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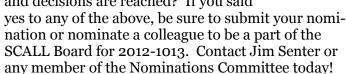
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From the President ... Mark Gediman

I can't believe it's February already. There's plenty happening in SCALL: The All-California Institute is just a month away and the nominations process make SCALL a better place for the Law is underway for the new Board slate.

First, the All-California Institute is shaping up to be a wonderful professional development opportunity. It has a great location in the Mission Valley area of San Diego. The programs have the three T's: They are topical, timely and the speakers are all top-notch. This year there are two pre-conference workshops being offered on such diverse topics as the instruction of new associates and a primer on RDA for Law Libraries. Be sure to book your rooms and register for the Institute right away. I know the rooms are going fast. I hope to see all of you in San Diego on March 9-10!

And lastly, do you or someone you know have some great ideas how to Library community? Would you or someone you know like to have input into the future direction of the Chapter? Would you or someone you know like to learn more about how things are done and decisions are reached? If you said



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SCALL Holiday Party 2011

















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Submission Deadlines

We welcome the submission of any articles of interest to the law library community. Contact Patricia Pelz Hart, **SCALL Newsletter Editor**: hart@chapman.edu

All submissions should be received by the following dates:

April 2, 2012 Mar. / Apr. 2012 issue
May 14, 2012 May / June 2012 issue
September 10, 2012 Sept. / Oct. 2012 issue
November 12, 2012 Nov. / Dec. 2012 issue
January 14, 2013 Jan. / Feb. 2013 issue

Editor's Notes ... Patricia Pelz Hart



Welcome to the year 2012. Can you believe it has been 12 years since the start of the new Millennium? Library staffs everywhere have been too busy to spend much time counting.

Speaking of busy, SCALL members continue to write for the newsletter, sometimes on short notice. Thanks to all who contributed to the issue.

In other news, the Newsletter staff welcomes a new member. Sandy Li, a library student, has joined the group.

Best wishes. Hope to see you at the Joint Institute.

Save the Date ... 4th All-California Joint Institute

Two Pre– Joint Institute Workshops

Coordinating Legal Research Instruction from 1st Year Law Student to 1st Year

Associate features a panel composed of firm librarians who conduct training programs for their associates and academics intimately involved in law school legal research education. Ample time for questions and answers is anticipated.

Panelists include Betsy Chessler of Morrison Foerster, Mark Gediman of Best Best & Krieger, Cynthia Guyer of USC, Patrick Meyer of Thomas Jefferson School of Law and Ron Wheeler of the University of San Francisco. Jane Larrington, University of San Diego, is the moderator and Patrick Meyer is the coordinator.

What You Need to Know about RDA offers a practical look at RDA's impact on law libraries. Melody Lembke of UC-Irvine and Melissa Beck of UCLA will guide attendees through some of the most notable changes identifying potential challenges and uncertainties, as well as opportunities for improving patron access to law library collections through our online catalogs. Carmen Brigandi, California Western Law Library, San Diego is the coordinator.

The workshops will be held concurrently, 8:30-10:45 a.m., Friday, March 9, at the University of San Diego Legal Research Center. The registration deadline is February 15. The \$25 registration fee includes either workshop, a continental breakfast and bus transportation from the Joint Institute hotel for those who need it. On-campus parking is free for those with their own vehicles.

4th All-California Joint Institute

The State We're In: California Law Libraries in Unprecedented Times

A Joint Venture of SANDALL, NOCALL, and SCALL







March 9-10, 2012

- Hotel Confirmation Deadline: February 15, 2012
- Institute Registration Deadline: February 15, 2012

Seeking Participants for Pre- Institute Legal Research Instruction Panel

- Are You a Law Firm Librarian?
- Are You Attending the Legal Instruction Pre-Institute Workshop?
- Would You Like to Serve on the Panel?

The Workshop is a 'bridge the gap' type of research training program for new associates. Please respond if 1) you participate in such a law firm program and 2) you plan on attending the Joint Institute and would be willing to be on the panel.

The workshop is scheduled for **Friday**, **March 9th** from **8:30-10:45** am.

Contact **Patrick Meyer**, Coordinator, if you would like to join the existing panel

SCALL Membership News ... by Judy K. Davis

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY NOW LINKED TO SCALL WEBSITE

The SCALL Membership Directory is now available directly from the SCALL website. Just use the dropdown menu on the left side of the home page, and click "Directory." You will then be taken to the directory login page. If you have misplaced your login information, please contact Judy Davis to retrieve it. As a friendly reminder, don't forget to check your information in the directory from time to time to make sure it is correct and up-to-date. Once you have logged in, you can update your own information and change your password with the system's editing features. Simply click the little pencil icon on the right side of your profile page.

Welcome, new members:

- Linda Heichman Taylor, Senior Librarian, Programs & Partnerships at the LA Law Library.
- Cathy Lintvedt, Librarian, Member Services at the LA Law Library.
- Khaleedah Thomas, Assistant Librarian, Luce Forward.

Welcome, new student members:

- Lisa Huynh, UCLA.
- Elyse Meyers, San Jose State University.

Announcements:

Christopher Thomas, formerly of the LA Law Library, is now Electronic Resources and Metadata Librarian at UC Irvine School of Law.

Any corrections, changes, or additions to your membership information, as well as any announcements for Membership News, should be sent to:

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SCALL Nominations Committee

The SCALL nominations committee is ready to set a slate for 2012-2013, and the following positions will be up for election:

- * Vice President/President-Elect. The Vice President serves a one-year term, succeeds to the Presidency the following year, and serves a third year on the Board as Past President. The VP/President-Elect is responsible for planning and coordinating the SCALL Institute. The nominee must be a AALL member and must have served as a SCALL officer, Board Member, or committee chair.
- * **Secretary** (two year term). The Secretary takes minutes at all Board and Business Meetings and is responsible for conducting the Election.
- * **Board Member** (two year term). Two members serve on the Board, attend all Board Meetings, and participate fully in conducting the affairs and programs of the Association.

Please don't be shy - nominate someone you respect and think would make a good Board Member, Secretary or Vice President/President-Elect.

If you are interested in running for office or know someone who is, please let us know by sending an e-mail to Jim Senter (jsenter@jonesday.com) by Feb. 15th. SCALL needs your voice, your vote, your energy and enthusiasm!

Nominations Committee:

Jim Senter, Chair Jennifer Berman Patrick Meyer

2012 SCALL Scholarships

Greetings,

The SCALL Library School Liaison Committee is now accepting applications for this year's student scholarships. If you know any library degree candidates planning a career in law librarianship, please encourage them to apply! Applicants must live in Southern California and be a currently enrolled graduate student in either the UCLA Department of Information Studies or a distance/ online library school program.

For further information, please see the application form, which is posted on the SCALL website at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/. Deadline for applications is Monday February 27, **2012.** Please contact Cheryl Kelly Fischer at fischer@law.ucla.edu with any questions.

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AALL Annual Meeting Grants

Applications for: Experienced Members Student/New Members

Deadline is April 1

The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to experienced law librarians who are actively involved in AALL or its chapters and to newer law librarians or graduate students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by AALL, AALL individual members, and vendors

AALL Grants webpage

http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Member-Resources/grants/annual-meeting-grants

AALL Scholarships

Going to school? Need money? Apply here...

Did you know the American Association of Law Libraries has several important scholarships to assist present and future members of our profession to achieve their goals? These scholarships provide valuable assistance to present and future law librarians across all types of member libraries.

For more information about our scholarships and to see a list of past recipients please visit http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Member-Resources/scholarships

For applications visit

http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Member-Resources/scholarships/Scholarship-Applications

AALL Needs You - Volunteer for an AALL Committee!

AALL Committee Volunteer Form AALL Committees

Volunteers are asked to:

Give some information about their interests and experience

Apply for more than one committee
Be flexible on accepting committee assignments

Deadline to submit form is February 29.

The Appointments Committee will meet in late March 2012. The Appointments Committee analyzes the membership of each committee and attempts to balance the membership so there are representatives from different library types and responsibilities, different areas of the country, and different experience levels.

AALL Nominations Committee Seeks Candidates for 2012 Executive Board

AALL is looking for the next leaders of the Association. If you, or someone you know, have proven leadership experience, commitment to law librarianship, and demonstrated ability to think strategically, please consider serving on the AALL Executive Board.

The Nominations Committee is asking members to nominate individuals who would make strong candidates for the <u>2012 AALL Executive Board</u> election for the offices of **vice president/president-elect**, and two **Executive Board members**.

If you or someone you know is ready to serve on the AALL Executive Board, let the Nominations Committee know. The chair of this year's committee is Kelly Browne of the Sacramento County Public Law Library. You can email her with your nomination.

The committee is accepting nominations through March 1, 2011. The election will be held in November 2011, for three-year terms beginning July 2012.

Legal Research Class Experiment Showed You Can't Ignore the Basics ... by Karen Skinner

The USC law librarians decided to shake up the legal research class at the USC Gould School of Law last semester. The librarians teach legal research as part of the Legal Research, Writing & Advocacy course. Students come to law school with varying degrees of research experience, with many feeling accomplished in that area of their academic skills. We wanted to come up with an in-class problem that would show students that, while their research skills may have amply supported their academic careers in the past, legal research is a whole new ballgame.

The first legal research class of the semester was changed so that students were immediately given a hypothetical to analyze and begin researching. The hypothetical they were given was on employment discrimination in California based on disability. Students were told they could use any electronic means of research they wanted. They were asked to answer 3 questions:

- 1. Was there discrimination?
- 2. What would you cite as legal authority and how would you cite it?
- 3. In which court would you file your lawsuit?

We expected the vast majority to use **Google**, which many did. Some were confused right off the bat by websites early in their Google results that discussed employment discrimination in Australia and the United Kingdom. Others were distracted by attorney websites that acted more as marketing than sources of legal information. Students who used these types of websites to answer the in-class problem were instructed to examine the author(s) of a website and when the website was last updated.

Others who used Google were fairly successful by finding the Department of Labor or the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing websites. These students were able to find several relevant statutes listed on the websites. However, they were unable to properly cite to these laws and the webpages provided no date information so students were unable to determine if the information was current.

We had significant numbers attempt research on **LexisNexis** or **Westlaw**, as well. We require students to register on LexisNexis and Westlaw before they come to their first class, so many were prepared with their usernames and passwords. Most

did not know where to start on LexisNexis or Westlaw. Those that attempted searches tried case law and statute databases as those are the first ones listed. Once they were in a database, search statements became a problem.

We found our experiment worked well. While students were largely unable to fully answer the questions posed during the in -class problem, we used it as an opportunity to demonstrate how the legal research process works overall. That legal research, as a foundational skill for the profession, requires more work and much greater detail than they have experienced previously. We assured students that we would be teaching them the legal research skills necessary to properly research a problem of this nature. In fact, we plan to use the same hypothetical during our review for the spring semester exam so that students can see how far they have come.

Karen Skinner is a Research Services Librarian at the USC Law Library in Los Angeles

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Saving California's Libraries: California's Continuing Budget Impasse Threatens Public Libraries ... by George P. Carter

Governor Brown's proposed budget threatens difficult cuts to schools and public libraries in California if his tax proposals do not pass in the upcoming primary elections. Some Californians, including participants in the Occupy Wall Street movement, hold the view that for President Obama and Governor Brown, the solution to government budget woes is simply raising taxes, in particular taxes on the "1 percent."

California is already a leading practitioner of such policies, which include numerous government programs, high taxes, and burdensome regulations. California has one of the highest personal income tax rates in the country, the highest State sales tax of any State, and an 8.84% corporate income tax rate. A report released at the end of Governor Schwarzenegger's second term titled "Cost of State Regulations on California Small Businesses" assesses the total cost of regulation to the State of California at \$492.994 billion and a total loss of employment of 3.8 million jobs. As a result, California was ranked the 48th least business friendly State, outdone only by New York and New Jersey respectively. Only Nevada at 12.6% has a higher unemployment rate than California's 11.1%.

Despite having some of the highest taxes of any State, California still cannot overcome its ongoing budget impasse. Raising taxes on wealthy citizens may sound like a noble idea, but it is only addressing a symptom and not the infection. Without economic growth or economic recovery, there are simply not enough people paying taxes to pay for California's current expenses, including funding to public libraries. Whether libraries should be so low on the list of spending priorities is another matter entirely. But until California addresses how to grow its economy, the smoke and mirrors of California budgets will continue to cause undue stress to our public institutions.

Regardless of this taxing reality, Californian voters favor Governor Brown's tax proposal of raising tax rates on Californians making more than \$250,000 a year. It is being called the "millionaires tax" although it reaches down to quarter-millionaires. Some 68 % of California voters said they support raising taxes on wealthy Californians. However, 64% of those same people said they oppose the sales tax, which is also included in Brown's proposal.

When facing budget deficits as far as the eye can see, it seems the only solution is to raise taxes, but that may actually be counter intuitive to what California really needs.

To save public libraries in California it will take more than an arbitrary tax rate on rich California citizens. It will require that California has people and businesses making money again, and not demonizing them for doing so. This will require a major paradigm shift that moves the California governor and legislature away from policies that make it increasingly difficult and expensive to do business in California. If our *public* institutions are to be healthy, then our *private* institutions must be healthy and growing. Either all boats are rising or none of them are. As C.S. Lewis would say, "We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive." High taxes and burdensome regulations have brought economic growth in California to a halt and are threatening our beloved public programs. The way forward may not be as simple as raising taxes.

George P. Carter is Head of Reference & Public Services at the law Library for San Bernardino County in San Bernardino

The William M. Rains Law Library at Loyola Law School ... text by Amber Kennedy Madole, photos by Tanya Cao



When **Frank Gehry** was designing the Loyola Law School campus, he was asked what to do with the building that now houses the **William M. Rains Law Library** at the school. "Blow it up", he replied. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the law school rejected this suggestion, and asked Gehry to remodel it instead. The current Rains Law Library reflects the interaction between these two opinions, with both a traditional outer structure and a dramatic remodel that reflects Gehry's unique design sensibilities. Today, the law library serves the Loyola Law School community as a home for study and scholarship within Gehry's vibrant campus.

A Village Bounded by a Metal-Shingled Garage

Designed between 1981 and 1991, Gehry's design for the Loyola Law School received acclaim. Paul Goldberg, an architecture critic for the New York Times, called the Loyola Law School "a triumph in the art of placemaking." In imagining the Loyola Law School campus, Gehry's goal was to "recapture the sense of a special place" within the city block. iii Many of these goals were achieved in the resulting campus, which is enclosed and yet spacious and lively. A PBS documentary compared the school's layout with Thomas Jefferson's ideal of an "academic village." Time Magazine, commenting on the

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school, noted that [Gehry] "has invented a **new form of** late-20th century urban classicism, simultaneously gritty and dignified." \(^{\nabla}\)

A visitor enters the campus via a parking garage on Albany Street. The garage is covered in galvanized metal shingles reminiscent of Gehry's later works at the Walt Disney Concert Hall or the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao,



Hall of the 70s and garage

Spain. Upon exiting the garage, a visitor will be in the midst of what feels like a village, with buildings scattered between open green spaces, brick walking paths, and clustered chairs and tables for visiting. Between the buildings, there are large trees on open green lawns, a full-size basketball court, and tables of students reading and talking together.

Library Building

Proceeding towards the right of the outdoor plaza, past a busy coffee cart, a visitor will see the library entrance above a small set of stairs. From the exterior, the **Rains**

Building has a traditional appearance. From 1965 to 1981, the entire law school was housed in what is now the Rains library building. To modernize the library, Frank Gehry redesigned the structure by "clearing walls"



William M. Rains Law Library

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Gehry's tables

Atrium

CRC with stained glass windows

to make flowing space" as well as cutting "a long skylight in the roof to let sunshine penetrate the central reading room." The result is a bright atrium on the second floor of the Rains Building, with an open area in the middle and shelves flanking either side. Apart from the second floor, the rest of the library has a decidedly more traditional layout.

Library Organization

Rains Building-First Floor

Walking into the library, a visitor first sees a long, stone circulation desk with multiple stations. The reference desk is visible in an open space immediately behind the circulation desk, and is surrounded by the reference collection. Turning left from the circulation desk, a visitor will access the 24-hour reading room and faculty publication displays. Staff offices are housed in a closed hallway set behind the circulation and reference areas. Turning right from the circulation desk, a visitor will proceed down a hallway with open student study areas to the right hand side and the Media Center room and Main Stacks room to the left.

Gehry's architectural influence extends to particular details within the library, including tables he designed for the space. These study tables are crafted of sandwiched plywood and have a solid, sculptural appearance.

Rains Building-Second Floor

The second floor of the Rains building is defined by Gehry's central atrium, a large, open space that is flooded with sunlight. The atrium has high ceilings, open seating areas, and shelving on either side of the room. The west-facing wall of the second floor houses 12 of the floor's 14 study rooms.

The second floor also houses the library's **Computer Resource Center** (CRC) on the south side of the building, with 73 computer workstations for students and three training rooms. The CRC has a helpdesk that is staffed for a total of 72 hours each week. The Computer Resource Center was once the campus chapel and an impressive stained-glass mural has been preserved across one wall.

Darling Pavilion- Second Floor

The library bridges the Rains and Casassa buildings. The portion of the library housed in the **Casassa Building** is accessible only from the second floor of the Rains Building via an enclosed walkway resembling a sunny airplane jet bridge. This walkway contains a massive window, inviting passers-by to stop for a moment and look out over the campus and



Darling Pavilion walkway



Darling Pavilion exterior



"academic village," library on right side

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the activity of the "academic village" below. The **Darling Pavilion** refers to the connecting walkway and second and third floors of the Casassa Building. The second floor of the Darling Pavilion also houses three study rooms.

Darling Pavilion—Third Floor

The third floor of the Darling Pavilion contains two additional study rooms, along with the library's special collections and archives.

Library Philosophies

A Place for Students

The Rains Law Library strives to make the library a comfortable and cozy home base for students, with access to a restful study place at any time. To this end, in August of 2011, the library unveiled the **Southeast Reading Room**, a new **24-hour reading room** that students access through a keycard. This room may be entered from an outside door or from within the library. When the library is closed, a door on the library side provides security. The outside door may be used 24/7. The reading room opens to a covered outdoor patio that students use for reading, relaxing, or simply taking a break.

Students are encouraged to make themselves at home at the Rains Library. The library allows students to eat and drink anywhere inside the building. (Loyola has adopted a strong eco-friendly policy and the campus café uses only reusable dining items, so students must bus their dishes in outdoor bins.) Students also help themselves to the free earplugs kept in steady supply at the circulation desk.

The library offers students an array of resources to maximize their time at the law school. On the technology front, law students can check out headphones, laptops, and Kindle e-readers. The Rains Law Library is also purchasing iPads for student checkout. The circulation desk reports that the library's Rosetta Stone language offerings are popular items for students.

Dedicated Service

To facilitate the goal of exceptional patron service, the library embraces a policy of extensive service hours. During the academic year, the library is open 108 hours per week. The circulation desk remains open until midnight most nights, and until 2 a.m. during the finals study period. The reference desk is staffed by reference librarians 82 hours per week, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. most weekdays. It is also staffed on weekends, from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Law Library Collection

The Rains Library has a substantial collection of legal resources, with over 600,000 volumes and volume equivalents in the library collection. These works are held on three floors of the Rains Building and two floors within the Casassa Building. Compact shelving units in the lower level of the Rains Building contain monographs with LC call numbers from A-JE, in addition to print government documents. The first floor of the Rains Building contains the main stacks (from LC classification JF-Z) in compact shelving units. The first floor also contains a **Media Center** housing microform government documents. The second floor of the Rains building holds periodical materials (organized alphabetically by title from S-Z), current California materials, California Codes and Reporters, and Federal Codes and Reporters.



Compact shelving

The Darling Pavilion, in the Casassa Building, covers two stories. This space contains print periodical materials arranged alphabetically by title from A-R.

Staff

Professor **Daniel Martin** serves as the law library's director and teaches courses in Ethical Lawyering and first-year Legal Research. **Karen Verdugo** is the law library's Associate Director. **Laura Cadra**, recipient of SCALL's Rohan Chapter Service Award for 2011, is the Head of Reference and Foreign and International Law Librarian. The library staff also includes: **Tom Boone**, **Stephanie Der**, **Amber Kennedy Madole**, **Suzie Shatarevyan**, **Joshua Phillips**,

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[Reference Librarians]; **Lisa Schultz** [Faculty Services/Reference Librarian and SCALL Treasurer]; **Antoinette Morales** [Administrative Assistant to the Director]; **Carol Lahm** [Administrative Services Assistant]; **Val Kalaw** [Senior Secretary];

Edward St. John [Head of Technical Services]; Carolyn Nunez [Senior Serials Assistant]; Frederic Bloomquist [Technical Services/Bindery Assistant]; Dawn Smith [Acquisitions/Serials Librarian]; Ruby Thomas [Acquisitions Assistant]; Beth Leitner [Bookkeeper]; Robert Greenwald [Stack Supervisor]; Carlos Agreda [Senior Evening Public Services Assistant]; Gabriel Botteselle and Denise Kawecki [Public Services Assistants]; Ken Seiple [Senior Public Services Assistant]; Carlos Ochoa [Stack Assistant]; Felix Najera [Evening Public Services Assistant]; David Burch [Head of Library Computing Services and SCALL Vice-President]; Florante Ibanez [Manager of Library Computing Services]; Edwin Majano [Computer Lab Assistant]; Jeffrey Sabol



Library Director Daniel Martin and sculpture of Loyola alum, Johnnie Cochran

[Electronic Resources/Student Support Manager], and **Rummy Deksnys** [Public Services/Interlibrary Loan Coordinator.]

Visiting

The Rains Law Library welcomes our SCALL colleagues. To arrange a visit, please contact the law library. Loyola Law School has a shuttle to downtown Los Angeles and is within also walking distance to the L.A. Live entertainment district with a variety of restaurants, cafes, ice cream stores, and a movie theatre.

[Diorama on page 9 is from inside the Rains Law Library]

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The author in front of faculty publications display case



Law library offers daily press clipping service of the LA Times & NY Times



Decorated for the holidays



Portraits in a Rains stairway. Left: Rev. Joseph J. Donovan, S.J., Law School regent 1927-1971 Right: Rev. Richard A. Vachon, S.J., professor for 19 years

ⁱ Robert Benson, Frank Gehry's Loyola Law School (Loyola Law School, Los Angeles 2010).

Paul Goldberger, "A Show that Gets Inside the Work of Frank Gehry," The New York Times, October 5, 1986, p. A-31.

Robert A.M. Stern, *Pride of Place: Building the American Dream* (book accompanying PBS television series of same name) (Houghton Mifflin, Boston & New York, 1986).

iv Ibid.

^v Kurt Anderson, "Building Beauty the Hard Way," Time Magazine, October 13, 1986, p. 108.

vi Benson, Frank Gehry's Lovola Law School, 59

A Disabled Person's Perspective of Library Services ... by Judith Givens

The library has great potential for helping people gain knowledge, assist with research for that special project, or it just offers that quiet haven for study. For many, the library is the only source available to gather invaluable information. However, going to the library might present challenges for some.

Nunie Matta, a disabled person of 16 years, finds the library a good source for widening his horizons and obtaining books of interest. Nunie, partially blind and in a wheelchair, is nonetheless eager to give back to his Northern California community. He appreciates the handicap access in the library for wheelchairs. However, he often finds that handicap parking is a problem. He is often frustrated to watch persons exit vehicles in a handicap reserved space that do not appear to have any kind of mobility problem. "Of course, one cannot know what one's disability is," he says, but he feels there should be some kind of monitoring to make sure that the persons who most obviously have a walking impairment, would have preference over others.

Having the ability to park in close vicinity to a destination is very important for Nunie. If he cannot park nearby, it is not a very effective trip.

Nunie looks for services that are available to the physically challenged in libraries as well as other public entities; and looks for those staff persons who treat him with respect. He keeps an upbeat attitude and faith about himself despite the odds with his disabilities and the widespread odds against him and other physically impaired persons. To help keep his mind alert and abreast on community awareness, he sits on the Yolo County Advisory Committee for In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) where he offers suggestions for better serving the community through much needed programs, focusing on literacy, job search, technology classes; and outreach. He looks for agencies that can help train the poor and disadvantaged to be better prepared to function in society; as well as agencies that adopt policies and procedures so that the disadvantaged patrons can more fully utilize the library. He is grateful for agencies such as the Aging, Disability & Home Care (ADHC), Society for the Blind, the Out of Sight Group, and his IHSS caregivers which have all helped him regain his smile and become the independent person he is today.

Almost all of us in public libraries and throughout the community interact with disabled people on a daily basis. In our current economy, the population of homeless and the

disadvantaged continues to grow. Instead of simply "putting up" with this population of users, we have a chance to empower these individuals by forming connections with them that will make the library an essential part of their lives. We can provide inspiration as well as practical tools and suggestions to librarians or administrators who want to do all they can to provide services to the public.

Let us continue year round to practice good community service and practice being good servants, as Paul speaks of in Galatians "We are all called to live in freedom. Let's use it to serve one another in love."

Judith Givens is Executive Legal Assistant to Francisco J. Silva, Esq., California Medical Association in Sacramento

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Registration for the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting Open Feb. 13



Job Opportunities ... by Don Buffaloe

- Director; San Mateo County Law Library, Redwood City, February 8
- Library Manager; Aston + Bird; Los Angeles, January 9
- Cataloging Librarian; LA Law Library; Los Angeles, December 21
- Librarians & Library Technical Assistants, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Statewide, Ongoing

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Thursday, 10 November, 2011

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Thursday, 10 November, 2011 at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. Board members present were:

Mark Gediman, President David Burch, Vice-President Lisa Schultz, Treasurer Galeen Roe, Secretary Hugh Treacy, Past President Kelsey Chrisley, Board Member

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the June 29, 2011 meeting were read and revised.
 David Burch moved to approve the revised minutes. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

- Lisa Schultz will compile the committee budget requests for 2011-2012 and the Board will vote on the 2011-2012 budget by email or phone.
- The Joint Institute treasury has been handled by SANDALL to date.
- The Joint Institute Super Committee indicated that the income from the institute will be shared by all three chapters based on paid attendance.

Hugh Treacy moved to approve the report. There was no discussion and the motion was carried. The written report is filed with these minutes.

III. Secretary's Report

- Galeen Roe raised a question about the feasibility of offering ongoing, regularly scheduled, low or no cost Brown Bag programming in alternating locations geographically convenient to SCALL members.
- She stated that, if this was not already covered by the duties of another committee, she would like to ask the Board to consider creating a committee to present educational programming opportunities aside from the quarterly meetings and annual institute.
- She also brought up the Board mentoring/transition program discussed at the previous Board meeting. Kelsey Chrisley moved to approve the report. There was no discussion and the motion was carried. The written report is filed with these minutes.

IV. President's Report

- Mark Gediman said that he would send his report to the Board for later approval.
- He is coordinating through David Burch for the Joint Institute.
- He raised the idea of offering semi-regular brown bag programming regionally. There is the possibility of approaching vendors to underwrite costs and various institutions to volunteer their space. A myriad of topics might be covered based on members' specialties and interests.

There was a discussion of the best way to implement the programming within the current committee structure. It will also be beneficial to look at how other regional AALL chapters handle their ongoing educational programs.

V. Vice-President's Report

- David Burch discussed the probable topic for the Joint Institute. He also asked if there was interest in possibly covering other topics. The Board discussed topics.
- He stated that the Joint Institute committees are divided up among the chapters.
- Kelsey Chrisley asked about the status of the Board's concerns before agreeing to the Joint Institute hotel.

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• Mark Gediman stated that the Super Committee would meet to check on this. They would obtain a project timeline, set deadlines, and report the findings to the Board.

Kelsey Chrisley moved to approve the report. There was no discussion and the motion was carried. The written report is filed with these minutes.

VI. Committee Reports

The Board received and read all committee reports by email, and those reports are filed with the minutes of this meeting. Per Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, all reports are considered filed without voting.

VIII. New Business

Mark Gediman raised the issue of SCALL needing a disclaimer for the listsery. He mentioned that SCALL may have some liability for possible copyright violations committed by members using the listsery. AALL recommended language to use in a disclaimer to indicate that the list is unmoderated. This language will be added to the site.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Galeen L. Roe SCALL Secretary, 2010-2012

NOTE: ADDITIONAL MOTIONS MADE AND BUSINESS CONDUCTED

1/26/2012

A special meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held via teleconference to discuss the SCALL 2011-2012 budget. The discussion proved that additional information was needed from prior budgets, including Institute and committee income, expenses, and dollar amounts requested, before increasing any committee budgets. As a short-term solution, Mark Gediman proposed adopting the 2010-2011 budget amounts as an interim budget for 2011-2012, pending further analysis of the requested data. Hugh Treacy moved to accept an interim budget identical to the prior year's (2010-2011) budget, pending review of SCALL's current budget situation. There was no discussion and the motion was carried. Lisa Schultz will notify the committees about their approved budget amounts.

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