong takeaways, some of which I have implemented.

Looking ahead to the future of law libraries, there was much food for

thought at this Annual Meeting. In particular, the program entitled [Digital Repositories, Law Libraries, and the Future of Open Access](#), discussed how eScholarship and repositories are impacting the law library landscape. Gregg Gordon of SSRN (we now know their parent company, Elsevier, was probably negotiating the takeover of BePress at the time of the meeting) stated that the future of legal publishing involves journals eventually being free and publishers shifting to data and informatics (in the Q & A section of the program). What this means is not exactly clear yet. Some believe publishers will become purveyors of the datasets we see used in empirical research, while others see them profiting from the data that repositories like BePress and SSRN collect including the number of downloads and views. Only time will tell

how these changes will impact libraries.

A bittersweet moment at this year's Annual Meeting was watching Dick Danner receive the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award. Dick Danner was my first Library Director. I always felt that he supported me and my career from the day I started as a reference intern at Duke Law. He taught me to take risks and push the boundaries of libraries. Dick definitely made an impact on my career from the very beginning and it was a special moment to see him accept the award.

See you in Baltimore!

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Member Spotlight: Getting to Know Annie Mellott

By Sherry L. Leysen

Discovering the power of an excellent library catalog was (in Oprah's words) one of my Aha! moments. Joining the esteemed ranks of Collection Management, Technical Services, and Systems Wizards (aka librarians) who keep our collections accessible and our library catalogs humming is the talented and gregarious Annie Mellott. I recently caught up with Annie and learned about her hidden talents, the power of connections, and the secret to a delicious brownie.

Annie spent her youth in the performing arts, which included a summer at an art/clown-skills camp. In addition to learning juggling and magic, she seriously perfected one of her hidden talents: expert balloon-animal skills. Annie traveled west from Arizona to attend Chapman University, earning a B.A. in Religious Studies. With plans to become a teacher, Annie pursued a M.A. at the Claremont School of Theology. She worked in its library as a circulation department student worker and also participated in children's programming, teaching English. It was there that she met mentor Drew Baker, Metadata Librarian and Assistant Library Director, who encouraged Annie to explore the library profession.

Upon completing her M.A. (Religion – Interdisciplinary Studies) in the School of Theology, Annie continued on the library staff as a cataloging assistant, honing her skills on Innovative and WMS systems. She began her MLIS studies at San Jose State University, splitting her time between the School of Theology Library and the Mission Viejo Library, where she worked as a library clerk.

It was her mentor Drew who suggested her excellent skills would be a perfect fit in a law library. In 2016 Annie returned to Chapman as the Cataloging and Metadata Assistant in the Law Library's Technical Services department. On the transition to working with law materials, Annie said, "I focused on First Amendment rights in graduate school. I didn't know just how connected to the

law I was before working in the Law Library. I discovered I'd actually been working with legal materials all along."

Since joining Chapman, Annie's life has been a whirlwind of activity. She married, traveled to Europe, and completed her M.L.I.S. degree, recently graduating in May 2017.

This year Annie was thrilled to be the 11th recipient of the AALL Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) [Marla Schwartz Grant](#), awarded to newer law librarians and graduate students in library and information studies programs. The Grant allowed her to attend the 110th AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Austin, her first. Under the wing of another mentor, Collection Management Librarian Rachel Decker, Annie fully enjoyed the conference experience and immersed herself in programs, meetings, and networking. She shared that what has been most surprising to her about the profession are our solid connections, through AALL and SCALL. "What I didn't realize before attending the conference is just how connected, engaged, and helpful our community is—locally and nationally. Following my experience there, I feel like I can reach out to the people I met and they would be willing to help. I appreciate that about our profession."

Annie loves cataloging as much as I love using catalogs (which is to say, a lot). Some of her achievements include cataloging more than 600 West Academic Study Aids with locally-assigned collection title access points, which make finding and retrieving titles a dream. "I've mentioned the importance of connections already in other contexts, but I especially like the connections we are making in the catalog. I like that our work truly connects people to what they need," said Annie.

Outside of the library, you will find her doing morning hikes with her spouse and evening spin classes. She enjoys traveling and hopes to return to India (where she studied for a semester in college), and visit Bali, with her spouse. Annie loves the arts as a participant and a patron, having spent many years



performing in theater, musicals, and singing in choir as an Alto one. One of her favorite pastimes is cooking and baking with interesting ingredients. I knew this about Annie already, having seen her at Chapman's Halloween costume contest outfitted to perfection as *The Great British Bake Off's* Mary Berry. Annie's forte is "fun, healthy-ish desserts." A recent favorite at Chapman are her crowd-pleasing brownies which include a stealth ingredient: black beans.

Reflecting on her experiences thus far, Annie expressed a great appreciation for her mentors, librarians Drew and Rachel. She shared, "From Drew I learned how important it is to support and care for the people with whom we work. His sense of fairness among colleagues really resonated with me. Rachel is an exemplary role model—meticulous, organized, and a fantastic cataloger. I've learned so much from the both of them." Looking forward, Annie is excited about what the future holds and as a natural teacher, continuing to serve as a mentor herself. She sees a space for new catalogers to come together and support each other and would like to make this happen as she continues along her chosen career path.

Thanks for sharing your story with SCALL members, Annie!

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The Ice Man Cometh: Justice, Tacos, and Tremendous Education at the AALL Annual Meeting

By Ryan Metheny

If you skipped this year's AALL Annual Meeting, you missed a spectacular experience! This year's conference truly distinguished itself, from the quality of programming to the delightfully weird setting of Austin, Texas (featuring, among other things, the Ice Man). Overall, I could not have been happier to have had the opportunity – with the generous assistance of a SCALL grant! – to attend.

The Annual Meeting's first inning started with a homerun by the organizers with their recruitment of Bryan Stevenson as the keynote speaker. The lawyer, social justice activist, and author of the bestselling *Just Mercy*, spoke movingly on the inequality and brutality of the American criminal justice system. He also spoke more broadly about issues of race and justice, pulling from his own personal and professional experience representing death row inmates, children, and disabled people, charged with crimes. He even connected all of his experiences to the work of libraries, through a lovely anecdote from his childhood.

If I had one critique of Mr. Stevenson's talk, it would be that he did not quite connect his themes to the work of law libraries. This was a missed opportunity, considering all the amazing work law librarians do to expand access to justice and make the justice system work for everyone, regardless of race, income, or creed.

For example, I had the privilege of speaking as part of a panel for one of the programs, "Leaning In and Reaching Out! Building and Delivering A2J Education, Outreach, and Awareness." The panel, organized by SCALL member Malinda Muller of LA Law Library, also included Cynthia Lewis of Vermont Law School (a former SCALL

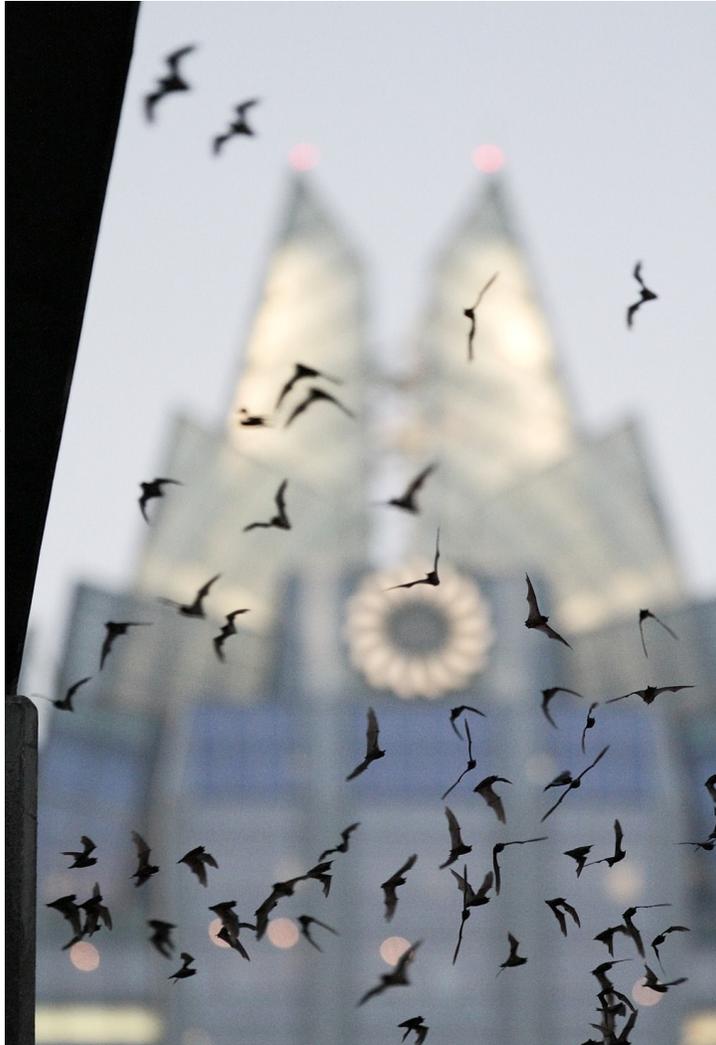
member), Sue Ludington of the Washington County Law Library, and Karen Westwood of Hennepin County Law Library. We addressed innovative ways different types of law libraries

access to justice gap. We panelists felt our talk continued and expanded on some of the social justice themes Mr. Stevenson addressed in his keynote, by showing some of the concrete ways in which law libraries are helping address inequality in the justice system.

Of course, our panel was only one among many great educational programs at AALL this year. I attended programs with the goal of expanding my knowledge in areas of the profession with which I have had relatively little contact. I hoped by so doing, I would come away with new tools and perspectives to bring to my own work.

For example, I attended a funny and surprisingly riveting talk on "Linked Data, Your Library, and You," presented by Scott Carlson of Rice University Fondren Library. Among other things, I learned from Scott that making your library's OPAC results discoverable by general search engines like Google is a complex and difficult process – and one in which Google is not necessarily on your side. You can make data available to Google, but that does not mean Google will make that data searchable or index it in the way you would like. We should probably all remind ourselves as information professionals that Google (and most other search engines and databases) is a private company with its own interests, and not a public service.

Another great, practical program was "Project Management and Legal Project Management: Comparing Apples to Apples," which provided a nice entrée



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throughout the country are expanding access to justice through outreach, educational initiatives and programs, and collection development aimed at helping non-lawyers deal with legal issues.

The program was well-attended and featured great questions at the end from an audience energized to do everything possible as a profession to help close the

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into this specialized but very useful area. The program touched upon an entire world of software tools that can make your life easier when handling complex tasks involving multiple staff, deadlines, and moving parts. It was a great entrée to what the project management field has to offer for law librarians.

Outside the convention center, walking the streets of downtown Austin was quite an experience. Eclectic live music can be heard throughout downtown at almost any time of day, and the architecture provides a delightful mixture of modern and Old West styles. The Tex-Mex cuisine provided another unique combination, which I took advantage of as much as possible by eating unlikely-sounding, yet delicious, items like the

brisket taco. Somehow barbecue sauce and guacamole make sense together; who knew?

I also did my part to “keep Austin weird” by visiting the appropriately named Museum of the Weird, featuring mummies, wax movie monsters, and various side show oddities like the Jackelope and two-headed calves. The culmination of the museum tour was the dramatically introduced, and almost-looks-real-if-you-squint, Ice Man. The legendary Ice Man now spends his days in a large chest freezer, and you are under no circumstances allowed to photograph him.

And I almost forgot the bats! Austin features a colony of bats that live under a

bridge spanning the river downtown. Each day at sunset tourists gather on the bridge to watch the bats depart for an evening of whatever bats do at night. It was indeed a weird experience, made weirder by a sudden thunderstorm immediately afterward that left everyone on the bridge soaked.

All in all, the Annual Meeting more than lived up to expectations. The educational programming expanded my horizons, the keynote speaker was excellent, and the city of Austin provided a fascinating backdrop to a great Annual Meeting.

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My AALL Experience in Austin

By Michelle Tolley

My AALL conference experience began with a preconference. I attended *Not Pie in the Sky: Practical Strategies for Embracing Change in Technical Services*. This was a daylong session held on the University of Texas at Austin campus. My ultimate goal for attending this preconference was to learn more about the direction MARC cataloging is headed and the changes I should be looking out for. I was able to get some good takeaway from the session. The opening talk showed librarians how to communicate our value to organization leadership through metrics. The next presentation provided helpful tips about using vendor records. Next, we gained insight on BIBFRAME, and the preconference concluded with a discussion on repositories, taxonomies and non-traditional roles. As a law firm librarian, I was hoping for a bit more perspective on how changes in MARC cataloging will affect firm libraries, but the session overall was really great.

Following the preconference, I headed back to the convention center where I visited the exhibit hall, chatted with vendors (and collected tchotchkes), and caught up with new and old friends. I concluded the day by attending the SCALL & SANDALL Reception at Roppolo's Pizzeria. The reception was fun, and I must admit that it's hard to



Michelle Tolley (L) with fellow SCALL member Laura Cadra (R) and AALL keynote speaker Bryan Stevenson (Center).

find a better way to end the day than by enjoying pizza with great people and fun conversation.

Conference opening day kicked off to an amazing start with keynote speaker Bryan Stevenson. He gave a moving and thought-provoking speech on unity and the need to change the narrative on justice and equality. This was one of the highlights of the conference for me. Stevenson's stories about growing up

seeing and experiencing how the justice system can leave families broken resonated with me. The keynote address reignited my desire to push harder and do my part to change the narrative of justice and equality, especially for my children.

After the keynote address, my day was jam-packed full of sessions and meetings. One of the sessions I attended

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Delicious (and gluten free!) granola mix bowl from JuiceLand of Austin.

was *Case Law as Data: Making It, Sharing It, Using It*. This session included a panel of Harvard Law Library speakers who talked about the process they went through to convert print code books to electronic. They discussed the entire process, from breaking down the code books and scanning the pages, to “OCRing” the data files and creating electronic links to access the data. It is a fascinating process.

Another session I enjoyed was *Introverts as Leaders*, which turned out to be one of the best sessions I attended during this conference. The speakers were great. They demonstrated what distinguishes the personality traits of extroverts and introverts through discussing various forms of stereotyping, non-verbal communications, and of course, the dreaded elevator speech. This session reassured us introverts that we can still be successful leaders, while showing extroverts that they can be introverts as well—in their own way. So, with much introverted enthusiasm, I headed off to the PLLIP Annual Business Meeting and PLLIP Executive Board Meeting to assume my leadership duties.

I attended several more sessions during the conference, but one of the most memorable was the very last one I attended—a talk called *Disaster Planning in an Hour*. This session was not originally on my “go-to” list, but I’m glad I decided to pop in for it. This

presentation was informative, and the speaker was knowledgeable and engaging. She discussed the types of disasters librarians are most likely to encounter, how to prepare for these emergencies, and what we should do if we find ourselves in the middle of an actual disaster. This information is relevant and timely for many of us.

In addition to writing about the educational parts of the conference, I also want to mention a few things about the conference itself and about Austin. Prior to coming to Austin for this conference, I had never visited the city before. I arrived before the preconference was set to begin, so I decided to use that time to scout out the locale. I visited a few local museums, found a delicious smoothie spot, and even hitched a ride on a PediCab. The PediCab led me to discover Austin’s Rainey District—where I encountered great food, live music and lots of party people!

One thing about the conference I that impressed me compared to previous conferences was the food. The food in the exhibit hall was very good. From the mid-morning breaks to the association luncheon, there was something for everyone. Whether you were vegan, gluten-free, etc., there was something there for you, and it was tasty! It felt good not to have to wander around Austin looking for a gluten-free meal.

Overall, the conference great. I connected with some wonderful people that I can share ideas with. Although I didn’t make those morning yoga classes, the educational sessions were informative, and I learned many things I can use in my daily work environment.

Michelle Tolley is a Librarian at Paul Hastings LLP.



Michelle poses with "Vibrancy," a sculpture by Craig Hein, displayed on Congress Avenue.



Membership News

By Judy K. Davis and Karen Skinner

Diana Jaque of USC was awarded the William B. Rohan Chapter Service Award in recognition of her long-standing and exceptional service to the Institute Committee and SCALL. Over the years, Diana has served and chaired many Institute subcommittees, such as the Exhibits sub-committee. She provides indispensable expertise and guidance regarding the institute hotel site selection. She works closely with the incoming VP, using her extensive knowledge of SCALL's facility needs to determine site location preference. Her detailed spreadsheets guide the VP/Institute Chair's analysis to choose the site most beneficial to SCALL. For the past few years she has also been the driving force behind the Inner City Youth Committee.

David McFadden of Southwestern Law School has been awarded CLA Member of the Year. Although David

resides in Southern California, he has been active in NOCALL and has always been a friend to the California County Law Libraries, as well as to library advocacy everywhere. Way to go, David!

Cindy Spohr, formerly of LexisNexis, was awarded the Vendor Appreciation Award in recognition of her unfailing support of SCALL over the last 20-plus years. As the Manager of the Librarian Relations Group at Lexis for over 20+ years, Cindy worked closely with the national and local librarian communities to support the work of law librarians. She supported the underwriting of SCALL events, such as the SCALL Institute luncheon, for over a decade. She created and maintained many programs including Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries (TRIPLL), Advanced Management for Private Law Librarians (AMPLL), Teaching Research in

Academic Law Libraries (TRIAL) and Teaching Research in Court/Agency Law Libraries (TRICALL), which allowed SCALL members to join colleagues from other chapters in professional development over a decade. She gave librarian leaders, including members of SCALL, a voice in helping to shape LexisNexis products by creating the LexisNexis Librarian Advisory Board. She will be greatly missed at future AALL events.

Ralph Stahlberg of the LA Law Library retired recently, after 28 years of service. At SCALL's 2017 Spring Meeting, Ralph received the Albert O. Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his long-standing and exceptional service to SCALL. At the same meeting, SCALL members also

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SCALL Fall Meeting 2017

Defining ROI: Law Library Best Practices

Date:	Wednesday, November 1, 2017
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Location:	Asa V. Call Law Library, USC Gould School of Law 699 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90089 The law library entrance is on the second floor of the law school.
Cost:	\$25
Deadline:	RSVP and purchase your ticket through Eventbee by Friday, October 27: eventbee.com/v/scallprograms/event?eid=159658465#/tickets

Inspired by the AALL White Paper "Defining ROI: Law Library Best Practices," SCALL's Fall Meeting 2017 will present a panel of respected law library directors to discuss return on investment (ROI) and what it means in various law library environments. Our panelists will share their views on measuring and demonstrating the value that their libraries provide, including their challenges and successes.

Our panelists are: Pauline Aranas, USC; Martin Korn, Sheppard Mullin; and Sandi Levin, LA Law Library.

Dinner from Lemonade, a "Modern Marketplace serving a colorful bounty of Seasonal California Comfort Food."

More details: scallnet.org/2017/10/10/scall-fall-meeting-2017/



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voted to grant him a lifetime membership.

Ralph joined the LA Law Library in 1988 as a Reference Librarian. He progressed to Senior Librarian and ultimately to Director of Reference & Research. During his tenure, Ralph worked with SCALL's inner city youth internship program, conducted classes on California legislative history at SCALL meetings, contributed to the SCALL newsletter, and chaired the SCALL Archives committee from 1990 through his retirement. In 1999 he received the Rohan Chapter Service Award for his work as the SCALL archivist, and recently he was instrumental in indexing and digitizing historical SCALL materials and making them available online (with the assistance of Ramon Barajas) via the SCALL website. Congratulations, Ralph!

The **UCLA Law Library** is delighted to welcome three new librarians: **Rebecca Fordon** is Faculty Services Librarian, **Rachel Green** is Faculty Services Librarian, and **Jodi Kruger** is Director, Reference and Research Services.

While the **UCLA Law Library** has gained three new librarians, it is saying goodbye to another long-time librarian, **John Wilson**,

who retired at the end of June. John began working in the Law Library in 1982, while attending graduate school. He joined the library staff on a full-time basis in 1987 and since then has served as reserves/circulation supervisor, reference assistant, reference librarian, and finally Foreign and International Law Librarian. John developed a number of programs for the American Association of Law Libraries and served in many leadership capacities in SCALL.

John was born in Maine ("where the lobsters are cheap and plentiful") and plans to return there after his retirement. He never lost his East Coast roots and has remained an ardent fan of the Boston Bruins, Celtics, and Red Sox. Best of luck with your retirement, John!

Welcome new members!

Loyd Auerbach is Librarian Relations Consultant at LexisNexis.

Mayra Frausto is a student.

Michael Hackard is the owner of **Hackard Law**.

Dale Jachlewski is Library Director at **Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP**.

Melissa Pinch is Research Manager at **Sidley Austin LLP**.

Juan Valdivia is Technical Services Librarian at **Riverside County Law Library**.

Welcome back returning members!

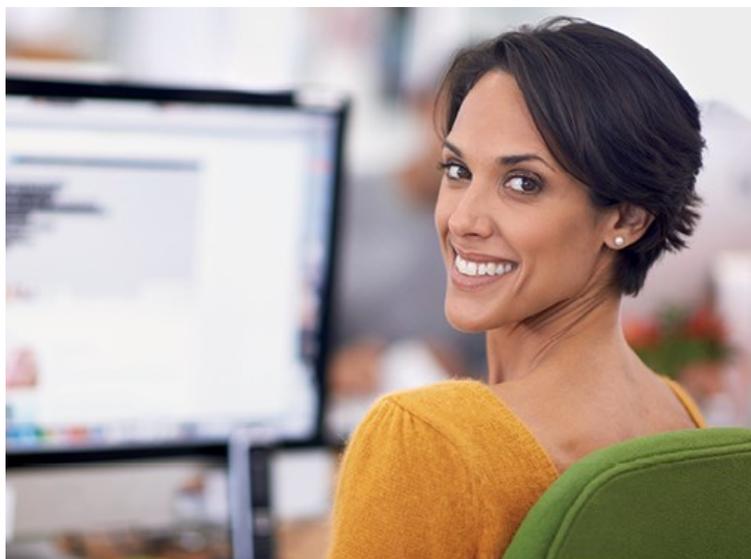
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Executive Board Meeting Minutes

By Amber Kennedy Madole

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at McDermott Will & Emery LLP in Century City.

Stefanie Frame, President
Ramon Barajas, Vice President (via telephone)
Amber Kennedy Madole, Secretary
Erik Y. Adams, Board Member
Christina Tsou, Board Member

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

1. The minutes of the last session of the regular board meeting were presented for review.

- Christina Tsou moved to approve the minutes and Erik Adams seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Joy Shoemaker was unable to attend and Stefanie Frame presented the report in her stead. SCALL has a bank balance of \$55,406.77 and a PayPal balance of \$538.82 as of 4/13/17. The 2017 SCALL Institute incurred approximately \$10,876.11 of expenses and yielded \$22,085.40 of income.
- Amber Kennedy Madole moved to approve the treasurer's report and Erik Y. Adams seconded.

3. Secretary's Report

- Amber Kennedy Madole reported that the new SCALL mailbox address has yielded cost savings for SCALL. The mailbox forwarding account currently has a credit of \$122.05.

4. President's Report

- Stefanie Frame reported that she attended the SANDALL Winter Institute in San Diego (a one-day workshop) with the theme of *Library Safety and Security*. The Winter Institute included topics such as a water damage workshop (hands-on), cyber security, and a session on personal safety.
- Amber Kennedy Madole moved to approve the report and Erik Y. Adams seconded.

5. Vice President's Report

- Ramon Barajas confirmed the treasurer's figures from the SCALL Institute, with a few minor discrepancies.
- Barajas said a SCALL member has suggested updating SCALL's Policies and Procedures (available on the SCALL website). This item was moved to New Business.
- Barajas noted that one potential issue SCALL may want to address is the issue of updating member emails. At the end of the early registration period, he reported that registration numbers were a bit down and he contacted members via email, but found that some email addresses were no longer active. Barajas wondered if there was a way to update email addresses en masse for the listserv. The board agreed to contact the Membership Committee about updating member email addresses.
- Erik Y. Adams moved to approve the Vice President's report and Amber Kennedy Madole seconded.

6. Committee Reports

- All committee reports have been received and are considered submitted as filed.

7. Old Business

- The board discussed how best to welcome new SCALL members. Stefanie Frame and the board as a whole agreed that the SCALL president should contact new members to extend a personal greeting after the member joins SCALL. Since new members are listed in the newsletter, one way this could be accomplished is that the newsletter committee will send the current SCALL president new member names twice a year, ideally around March and October.

8. New Business

- The Board discussed whether SCALL should create a social media presence, and if so, what platform would be best.
 - Stefanie Frame suggested that since SCALL is a professional organization, LinkedIn may be a good platform for social media outreach. SCALL members

would be able to post messages about current events and a volunteer could forward relevant content from the SCALL listserv to LinkedIn. The Board agreed to discuss the issue further with the IT Committee.

- Membership Engagement
 - The board discussed new ways to engage SCALL members. The Programs Committee noted that other chapters have smaller, regional meetings to increase member interaction (for instance, Chicago Association of Law Libraries has a monthly informal happy hour or lunch meet-up.) The board discussed the possibility of having such regular, informal meetings for Orange County, downtown, or Westside. The Programs Committee would not need to plan the event (any SCALL member could reach out to do so) and no cost would be associated with these meetings.
- Online Payment for Programs
 - The Programs Committee reported that SCALL members had requested online payments and asked the board if it could initiate payment by credit card for SCALL events. The Board agreed that the June business meeting would be a good pilot for the new system and approved the move to accept online payments.
- Updating SCALL Policies & Procedures
 - A SCALL member has volunteered to update the SCALL Policies & Procedures. The Board agreed to ask for further information from the member and moved to approve the proposal while waiting to obtain more specifics about the items to be updated and what updates would be made. All approved and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Kennedy Madole
SCALL Secretary 2016-2018



Treasurer's Report

By Caitlin Hunter

SCALL Balances

Bank Balance as of September 11, 2017	\$45,158.87
PayPal Balance as of September 11, 2017	\$616.99
Total Balance as of September 11, 2017	\$45,775.86

Committee Income and Expenses Since July 1, 2017

This year's budget has not yet been formally approved. The tentative budget below reflects the estimated budget needs provided by committee chairs.

Committee	Tentative Budget	Income	Expenses	Budget Balance
Archives	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Awards	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Board/Pres/VP	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,144.16	\$2,855.84
Government Relations	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Grants	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
IT	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Institute	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Inner City Youth	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Library School Liaison	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Membership	\$2,800.00	\$3,480.00	\$484.44	\$5,795.56
Newsletter	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Professional Development	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Programs	\$3,000.00	\$25.00	\$706.15	\$2,318.85
PALI	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Public Relations	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Secretary	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Treasurer	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$11.22	\$488.78
Totals	\$42,950.00	\$3,505.00	\$2,345.97	\$44,109.03

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All submissions should be received by:

Sept/Oct 2017	September 11, 2017
Nov/Dec 2017	November 13, 2017
Jan/Feb 2018	January 16, 2018
Mar/Apr 2018	March 19, 2018
May/June 2018	May 7, 2018
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