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SCALL Newsletter

President's Column

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2006 is quite the celebratory year. This year marks the beginning of AALL's Centennial celebration. Watch for announcements from AALL officials or check the AALL web site to see what events and activities are on the calendar. We offer congratulations to Cornell Winston, newly elected member of AALL Executive Board. Cornell (SCALL President, 2002-2003) will serve a three-year term beginning July 2006. Finally, the Executive Board celebrates the completion of its review of the *SCALL Policy and Procedure Handbook* revisions. I wish to thank Larry Meyer for taking the time and effort to revise the original 1995 handbook. I want to express my very deep appreciation to my fellow Board members for spending numerous weekend and evening sessions to complete this project. We anticipate publishing it on the web site very soon.

Registration packets for the Third All California Joint Institute have been mailed out. This joint Institute, *Capitol Resources: Gateway to California Business Regulation*, will be held March 30 – April 1, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza. The program offers a wide range of interesting and engaging speakers. Patrick Meyer, Institute co-chair provides you more details elsewhere in this newsletter. We are also delighted to have Mary Alice Baish, AALL's Assistant Washington Affairs Representative, as our AALL VIP guest and luncheon speaker. Several pre-Institute workshops are scheduled on March 30 in the afternoon and on March 31 in the morning. The Council of California County Law Librarians will hold a legislative workshop; LexisNexis will sponsor a workshop on time management and personal organization skills; Thomson West will sponsor a workshop on employment practices; and we have a Technical Services workshop. Please don't hesitate to check our web site for more details:

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/Institute.htm>.

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A few days ago, I attended a meeting for prospective middle school students at my son's school. (Yes, for those of you who know my son, Drew just turned 11.) It was a sort of pre-orientation for this year's incoming middle school students and their parents. One of the teachers referred to middle school as a boot camp for high school. He talked about organization and time management skills—life skills that are expected of the students to help them through middle school and prepare them for high school (and eventually, college).

Organization and time management skills—as librarians, you'd think that we've got those mastered. In fact, excellent organization and time management skills are a "must-have" for us; yet, I believe there is always room for improvement. What better way to start a new year than to improve on these skills?

Co-incidentally, this year's All-California Joint Institute will include a pre-Institute workshop entitled "Getting Things Done," sponsored by Lexis Nexis. Of course, this is just one of the many interesting programs that will be presented. Patrick Meyer, our Vice President and Institute Chair, talks more about the Institute and its enticing program offerings in his article on page 3.

Going back to the pre-orientation meeting that I attended with my soon-to-be middle schooler, someone said the teachers are there to help students with their academic skills, not their social skills. Social skills I understood to mean, "people skills." Unfortunately, this does not seem to be taught in school, but nevertheless is expected of the students to learn and develop on their own.

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SCALL Newsletter Submission Deadlines

We welcome the submission of any articles of interest to the law library community. Contact Victoria Williamson, **SCALL Newsletter** Editor, at williamv@ulv.edu.

All submissions should be received by the following dates:

February 13, 2006	March / April 2006 issue
April 10, 2006	May / June 2006 issue
August 7, 2006	Sept. / Oct. 2006 issue
October 9, 2006	Nov. / Dec. 2006 issue



3rd All-California Joint Institute Promises Something for Everyone

by Patrick Meyer
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All roads lead to Sacramento on Friday, March 31st and Saturday, April 1st, for the premier law librarian meeting of 2006: the 3rd All-California Joint Institute, to be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza. If you haven't already done so, you'll want to mark your calendar and make plans to attend both the Institute and one of the four pre-Institute workshops.

Institute registration for members is \$110 before March 2nd. The registration packet will contain registration details for the Institute as well as the four pre-Institute workshops. Watch for the packet in early February. Online registration will also be available, and instructions will be included in the registration packet.

Confirmed programs include *Regulating California Water: The Oil of the 21st Century*, presented by David Sandino, Senior Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Water Resources; *Enforcement of California Securities Laws: Protecting the Public*, presented by Tom Greene, Chief Assistant Attorney General, California Attorney General's Office; *The Pitfalls of Regulatory Research*, presented by members of Legislative Intent Service; a legislative advocacy program titled *Effective Advocacy: Tips, Techniques and Examples*, presented by Tim Coggins, AALL Government Relations Committee Chair and Associate Dean for Library and Information Services and Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law Library; a legislative research program presented by Jan Raymond of Raymond Legislative Research and Carolina Rose of Legislative Research, Inc.; and *45 Web Sites in 45 Minutes*, presented by Jenni Kanji of Lexis Nexis and our very own Cindy Chick of Latham & Watkins. Mary Alice Baish, AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative, will be the Saturday luncheon speaker.

In addition to the quality programs, there are four wonderful pre-Institute workshops planned. Watch for specific workshop registration instructions in the Institute registration packet that will arrive in February. Information on the workshops follows:

The Council of California County Law Librarians (CCCLL) is presenting a workshop on Thursday, March 30th, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, titled *Behind the Politics: Knowing What Makes Your Legislators Tick Helps Your Talk*. Ex-

pected speakers are Dr. Ken Haycock, Professor and Director, San Jose State University Library & Information School; Dian Black, founder and Director of Legislation and California Domestic Violence Resource Center; and Michael Corbett, lobbyist.

There is a Technical Services workshop on Friday, March 31st, from 9:00 am to noon. Expected topics and speakers are: *Latest Developments in RDA*, presented by Kathy Winzer, Stanford Law School Library; and *Electronic Resources—Licensing, Acquisitions, Cataloging*, presented by Marlene Bubrick, Loyola Law School Library.

Lexis Nexis will present *Getting Things Done*, on Thursday, March 30th, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, which concerns time management and personal organization skills.

The Thomson West workshop, titled *West Librarian MBA: Practical Employment Practices for the Library Manager*, will be held on Friday, March 31st, from 9:00 am to noon.

People are talking about our Friday night event, a sunset dinner riverboat cruise down the Sacramento River, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. You may check out some of the river's scenery, as well as all information on the Institute, on the Institute website at:

www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/institute.htm.

Don't forget to periodically check the Institute blog, which is available at the same URL.

See you in the Capitol!



Minutes of the SCALL Executive Board

October 18, 2005

U.S.C. Law Library



A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at USC Law Library. Board members present were: Pauline Aranas, President; Patrick Meyer, Vice-President/President-Elect; Jessica Wimer, Treasurer; Jim Senter, Secretary; Jennifer Berman, Past President; Tom Fleming, Board Member; and Paul Moorman, Board Member.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

I. Approval of June 29, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

Jim distributed copies of the minutes of the June 29, 2005 Board meeting. Tom moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and Patrick seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was called and the motion was approved. Jennifer moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Paul seconded, and the motion was approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

Jessica distributed the Treasurer's report, showing total assets of \$42,984.83, as of October 14, 2005. Discussion of the budget was tabled to later in this meeting. Paul moved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted, Jennifer seconded, and the motion was approved.

III. Secretary's Report

There was no report.

IV. President's Report

AALL Education Summit

At the President's request, Jennifer reported on the *AALL Education Summit* in Chicago, which she attended as the Association's representative. The conference was well attended, with about sixty delegates from AALL chapters and special interest sections. The conference was very productive, and the focus was on what AALL could do to bring educational and professional development opportunities to members who do not attend the annual meeting. To that end, AALL will act as a clearinghouse for such opportunities, and will offer an Education Calendar on AALLnet, including links to non-AALL events; will provide grants,

technical assistance, including webinars; and will repack-age and distribute annual meeting materials for use by local chapters. For the first time, special interest sections will be allowed to create and run programming at the annual meeting concurrent with AALL programming.

Lifetime Membership

Pauline requested that Charlie Dyer and Richard Iamele be nominated for Lifetime Membership at tonight's Association meeting.

VIP

The Board should consider possible candidates to attend next year's AALL annual meeting as our VIP guest.

V. Vice-President/President Elect's Report

Patrick reported that plans for the Third Joint Institute are moving along well. Several programs have been confirmed so far: *Regulating California Water: The Oil of the 21st Century* (David Sandino, Senior Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Water Resources) *Enforcement of California Securities Laws: Protecting the Public* (Tom Greene, Chief Assistant Attorney General, California Attorney General's Office), *Regulatory Research* (Legislative Intent Service), and *Legislative Research* (Jan Raymond & Carolina Rose). Lexis & Westlaw will each have a pre-conference workshop. A Technical Services workshop is tentatively scheduled for Friday morning, and there will also be a CCCLL legislative history workshop, possibly on Thursday afternoon.

Jennifer moved to accept the Vice-President's report, Tom seconded, and the motion was approved.

VI. Committee Reports

The Board received and read all committee reports, and those reports are filed with the minutes of this meeting. Jennifer moved to accept all committee reports as submitted, Tom seconded, and the motion was approved.

VII. Association Finances

a) *Budget requests for committees*

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Minutes of the SCALL Executive Board

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The Board discussed the committee budget requests for the 2005-2006 year.

b) Approval of 2005-2006 Budget

Jessica presented her analysis of the SCALL budget, showing how much the association needs to operate on a minimal basis, as a baseline for future reference. She also presented the proposed budget for 2005-2006, which includes all the committee budget requests. Last year's budget was \$33,145, income was \$35,494.75, and expenditures totaled \$29,507.52. The budget proposed for 2005-2006 totals \$34,950. The proposed budget is filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Paul moved to approve the budget as proposed. Tom seconded, and the motion carried.

VII. New Business

ICYIP

The ICYIP committee reported that because many foundations will only make grants directly to charitable organizations and not to umbrella groups, the Inner City Youth Internship Program has lost a major donor, Washington Mutual, as well as other potential grantors. The Committee is seeking foundations that will still donate to nonprofits under fiscal sponsorship, but would also like to investigate the possibility of becoming a self-governing 501(c)3 entity.

Paul moved that the Board encourage the Inner City Youth Internship Program Committee to explore the option of becoming a 501(c)3 organization and to examine its implications to SCALL and as a SCALL committee. Tom seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Jennifer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tom seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Senter
SCALL Secretary

NOTE: ADDITIONAL MOTIONS MADE AND BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY EMAIL

During the Association dinner meeting on Oct. 18, 2005, David McFadden moved that Charlie Dyer and Richard Iamele be awarded Lifetime Membership in SCALL, in recognition of their years of exemplary service to the Association. Elizabeth LaMartine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Column (cont.)

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The Grants Committee has funding to offer a limited number of grants to attend the joint Institute. Please watch for announcements from Judi Bikel, Grants Committee chair or check the web site.

New SCALL members now have an additional opportunity to receive grant funding for the AALL Annual Meeting. For each AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, AALL underwrites one free full registration for a number of chapters on a rotating basis. This year SCALL is eligible to grant a registration award to a new SCALL Member. Please contact Grants Committee chair Judi Bikel for further information or visit the SCALL web site to obtain a grant application:

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/pdf/scallgrant.pdf>



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As librarians, it is essential for us to possess good people skills. They are one of those valuable abilities that employers are always looking for in job candidates; and they help us negotiate the paths of our daily work routines. Regardless of which positions we occupy in our libraries, all librarians can benefit from improved people skills.

Some librarians, contrary to the stereotypes, are sociable by nature, and they thrive in social situations. For them, social events, committee work and project coordination are welcome endeavors. Yet, other librarians might be perceived as more typical of our profession, shy and introverted. For them, social events, committee work and project coordination are "serious work." In other words, social situations drain them of energy--physically and mentally--so they tend to shy away from those activities.

In my opinion, whether one is sociable by nature or not, the best way to learn and develop better people skills is by

being around people. What better way to be around people than by volunteering in committees and attending meetings, conferences and Institutes--social events too! I encourage you to take every available opportunity to interact with your colleagues. Don't hesitate to place yourselves in social situations. Make it a point to attend this year's Institute in Sacramento. It is a perfect opportunity to expand your knowledge base, improve your organization and time management skills and, as an added bonus, put your social skills to the test.

By the way, be sure to look for me in Sacramento; perhaps I can encourage you to write an article for our next issue! If we haven't met before, don't hesitate to introduce yourself. I certainly enjoy meeting new colleagues!





AALL / LexisNexis Call for Papers Competition

by Patty Wellinger, Chair
AALL / LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee



Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Maybe you just need a push to get started? Whether for fame or fortune, this is your chance to enter the AALL/LexisNexis™ Call for Papers Competition.

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

Open Division for AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience.

New Members Division for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years.

Student Division for students in library, information management or law school. (Students need not be members of AALL.)

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present his or her paper at a special program during the AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis. Winning papers will also be considered for publication in the Association's prestigious *Law Library Journal*. For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, visit the AALL website at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp. **Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2006.** If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, Chair, Patty Wellinger, pwelling@law.du.edu; Renee Rastorfer, rrastorf@law.usc.edu or Ed Greenlee, egreenle@law.upenn.edu.



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