



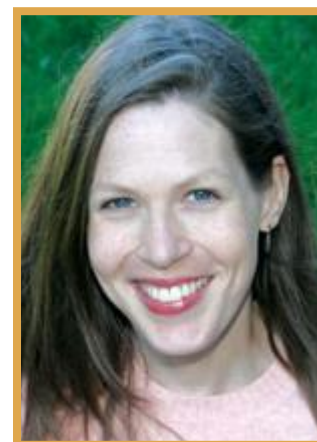
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From the President... Jessica Wimer

We are fast approaching the annual SCALL Institute, our chapter's premier continuing education event of the year. Once again SCALL members are provided with the opportunity to add to their professional knowledge and to socialize with valued colleagues. I hope you will be able to attend this year's Institute on March 27-28, 2009 in the desert resort community of La Quinta, located about five miles east of Palm Desert. The Institute will be held at the Embassy Suites La Quinta—Hotel & Spa, which is just across the street from Old Town La Quinta, and its variety of shops, restaurants, and galleries.

This year's Institute, themed "Near and Far with ADR: Exploring the Many Facets of Alternative Dispute Resolution," promises to be both informative and entertaining. Vice President/ President-Elect Brian Raphael and the members of his Institute committee are hard at work planning the programs that begin on Friday afternoon, March 27 and conclude with a luncheon on Saturday, March 28.



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Editor's Notes... Hugh J. Treacy

As I write this note, a new president has been inaugurated and another peaceful transition in government has occurred, a hallmark of our democracy. Transitions are never easy; smooth transitions involve hard work and determination. With this issue of the *SCALL Newsletter*, we are now providing you with an HTML version which we hope you will enjoy and find easy to use. Celebrate with us as we get the kinks out over the next few issues!

This will be the last issue distributed to SCALL members before the SCALL Institute in La Quinta March 27-28, 2009. This Institute promises an interesting program and an excellent opportunity for SCALL members to connect with each other, vendors, and visiting AALL Board Member V.I.P. Carol Bredemeyer. I join my colleagues in SCALL to welcome our distinguished guest!

This issue also contains two articles written by SCALL members who attended last October's Internet Librarian conference in Monterey. Please read Gina Catalano's *Become a Super Searcher* and Tina Jagerson's *Designing, Creating, and Making Videos Work in Your Library*; they each contain valuable tools and suggestions to hone your skills and exercise your creativity to reach students, faculty, senior partners or summer associates, or self-represented litigants.

Our *Getting to Know You* article introduces an interesting newer attorney and reference librarian, Benita Ghura, from San Diego County Public Law Library. Say hello to Benita when you see her at local, regional or national association meetings!

John O'Donnell offers us his annual summary of new California laws for our information and amusement.

Lastly, what's going on with *you* or what's happening at *your* library? Give Larry Meyer a call and spread the good word in *Heard Around Town*!

AALL Board Member Carol Bredemeyer is SCALL Institute V.I.P.

SCALL is pleased to welcome AALL Executive Board Member Carol Bredemeyer to the 2009 SCALL Institute, "Near and Far with ADR: Exploring the Many Facets of Alternative Dispute Resolution." This year's Institute will be held on March 27-28, 2009 at the Embassy Suites La Quinta—Hotel and Spa in the desert community of La Quinta, east of Palm Desert in the Coachella Valley.

As Carol recently wrote, "It's 17 degrees here with a wind chill of 4. The thought of coming to sunny California in March is helping me get through winter! Over the years, I've heard great things about the SCALL Institutes and I look forward to the opportunity to attend one, meet SCALL members and see long time friends."

No doubt the sunny and warm weather expected at La Quinta will be a vast improvement over the cold, wind and snow of Kentucky winters Carol experiences as Assistant Director for Faculty Services at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights. Highland Heights is a suburban commu-

nity seven miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio.



As an AALL Board member, Carol serves as liaison to three AALL Committees: AALL-NET, Awards, and *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum*. Carol earned a B. A. degree in history in 1978 from Morehead State University and her M.S.L.S. in 1981 from the University of Kentucky. Carol began working at NKU Chase Law Library as a library assistant in 1978; and she launched her professional career in librarianship there in 1981 as a reference librarian, rising from the ranks to her current position.

Carol has been active in AALL, ORALL (Past President), SEALL, Reader Services SIS and ALL-SIS. She has authored articles for *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* and served on and chaired several boards and committees.

We hope to see many SCALL members in attendance at the Institute. Come up and greet our distinguished guest!

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An impressive array of individuals will participate at this year's Institute. Among those who will be speaking are former California Attorney General John Van de Kamp, Scott Gilmore, a partner with the law firm Hill, Farrer and Burrill LLP, and Louise LaMothe, a mediator and arbitrator who has been recognized as one of California's top 50 neutrals by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*.

In addition, Professors Tom Stipanowich and Anthony Miller from the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law, and Mary Culbert, Director of the Center for Conflict Resolution at Loyola Law School will also lead sessions. These speakers will address a variety of ADR related topics, including an overview of the various types of dispute resolution, how ADR is used in specific fields such as family and employment law, as well as mediation confidentiality and other ethical issues.

You can also look forward to attending sessions that focus on resources and research tools in the ADR field. Michael Saint-Onge, Team Lead, LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group, and Michele Lucero, Librarian Relations Manager, West, a Thomson Reuters business, will highlight dispute resolution resources available on LexisNexis and Westlaw respectively. Additionally, Paula Hoffman, Foreign and International Law Librarian at LA Law Library, will speak about international ADR research, and Gina McCoy, Research Services Librarian at Pepperdine University School of Law, will introduce Pepperdine Law Library's extensive collection of ADR resources.

We are pleased to have Carol Bredemeyer, Assistant Director for Faculty Services at Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library, Northern Kentucky University, join us as our AALL Executive Board VIP for the Institute. Carol is actively involved in AALL, and I am sure our Institute will provide her with an excellent chance to reconnect with valued SCALL colleagues. In addition, she will provide the AALL update at the Saturday luncheon.

I know that many of you are eager to register for the Institute and make your travel plans. I am happy to announce that you can make your hotel reservations through the following link:

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/LA/QCAES-CLL-20090327/index.jhtml>

A block of rooms has been reserved at the special room rate of \$159 per night. The group block will only be available until February 24 or until the block is sold-out, which-

ever comes first. Be sure to make your hotel reservation as soon as possible to be included in the special rate! Also, I am very excited to announce that in an effort to do our part in helping the environment, this year the Institute registration information will be distributed electronically. The form to register for the Institute itself will be sent out to the SCALL listserv and e-mailed to all SCALL members by the end of January. Hard copies will be made available to members upon request. Simply contact Brian Raphael (braphael@law.usc.edu) if you need paper copies mailed to you directly.

Institute Grants

If there are economic pressures affecting your ability to attend the Institute, please don't forget that SCALL grants are available to members. According to Grants Committee Chair Judi Bikel, grant applications to attend the Institute will be accepted until February 27 and recipients will be notified by March 6. The application is available at:

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

Future Institute Planning

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to highlight the activities of our Special Committee on the Future of the Institute. While I cannot say enough positive things about our Institute, it is always a good idea to reevaluate to see if the current practices best meet the needs of the membership. In order to gauge this, I have formed a special committee assigned to explore our options when it comes to future Institute planning. The members of the Special Committee are very interested in your thoughts on your past Institute experiences and what you would like to see in the future. The committee is currently working on drafting a survey that will be available at the Institute. An electronic copy will be available after the Institute for those SCALL members who were unable to attend. Members can also contact Diana Jaque (djaque@law.usc.edu) directly with any Institute related comments or concerns.

In closing, we are fast approaching an exciting time of year for SCALL members. We have much to look forward to in 2009—the Institute, our two additional SCALL meetings, and for some, the AALL Annual Meeting. Additionally, our committees are still hard at work on the new and improved website, exploring our options for an online membership database, and working to expand our mentorship program. I look forward to seeing you in Palm Desert where we can discuss this and so much more!

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Internet Librarian 2008: Beyond 2.0



Editor's Note: A handful of SCALL members attended the Internet Librarian 2008 conference in Monterey, California last October 20-22, 2008. Among their number were Gina Catalano and Tina Jagerson, Reference Librarians at the San Diego County Public Law Library. Gina and Tina graciously permitted me to reprint their articles here, after they first appeared in the November 2008 issue of the *SANDALL News*. Enjoy!

Become a Super Searcher

by Gina Catalano, San Diego County Public Law Library

While at the Internet Librarian Conference I attended **Mary Ellen Bates'** class on *Super Searcher Shares: Search Tips Spectacular!* I was very impressed with her presentation, and want to share the following search tips and websites with you.

Google Translator

www.google.com/translate_s

OK, so Google is not new to any of us. But, did you know that you can enter in your search terms and then Google will translate the search terms into a language that you specify and then translate the retrieved web pages for you? So, I entered in the search terms, *vacations in Madrid* in English and wanted to search pages written in Spanish. Google searched through Spanish web pages for my terms and then translated the Spanish pages into English for me. Are you traveling to a foreign country for vacation or researching a foreign country? Try it out and see what happens!

Google Archive Search

www.news.google.com/archivesearch

This is a cool feature that puts your search into a news timeline that is easy to scan and read for trends. Most of you probably haven't tried searching for information on Britney Spears, but what if you wanted to find info on the Web about her early career and not the less than flattering stuff that has surfaced in the past year or so? Performing a search on Britney Spears using this site breaks down the results into a timeline, so you can just select the results from 1980-1981 and read about the more innocent times. This site is great for narrowing search results to a specific time period or seeing trends on a specific topic.

Yahoo's [Brackets] Search

A neat search feature in Yahoo is using your search terms in brackets. Yahoo will retrieve words in the order specified within the brackets. However, unlike the more common phrase search enclosed in quotation marks, the bracket search will retrieve words in that order, but not necessarily in a phrase. Mary Ellen Bates used the following example: [subprime crisis] retrieves subprime mortgage crisis, subprime lending crisis, and subprime mortgage industry in crisis. This could be useful when you know keywords to use in a search but not a specific phrase.

Yahoo Glue

<http://in.search.yahoo.com>

Yahoo describes this new search results feature as uniting the "Classic Search Results with visual information from the best sites anywhere on the Web." This feature is in beta, and you may notice it is based in India. It is interesting because it breaks down the search results into the regular text results that we are accustomed to seeing, but also gives results based on specific types of pages, such as News, Wikipedia, YouTube, blogs, images, RSS feeds, etc. For example, I searched for Barack Obama and the regular text results showed up in a box on the left hand side, but then there were results with images from news sources, blog entries, and YouTube videos with the video right there in the search results! I believe this is an important website to look at for how it presents search results. I think more search engines will be moving to a similar format for their results page.

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Silo Breaker

www.silobreaker.com

This is an interesting news search engine that provides 'intelligent' search results by allowing the user to see relationships between people, and between people and places. Like Yahoo's Glue, it shows results clustered according to type and with visuals. However, it has the added feature of showing a "network" that relates the search query to people, places and things. Click on the network graph feature and news articles that show relationships to your search query will appear. There is also a 'hotspot' feature that shows geographic associations to your original search query. This search engine is very interesting for showing relationships and could potentially be useful when searching for unusual connections between people/companies. Law firm librarians may find this to be a useful tool when searching for information on potential clients or opposing parties.

Looking for the scoop on a particular person or organization? Mary Ellen Bates suggested the following three search engines:

<http://www.serph.com>

This is a metasearch engine that searches blogs, social media sites, social news sites and social bookmarking sites. It is a great way of finding out where to take your search, depending on what hits you retrieve.

<http://www.twing.com>

This search engine mines discussion forums and online communities. It basically searches for detailed information on discussion boards.

<http://www.spokeo.com>

This search engine aggregates updates from social websites such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, Amazon wish list, etc. It will search for the people listed in your email contacts and keep you up to date on what your contacts are posting in the many social sites it searches.

I hope you find these search engines and search tips useful and can see possible applications. I sure did learn a lot at this presentation. Now we can all be *Super Searchers*!



Designing, Creating, and Making Videos Work in Your Library

by Tina D. Jagerson, San Diego County Public Law Library

The Internet Librarian 2008 Conference gave me lots of ideas for incorporating different technologies into our everyday use of the library. From blogs, RSS and podcasts to search engines and digital marketing, IL2008 had it all and then some. But I work at a Public Law Library and the thought of including "gaming" and "social" software on our computers was no less frightening and certainly impractical. I wanted to know how all the great emerging technology ideas from IL2008 could translate for use in a Law Library. MySpace and Facebook may not be the answer, but video tutorials and video marketing could definitely work!

I attended the presentation, *Videos: Designing, Creating, and Making Them Work*, by Heidi Schroeder and Emily Alford, both of Michigan State University Library. At first I was skeptical, but then they mentioned this fact: "People generally remember 10 percent of what they read, 20 percent of what they hear, 30 percent of what they see, and **50 percent of what they hear and see.**" (Trieckler 1967)

What a light-bulb moment. How better to capture and keep someone's attention than showing them how things work, rather than just telling them. As David Lee King, Digital Branch & Services Manager at the Topeka & Shawnee County
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Public Library says, you have to connect the customer to your library—give them a sense of familiarity, invite them into your library and have them become active participants.

The presenters gave us a number of uses for videos in libraries, including: introducing the staff and the community to your library's strategic plans; training staff; video letters from the Director; instructions on new library tools or equipment; patron classes and tutorials; marketing and public relations for library staff; virtual library tours; or showing patrons a behind-the-scenes look of various library departments.

As a law library, we get many patrons representing themselves who want to use our resources. Video tutorials introducing self-represented litigants to what they can expect in the courts and how the process works could be quite helpful for those entering the legal system for the first time, especially by themselves.

So how does one go about *designing, creating, and making them work*? If you aren't lucky enough to afford outside professional help making your videos, use these tips I got from the presenters to help you produce your own:

What you will need to start:

Video or digital camera w/video capabilities;
Time to plan and create the video;
Video-editing software, such as Windows Movie Maker, Avid Free DV, Apple's iMovie, Quicktime Pro, Power Director, or Ulead's Video Studio; or try an online video editing agent like Jumpcut.com.

Making the videos:

Break events/scenes up into sections or modules;
Keep the video short;
Label how long each video is, so the patrons know how long it will take to view it;
Use icons, colors, arrows, different font styles and sizes to make the production more interesting;
Interaction is the key—"active learning is more beneficial than lectures alone."

Now that you have an idea of how to begin making your video, you must "plan" out your feature. You will need to determine what you want to say and maybe even more importantly, who's going to say it. Not everyone is comfortable speaking to a camera. If you can get George Clooney to host your video, more power to you; however,

most of us will probably be taking volunteers from staff if we're trying to keep cost to a minimum.

It's important to get volunteers for obvious reasons. Those willing to participate and who aren't afraid to be the front person will do a much better job. You'll get a video that's more enjoyable to watch if the person addressing your audience doesn't have a look of fear on their face. Once you know who's going to do the talking, you will need to plan on who will be the camera person and who will edit the material for final presentation. Planning out the scenes and dialog of your video are important first steps. Doing so will make production easier and keep time and cost on track.

After making your video, you'll need to find some video software to edit and immortalize your handiwork. The presenters reviewed three free and three for-fee options. They also provided a link to their website that has a comparison chart of ten common software companies that you can review to help you decide which one is right for your library.

FREE software options:

Jing Project (TechSmith)

This one is the easiest to use, but has limited options;
Can be used with Windows or Mac;
Supports flash videos and still images only with no editing features;
You share your videos using screencast.com, or
Provides callouts and text captions for images, not videos.

Wink (Freeware)

Can be used with Windows or Linux;
Supports flash, EXE, PDF, postscript, and HTML file types;
Editing options are limited, but do exist;
Provides callouts, can add images, multilingual support, text captions;
Has templates.

CamStudio (Open Source)

Open source for Windows only;
Supports AVI and flash file types;
Provides callouts, PIP/video, text captions;
Has some editing features.

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For-Fee options:

Camtasia Studio (TechSmith)

Can only be used with Windows;
Has lots of editing options;
Supports a number of file formats;
Special features: quizzes/surveys, scenario branching, TOC, file size control, animation/callouts, corp. branding, templates...
Cost: \$299—Education and group pricing may be available; check website.

Captivate (Adobe)

Can only be used with Windows;
Supports flash file formats;
Has lots of editing options;
Special features: quizzes/surveys, animation/callouts, corp. branding, templates, TOC, multilingual support...
Cost: \$699—Education and group pricing may be available; check website.

BB FlashBack (Blueberry Software)

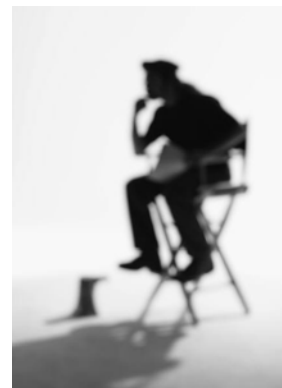
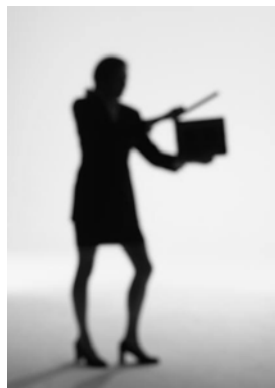
Can only be used with Windows;
Supports flash, AVI, WMV, EXE, and PowerPoint file formats;
Editing options and special features similar to Camtasia and Captivate, including animation/callouts, templates,

file size control...

Be sure to review the costs, if any, special features, usability, etc., of your chosen software. You'll want to familiarize yourself with the products to determine which one will be the most cost effective and useful for your particular library and budget. Also, check for free trials, as sometimes you can try the product to see if it's right for your organization without going all in up front.

The best way to provide a successful digital community experience is to improve on the ordinary and make a connection with your audience; tell a story. You can always sign autographs later.

Ready? Lights, camera, action!



AALL Workshop Grants Available

Thinking about attending the 2009 annual meeting, but need financial assistance? Apply now for an AALL grant to attend the AALL Annual Meeting or a workshop in Washington, D.C.! Grants are awarded to cover registration fees for the Annual Meeting or workshops presented at the Annual Meeting.

For the first time, two categories of grants are available: one for experienced members (5 or more years of professional experience) who have a proven record of professional accomplishment and service to AALL; the other for Students / New Members (less than 5 years of professional experience) who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Previously, newer members and students were given a scoring advantage, but the committee feels that experienced members are also in need of assistance to attend AALL Annual

Meetings or workshops.

The application deadline is Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Don't delay!

For more information, see the Grants Committee website:

www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grant_application.asp

Still have questions? Feel free to contact any member of the Grants Committee. We're looking forward to receiving your application.



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Getting to Know You: Benita Ghura... Margot McLaren

Benita Ghura is originally from Eastbourne, England. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Mary Washington College (1999) and her Juris Doctor degree from Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America (2005). She has been a member of the California State Bar since June 2006.

When asked what made her pursue a career in law librarianship, Benita replied: "My greatest source of inspiration was John Adkins and Michelle Schmidt. They both have such a love and passion for what they do. I was infected with the same passion. I also love the study of law and browsing through legal books to find the elusive answers to legal questions. I like having knowledge of a wide area of law and what I love most about working at a law library is that every day can bring a new or different legal question to figure out, and I really enjoy the investigative aspect of finding what the law is and helping people find information that they may not have been able to find by themselves. For me, personally, I have found my niche and career satisfaction in law librarianship."

Since graduation, Benita has held a number of positions. She served as legal assistant/law clerk for Paul Shearman Allen & Associates; as a student attorney for Columbus Community Legal Services; and as a judicial extern for the United States Court of Federal Claims. She left the Washington, D.C. area in January 2006 to relocate to sunny San Diego, where she secured a position as Reference Librarian for San Diego County Public Law Library (SDCPLL). Her responsibilities include assisting patrons in using online research databases to locate California and federal legal materials, preparing and teaching law-related classes, and providing tours to paralegal students, attorneys and *pro pers*. In addition, Benita contributes articles for the SANDALL and SDCPLL newsletters.

When asked what she considers to be the most challenging experience in her current position, she admitted: "Teaching classes because I have a fear of public speaking. I get very nervous standing up in front of a group of people and speaking, but I am learning to overcome my fear by practicing many times over in front of friends before I teach class. I also attended an NMS course on presentation skills to learn the techniques of speaking to a large group of people and engaging the audience."



In addition to working at SDCPLL, Benita was hired as a contract attorney for Discovery Phase LLC (June 2006-August 2007), where she was responsible for assisting with trial preparation and discovery in complex securities litigation class action suits using Summation; and as a legal specialist for Qualcomm, Inc. (October 2007-February 2008), where she was responsible for auditing Qualcomm's U.S. and foreign patents filed or pending with patent offices.

Benita is also an immigration attorney for Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP in San Diego (February 2008-present). She represents individuals and corporate clients in family-based and employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions. She also conducts legal research and analyzes legal issues. Benita also serves as a self-employed contract immigration attorney (September 2007-present), working on "cancellation of removal" proceedings and application procedures to help clients obtain "green cards."

Benita keeps active in her profession by participating in AALL and SANDALL, and serving as a member of SANDALL's new Social Responsibility Committee. When she is not immersed in her career and professional activities, she likes reading, taking walks, and watching Discovery Health Channel. Five years from now, Benita sees herself as a successful reference librarian at SDCPLL, being active in SANDALL and outreach programs to help make legal information easily accessible and available to all people.

There Oughta Be a Law!...What's New for 2009... John O'Donnell

Your Fingerprints Are All Over This Junk!

A new law requires scrap metal sellers to provide photo identification and a thumb print in order to sell their “non-ferrous materials,” which includes copper, stainless steel, and aluminum. In addition, the buyer must wait three days for payment. The bill also requires junk dealers to keep records detailing transactions and report those to police upon request.

The law was passed in reaction to a rash of thefts of copper wiring and pipes from California buildings. The thefts occur at a wide variety of buildings. Other similar thefts include manhole covers, bicycles, and freeway signs. The price of metal—copper in particular—has skyrocketed in recent years. Copper sold for 90 cents a pound a few years ago now goes for \$4 a pound.

Thieves have been so brazen as to take from almost any building not being monitored. They even struck the Los Angeles Commercial Crimes Bureau building. This was discovered when detectives noticed the air-conditioning was not working. The criminals had stripped the air-conditioning units of their copper wires and other parts. In San Diego County, 60 cancer patients could not receive radiation treatments because a thief had removed the copper plumbing that cools the radiation machines. The bill was opposed by the American Civil Liberties Union. They objected to any requirements that businesses may collect fingerprints from their customers.

(SB 691. Sponsored by Ron Calderon, D-Montebello)

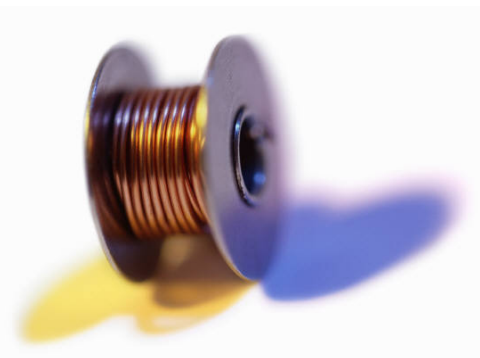
No More Minty Fresh Breath Before the Party...

Concerns about the hallucinogenic effects of a plant referred to as “the magic mint” are the impetus toward its ban to minors. This law makes the sale or distribution of *Salvia Divinorum* and *Salvinorin* to anyone under 18 years of age a misdemeanor. A member of the mint family, the plant is grown mostly in Mexico, but its cuttings can be grown in the United States. This plant should not be confused with ornamental *Salvia* plants that can be purchased at nurseries.

The substance has been used by people of all ages but has become more popular among high school students. Some studies estimate that its use may be as high as seven percent among college students on the east and west coasts. The substance has been reportedly sold on the Internet and in local “smoke” or “head” shops. It has also become increasingly popular since the posting of YouTube videos showing its use; in one video, a driver gets behind the wheel of an automobile while under the influence of *Salvia*. In addition, the presence of the herb on naval ships and military bases has increased concern and has resulted in development of a drug test to detect its use. California joins about a dozen other states that restrict possession and use of the plant.

Some scientists and pharmacologists believe *Salvia Divinorum* may be useful in the future as a treatment for addiction, depression and pain reduction, and they worry that this law may prevent access to the plant necessary for scientific study.

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Excuse Me, Sir...Am I Tall Enough to Catch This Wave?

A new law requires amusement parks that have "wave pools" to increase safety measures for children less than 48 inches tall. These smaller children will be required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type II or Type III life vest. Children less than 42 inches tall must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to enter the park. In addition, lifeguards must have an unobstructed view of all wave pools and must also be able to respond to an emergency within 30 seconds. Finally, a warning signal must be activated each time the waves resume after a period of quiet calm.



This legislation was passed after the drowning death of a 4-year old child in a wave pool at an amusement park in northern California. That park recommended that children should use life vests but did not require them. About 15 water parks in California contain wave pools. The wave pools usually contain about 500,000 gallons of water. Opponents of the bill stated that the legislation would result in frivolous lawsuits and that life vest requirements should be based on swimming ability, not a patron's height.

The California Sheriff's Association and the California Attractions and Parks Association, a trade organization, supported the bill.

(SB 107. Sponsored by Elaine Alquist, D-Santa Clara)

You Wrote *What About Your High School Principal???*

This law prohibits application of disciplinary action against high school and college journalism advisors for the content found in student newspapers. This bill was passed after several instances where journalism program advisors were fired after refusing to remove articles that academic administrators found to be offensive or inappropriate. At least 15 high school journalism advisors have reportedly lost their jobs under these circumstances. High school speech protections had been enacted in 1992, but these measures did not protect student advisors.

This new law specifically prohibits an employee from being dismissed, suspended, disciplined, reassigned, transferred, or otherwise retaliated against for acting to protect pupil conduct authorized or protected by the First Amendment. The law applies to all employees of public schools, private high schools, and public colleges and universities. Even employees who do not work in an academic capacity are covered by this law.



The Association of the California School Administrators argued that the bill is overly broad in that it applies to employees who are not student journalism program advisors. Administrators remain empowered to remove profanity from articles published in official school publications. The bill attempts to balance California's long tradition of protecting students' free speech rights while maintaining a school's statutory authority to limit speech under certain circumstances.

The bill was supported by the California Teachers Association, AFL-CIO, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), California State University Employees Union, and the California Nurses Association. The bill was opposed by the Association of California School Administrators.

(SB 1370. Sponsored by Leland Yee, D-San Francisco)



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Heard Around Town... Larry Meyer



As this is winter, I thought I'd start by reporting that from her new home in Albuquerque, *Carole Levitt* cheerfully acknowledges having received a couple inches of snow in her yard so far this winter. While the snow soon melted, she notes that the mountains surrounding her area continue to be covered with the white stuff.

Congratulations go out to the *San Diego County Public Law Library* and *SANDALL* on their successful children's book drive. Held over the holidays, the drive collected 129 books for *UPLIFT*, an organization for under-privileged children in the San Diego area. Kudos to all involved for conducting this wonderful service project.

Rumor has it that at least one SCALL member, *Cornell Winston*, was able to attend the Inauguration in D.C. I am sure many of us who could not be there are looking forward to hearing his stories and seeing his pictures.

Alan Schroeder is preparing to teach a class on Legal Software for UCLA Extension. The class begins in late March. Best of luck to Alan while teaching this 12 week course.

Robert Ryan has an upcoming show scheduled for March 3rd and 4th. The show is at the Pico Playhouse and will serve as a fundraiser for his theater company, *Vox Humana*. Feel free to contact Bob for additional information.

Among the Beta test sites for GPO's new FDSYS were the Whittier and San Bernardino County Law Libraries. *Margot McLaren* at Whittier reports a positive review of the new system and encourages everyone to go to GPO's new page and test out the system.

Numerous SCALL members were spotted at the AALS Conference in San Diego the week of January 5th. Attendees attended numerous programs and a law librarian luncheon as well as found time to visit with colleagues and to take in the Exhibit Hall. One highlight for many was an evening event at *Winston's* in Ocean Beach sponsored by the folks at Hein. Attendees were treated to the music of *Winslow Ridge*, a band of former USD students from the '70's. Two well-known law librarians, who were USD law students at the time, *Larry Dershem* and *Jim Heller*, are members of the group. According to former *Rohan Award* winner Larry Dershem, the band last played together at the Sahara in Las Vegas on December 9, 1978. Those in attendance found it hard to believe that it had been 30 years since they last played together!

Back then it was Joe Simpson (bass & vocals); Jim Heller (lead guitar & vocals); Larry Dershem (drums & vocals); Jack Godfrey (rhythm guitar & vocals); and Rob Lindqvist (rhythm guitar & vocals). "We were the house band at Winston's for two months back in the '70's, when four people in our group were attending USD School of Law. Back in those days the club was called Webb's."

In case you don't know, the band named itself after the Eagles song, *Take It Easy*, where it goes, "I was standing on the corner in *Winslow*, Arizona, such a fine sight to see...." The *Ridge* part, they're not sure where it came from... "We just needed a word to go with 'Winslow'."

Today, Joe is Assistant Director at National University Library in San Diego. Jim is Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Larry says he now works at "this and that, every now and then." Jack is now corporate counsel for a large casino development corporation in Las Vegas. Rob is a construction defects attorney at a San Francisco law firm, commuting weekly from his home in Carlsbad.



Winslow Ridge band members, January 9, 2009 at Harry's Coffee Shop in downtown La Jolla. Left to right: Joe Simpson, Jim Heller, Larry Dershem, Jack Godfrey, Rob Lindqvist.

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Heard Around Town

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Are you ready for the SCALL Institute? *Brian Raphael* notes that the Embassy Suites in La Quinta is a new facility close to both Old Town La Quinta and the La Quinta Resort. Before the weekend is over, I am sure some SCALL members will have been seen at the *Hog's Breath Inn* or one of Old Town's other eating and beverage establishments.

This issue's Question: The 91st AALL Annual Convention was held in Anaheim. Which SCALL Past President served as head of Local Arrangements? Bonus question: Who was AALL President that year?

Last issue's Answer: *Karen Lasnick* was the first person to respond with the correct answer. *Cornell Winston* is the popular and well-known former SCALL President with the personal quest of visiting the grave sites of all deceased former U.S. Presidents.

As a reminder, please send your news tips to me at: larrym@sblawlibrary.org

Manage With Confidence

AALL is looking for new and aspiring people to be part of *Manage With Confidence: AALL 2009 Management Institute*, to be held March 19-21, 2009 in Tampa, Florida.

From dealing with difficult people, to developing a strategic plan for the library, to building partnerships, new law library managers have a lot on their plates. The AALL Management Institute provides new and aspiring managers from all types of law libraries the opportunity to collaborate in small groups and learn from their colleagues as they develop the skills to manage with confidence today.

For more information about this Institute, please contact:

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Research and Information Management Specialist; Habeas Corpus Resource Center; San Francisco, January 16

Legal Cataloger; Library Associates; Telecommuting, January 16

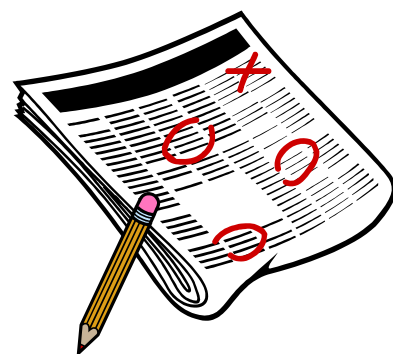
Associate Law Librarians (2 positions); University of California, Irvine School of Law; Irvine, January 6

Librarian; Troutman Sanders LLP; Orange County or San Diego, November 24

Pool of Temporary Reference Librarians; Western State University Law Library; Fullerton, October 7

Reference Librarian; Western State University College of Law; Fullerton, October 7

Librarians & Library Technical Assistants, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Statewide, April 15



Minutes of the SCALL Executive Board...

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on October 14, 2008 at the Café Metropol in Los Angeles. Board members present were: Jessica Wimer, President; Brian Raphael, Vice President/President Elect; James Senter, Past President; Robert Wright, Secretary; John Wilson, Treasurer; Stefanie Frame, Board Member; and Margot McLaren, Board Member.

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

Review of Minutes

Stefanie Frame moved to approve the Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on December 18, 2007 as corrected. The motion was carried.

John Wilson moved to approve the Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on March 14, 2008 as presented. The motion was carried.

Margot McLaren moved to approve the Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on May 13, 2008 as presented. The motion was carried.

James Senter moved to approve the Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on June 25, 2008 as presented. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

John Wilson reported that SCALL's net asset equal \$42,173.66.

Secretary's Report

Robert Wright presented the corrected Minutes from December 2007 through June 2008. He discussed with the Board the use of a recording device for the accurate recording of motions. He also opened a discussion on the nature and purposes of Board meetings. James Senter referred to Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, Chapter 23.

President's Report

Highlights of the President's Report included: a variety of letters and other supportive actions for AALL's and SCALL's legislative agenda and association activities; adoption of the new SCALL logo; and the written Report is filed with these Minutes.

Vice President's and 2009 Institute Reports

The SCALL Institute will be held March 26-28, 2009 at the La Quinta Spa.



Committee Reports

The Board received and read all committee reports by email, and those reports are filed with the Minutes of the meeting. The Public Relations Committee did not present a report. Per Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, all reports are considered filed without voting.

SCALL Finances: Budget for FY 2008-2009

John Wilson presented the printed budget requests for all SCALL committees. James Senter moved that the budget be adopted as amended. The motion carried. The adopted budget proposal is filed with these Minutes.

New Business

There was a general open discussion on possible projects for the new year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Wright
SCALL Secretary 2008-2010

Note: Additional Motions Made and Business Conducted by Email

November 5, 2008

John Wilson moved that SCALL should sign draft recommendations endorsing the 21st Century Right to Know Project, a collaborative effort of OMB Watch, AALL, and more than 100 groups and individuals. There was no discussion and the motion carried.



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