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From the President... Jessica Wimer

It is hard to believe that June is already upon us! While this month marks the end of my term as your SCALL President, it also marks a time of new opportunities for SCALL members. To say that it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your president this year is an understatement; words simply cannot express my gratitude to my fellow SCALL members for allowing me to be of service. Before I highlight what is ahead for SCALL members, let me take this moment to again congratulate Vice President/President Elect Brian Raphael and his committee for organizing a tremendously successful Institute. This year's Institute in La Quinta, CA, themed, "Near and Far with ADR: Exploring the Many Facets of Alternative Dispute Resolution," brought in over 74 attendees and nine exhibitors. Brian and his committee did a great job in carrying on the tradition of providing top-notch programming, a well orchestrated event, and generating a substantial income to support next year's programming, committees, and projects.



By now most of you should have received the latest copy of the SCALL Directory along with your membership renewal and volunteer forms. I can't encourage you enough to consider volunteering for one of our many committees! SCALL is a wonderful and dynamic chapter because so many of us devote our time and effort to meeting the needs of the Association as a whole. In turn, we get back much more than we give. Committee work allows you to serve your fellow members by supplying them with the information and/or opportunities they need for professional growth. It also guarantees you will be presented with innumerable opportunities to network and make valued friends.

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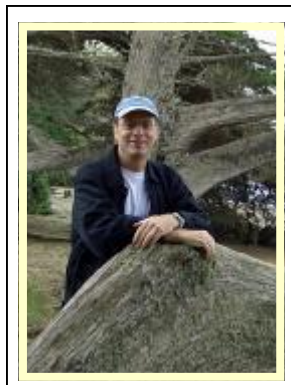
SCALL Newsletter Submission Deadlines

We welcome the submission of any articles of interest to the law library community. Contact Hugh J. Treacy, **SCALL Newsletter** Editor: htreacy@law.whittier.edu.

All submissions should be received by the following dates:

August 10, 2009
October 12, 2009
December 14, 2009
February 8, 2010
April 12, 2010
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Editor's Notes... Hugh J. Treacy

"All good things come to an end." We've all heard that expression before. In this case, it means that I am stepping down as editor and compiler of the *SCALL Newsletter*, and I'm leaving the SCALL Newsletter Committee, too.

This "good thing" for me has been one of the most enjoyable exercises in creativity I have been challenged with since that day in early September 2003 when Belinda Beardt walked into my office with a box containing old issues of the *Newsletter* and the hope that I might learn the *Publisher* program fast enough to generate the upcoming November / December issue. I had heard of *Publisher*, of course, but had never used it. Belinda spent an hour with me, showing me the

basics of the program. The fun was just about ready to begin! I joined the Newsletter Committee. I got to work, and I haven't looked back since.

Last summer, after I spent five years as compiler of this wonderful publication, Victoria Williamson handed over to me the opportunities and the responsibilities as editor. No Perry White have I been—that crusty old editor of *The Daily Planet*, the great metropolitan daily newspaper of fictional Metropolis. I've had no reason to be that stereotypical editor, yelling at a certain cub reporter, or somehow not recognizing the identity of a superhero on staff disguised only by a business suit and a pair of glasses. You see, our super SCALL Newsletter Committee is composed of very talented law librarians who, at the drop of a hat, a simple request, and often on their own initiative, consistently turn out well-thought and well-written material of interest to all SCALL members. Five times a year, under deadline, they've worked hard to bring you the best of SCALL. It's been a distinct pleasure and honor for me to be a part of this group for the past six years, and to lead them for the past year. I thank all of you on the committee for the opportunity to have served SCALL in this way.

Please welcome Patricia Pelz Hart as your new editor and Debbie Lipton as compiler of the *SCALL Newsletter* beginning with the September / October 2009 issue. Patricia and Debbie are colleagues at Chapman University School of Law Library. Patricia is a Lawyer/Librarian and Debbie is an Administrative Assistant to the Law Library Director and Information Services Technician there. I am certain they will do an excellent job of producing future issues of our publication!

If all good things end, that implies that there is a beginning to all good things, too. I've decided to develop my creativity and leadership skills further as the next Vice President / President-Elect of SCALL. I thank you very much for your vote of confidence in the recent election, and I am looking forward with eager anticipation to the great things we SCALL members will accomplish together over the next few years.

Former SCALL President on AALL Slate...

Former SCALL President (2003-2004) Diana C. Jaque is a candidate for AALL Treasurer in the upcoming election.

Diana is currently Head of Collection Development and Acquisitions at the University of Southern California. She is also the current Chair of SCALL's Special Committee on the Future of the Institute.

When asked by the *SCALL Newsletter* editor for a statement, Diana remarked, "I am proud to follow in the footsteps of fellow SCALL members who have run for office within AALL."

Congratulations and good luck to Diana from all of her friends and colleagues in and around SCALL!



From the President... (continued from page 1)

As you look through the new SCALL Directory and place it on your shelf, I also ask that you begin to consider the value of having a print directory in addition to the version available online. Do you find it useful to have both? Would you be just as happy with the online version only? This is not to say that the print version is going anywhere in the near future – or ever! Perhaps though, it is time for SCALL to follow the general trend these days of going green whenever possible. Not printing the directory would definitely help minimize our collective ecological footprint – something that many of us take to heart. Our Vice President/President Elect was the first to take a step in this direction by having all Institute registration and promotional material sent via the SCALL listserv rather than by mail, and this was done with great results!

Next on the agenda for SCALL members is the annual June Business meeting, to be held on Tuesday, June 30th, at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Courthouse in Pasadena. Be sure to mark your calendars! In addition to honoring our newly inducted Life members and our various award honorees, we will be voting on an increase to the cost of your SCALL membership dues. The Board proposes a \$20.00 increase that will go into effect over two years in two \$10.00 increments. The first \$10.00 increase will happen *next year* and will increase the 2010-2011 SCALL membership dues to a yearly \$30.00 fee. The following year will see a second and final \$10.00 increase resulting in your SCALL membership dues in the amount of \$40.00. The Board recognizes this is a substantial increase during tough economic times, has given it much thought, and does not take this on lightly. This increase will put us in line with other urban chapters of our size with similar demographics, and it will also better allow our chapter to meet the demands of increased program costs without passing them along to our members. Additionally, this increase will insure that we can continue to adequately fund our committees such as Grants, Scholarships, and the Inner City Youth Committee, while still providing our members with benefits that make being part of SCALL a worthwhile endeavor. If you have any concerns about this increase, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and let me know. I am more than happy to discuss this with you!

For those of you who are already looking forward to July and making your AALL plans, don't forget to stop by the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception, graciously sponsored by West, a Thomson Reuters business, and hosted this year by SANDALL. A special thanks goes out to John Adkins, from SANDALL, and Lori Hedstrom, from West, for their efforts in organizing the event this year. The reception will take place on Saturday, July 25th, from 5:00-6:00

p.m. The scheduled location at this time is the Renaissance-Congressional Hall A. I hope to see many of you there. There is also the SCALL table that should not be missed! Thanks to the hard work of Carolina Rose, Wendy Nobunaga, and our dedicated SCALL volunteers, we will have a presence in the exhibit hall as usual.

I will close this final President's column as I started – by thanking you all for making this year as your SCALL President such a positive experience. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve in this position, and it is with great confidence that I pass the gavel along to your new SCALL President, Brian Raphael, and his new Board.

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Legislative History Tips: A Page From the Courts' Unofficial Playbook... by Carolina Rose

The California courts routinely take judicial notice of many types of legislative history records to construe statutes,¹ most commonly to clarify ambiguous terms, but also to reinforce a statute's "plain meaning" — a growing trend.

Controversial Records Identified by the 3rd DCA. But in *Kaufman & Broad v. Performance Plastering, Inc.* (2005) 133 Cal. App. 4th 26, the relevancy of correspondence preserved in unpublished legislative bill files for determining legislative intent was given a big thumbs down by the Third District Court of Appeal (3rd DCA) when such materials were not "communicated to the Legislature as a whole." Unfortunately, the California Supreme Court declined to depublish the decision on December 14, 2005, leading some to wonder if *Kaufman* might have a life beyond its own jurisdiction.² (NOTE: Practitioners with 3rd DCA jurisdiction cases should become familiar with all of the *Kaufman* limitations regarding when and how to present legislative history records to that court.) However, at least two cases have undermined the 3rd DCA's limits in this area—one by the California Supreme Court, and the other by the 3rd DCA itself.

"The California courts routinely take judicial notice of many types of legislative history records to construe statutes..."

The Supreme Court Declines to Follow *Kaufman*. In *Sockup v. Law Offices* (2006) 39 Cal. 4th 260, the Supreme Court took notice of an "entire legislative history" that included *Kaufman*-banned materials such as "the views of individual legislators or advocates of the legislation rather than the Legislature as a whole." *Id.* n.9. However, it made a point of only relying upon official bill analyses and bill versions to reach its opinion—records it described as "indisputably proper subjects of judicial notice." Here the Court appeared to go out of its way to show that it would make up its own mind about which documents it would rely upon from the "entire legislative history" in spite of *Kaufman*.

The *Kaufman* Court does an About-Face One Year Later. In *Cequell III Communications I, LLC v. Local Agency Formation Commission* (2007) 149 Cal. App. 4th 310, the 3rd DCA departed from its strict *Kaufman* limits when it relied upon a bill analysis by a private party and the accompanying letter sent to the bill's author which had been "located in the files of the Assembly Committee on Local Government." *Id.* at 326.

Moreover, No Published Decision Addresses the 800-Pound Gorilla in the Room: Government Code (Gov. C.) § 9080. This section clearly establishes the relevancy of records found in legislative committee, floor, and partisan caucus bill files—including correspondence—for determining legislative intent, and without regard to whether they were communicated to the "Legislature as a whole." As co-founder and President of Legislative Research, Inc., I was instrumental in the 1996 enactment of § 9080; and I proposed it with the *actual* legislative enactment process in mind: *There is no such thing as the "Legislature as a whole."* The Legislature functions on a *committee basis* (review by individual committees and committees of the whole (i.e., the floor of each house)); and each committee level generates potentially relevant legislative history records as recognized in § 9080. The fact that no published opinion has yet relied upon the wide ranging applications of this section qualifies it as a potentially potent sleeping giant for the practitioner.

Practitioners are wise to follow the courts' unofficial playbook when it comes to using controversial legislative history records. If it helps, use it—especially in light of Gov. C. § 9080.

The 3rd DCA's about-face in *Cequell* reflects a common judicial stance. As in *Sockup*, the courts prefer to rely upon high comfort zone records such as legislative committee analyses and bill versions. But when they don't do the trick, and when a second tier record-like correspondence strongly supports a court's preferred outcome, guess what is likely to happen? Practitioners are wise to follow the courts' unofficial playbook when it comes to using controversial legislative history records. If it helps, use it—especially in light of Gov. C. § 9080.

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¹ Examples of the wide variety of records that the California Supreme Court has relied upon are:

Bill versions: *Quintano v. Mercury Casualty Co.* (1995) 11 Cal. 4th 1049 at p. 1062, fn. 45.

Legislative Counsel's bill digests: *In re Jesusa V.* (2004) 32 Cal. 4th 588, 650.

Journals & calendars: *People v. Superior Court (Romero)* (1996) 13 Cal. 4th 497, 504, 520, 528.

Committee analyses: *Hutnick v. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co.* (1988) 47 Cal. 3d 456, 465, fn. 7.

State agency analyses/reports: (Example, FPPC) *People v. Snyder* (2000) 22 Cal. 4th 304, 309.

Legislative Analyst's fiscal analyses: *People v. Snook* (1997) 16 Cal. 4th 1210, 1218.

Assembly floor analyses: *Eisner v. Uveges* (2004) 34 Cal. 4th 915, 934.

Senate partisan caucus analyses: *People v. Snyder* (2000) 22 Cal. 4th 304, 310.

Senate floor analyses: *Campbell v. Regents of the University of California* (2005) 35 Cal. 4th 311, 330.

Hearing transcripts: *Lantzy v. Centex Homes* (2003) 31 Cal. 4th 363, 377.

Enrolled (governor) reports & memos: *Parnell v. Adventist Health System West* (2005) 35 Cal. 4th 595, 604-605.

Enrolled (governor) correspondence: *California Teachers Assoc. v. San Diego Community College District* (1981) 28 Cal. 3d 692, 700; *Martin v. Szeto* (2004) 32 Cal. 4th 445, 450-451.

CA Law Rev'n Comm'n Reports: *Mejia v. Reed* (2003) 31 Cal. 4th 363, 377.

Related bills: *Lantzy v. Centex Homes* (2003) 31 Cal. 4th 363, 377.

Ballot materials: *People v. Canty* (2004) 32 Cal. 4th 1266, 1281.

² Located in Sacramento, California's Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District is one of the three original courts of appeal established by constitutional amendment in 1904. Its jurisdiction stretches over 23 counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo and Yuba. The geographical area of the District is larger than the combined area of Connecticut, Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Practitioners with 3rd DCA jurisdiction cases should become familiar with all of the *Kaufman* limitations set forth regarding the use and presentation of legislative history records before that court.

Carolina Rose (1976 J.D., Stanford) is co-founder and President of Legislative Research, Inc. (LRI) and is a member of SCALL and AALL. LRI (established in 1983) specializes in the historical research surrounding the adoption of California codes and regulations. Carolina worked for the California legislature for 7 years where she was responsible for over 200 measures; provides expert witness consulting in the reconstruction of legislative history; and teaches MCLE seminars on legislative history, related ethical advocacy strategies and regulatory history research.

SCALL Chapter Business Meeting Summary...by Ed Butler

During the SCALL chapter business meeting, held during the Spring Meeting at the Home Restaurant in Silver Lake on April 28th, the assembled members voted to change chapter bylaws to allow the executive board to change the amount of dues, subject to ratification by membership at a regular or business meeting, and to allow change of the bylaws by two thirds vote of members in attendance.

The assemblage also voted to nominate Hazel Lord and Gayle Webb to life membership status.

Programs Chairman Paul Moorman announced that the annual business meeting would be held June 30, 2009 at the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena.

Following the business meeting, SCALL members enjoyed a presentation by USC Professor Rebecca S. Lonergan, who spoke on the topic of interrogation techniques used in connection with the War on Terror, September 11, 2001-Present.

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USC Law Professor Speaks About Interrogation Techniques... by Ed Butler

Any abusive interrogation tactics associated with Sept. 11, 2001 terrorism and the war in Iraq are likely to go unprosecuted.

That's the position of a national security law professor at USC, who formerly prosecuted offenses involving national security for the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles.

Professor Rebecca S. Lonergan, speaking at the SCALL Spring Meeting in Los Angeles April 28, said President Barack Obama has already defended CIA interrogators as people simply following orders. As for those higher in the food chain, politicians and attorneys who approved interrogation techniques were applying vague, arguable policy. This would make it difficult to prosecute them, either, Lonergan said.

On the currently hot topic of seemingly abusive interrogation techniques, Lonergan favors development of law that would clarify what constitutes torture both domestically and internationally.

As for the president's order to shut down the Guantanamo Bay prison within a year, Lonergan opined that there are no good options for what to do with "enemy combatants" housed there.

She noted that President Obama has positioned himself against torture, shutting down CIA detention facilities, and has set up working groups while leaving policy direction unclear.

After working at the U.S. Attorney's Office for 16 years, Lonergan in 2007 joined the faculty at USC Gould School of Law as associate director of legal writing and advocacy and adjunct assistant professor of law. The UC Santa Barbara graduate earned her law degree at UC Berkeley and litigated as a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney and in environmental crimes prosecution for the U.S. Department of Justice, before joining the U.S. Attorney's staff.

Lonergan said existing federal statutory law on torture is based upon vague prohibitions in Article 3 of the Geneva Convention and the Convention Against Torture. These

agreements fail to define torture and inhumane treatment and "severe" handling of prisoners, she said. Resulting 18 USC 2340 (a) forbids "severe" mental or physical pain, leaving that unclear, she added, and 18 USC 2441 leaves unclear what constitutes "war crimes."



Professor Rebecca S. Lonergan

Lonergan said the openly published Army Field Manual forbids physically based techniques but describes 19 acceptable techniques that include development of rapport with the detainee and physically invasive or stressful techniques. She said these prescribed techniques arose from use of American special operations personnel who were tested on more abusive techniques such as "water boarding." She expressed the view that accepted techniques should be kept secret, unlike the manual, because revealing them would help make them impractical and ineffective.

Lonergan reviewed a timeline of occurrences in the interrogation methods controversy, including Defense Department memos that were rescinded after they became controversial. In 2004 the Iraq prison scandal broke, with pictures showing psychological tech-

niques shocking the conscience, and in 2006 the U.S. Supreme Court applied the Geneva Convention to Guantanamo Bay detainees.

While Lonergan favors keeping appropriate interrogation techniques secret, she does approve of disclosure of apparent abuses during the Bush Administration.

She disagrees with former Vice President Dick Cheney, who has favored revelation of intelligence gleaned from controversial techniques, as she believes that could interfere with intelligence collection.

She noted that terrorists have been trained to lie and misrepresent that they were tortured, and the efficacy of purportedly abusive techniques is subject to dispute.

Professor Lonergan noted that some have suggested use of especially justified "torture warrants" to enable more pressing techniques, and that in the past the U.S. employed torture in exigent and emergency circumstances.

The Constitutional Legacy of Abraham Lincoln... reported by Benita Ghura

In celebration of Law Week in 2009, the San Diego County Public Law Library hosted several special events, including guest speaker Professor Bryan Wildenthal, who teaches Constitutional and Native American Law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Professor Wildenthal gave an interesting presentation analyzing the extent in which Lincoln transgressed or adhered to constitutional limits, especially during wartime. Professor Wildenthal further analyzed whether Lincoln's actions set a precedent for subsequent presidents who may have transgressed constitutional limitations during wartime.

For example, the Bush administration's military commission policy allowed use of the waterboarding technique against members of Al Qaeda, an interrogation technique used against war criminals. In the professor's view, use of this technique violated the U.S. Constitution. Proponents of the Bush administration's action cite to Lincoln as an example of a President who did not always follow the parameters of the U.S. Constitution, and who used the military commission to suspend habeas corpus.

However, the question arises whether or not Lincoln clearly violated the U.S. Constitution or correctly interpreted the text of the U.S. Constitution, which allows the suspension of habeas corpus in times of rebellion and war. The debate arises on whose authority habeas corpus may be suspended and what may take the place of habeas corpus during its suspension.

In a Congressional session, Lincoln addressed both the House and the Senate to justify his actions. Lincoln above all was a practical man and viewed by some as a leader willing to take drastic and draconian steps. Lincoln's actions were motivated by his desire to preserve the union and the nation as a whole, arguing it was necessary to suspend the law in part to preserve the whole because the alternative would have resulted in the collapse of the government. In other words, Lincoln argued "it was possible to lose the nation but preserve the Constitution; but to

save the nation, it was necessary to sacrifice a limb" (i.e., violate the law).

Lincoln interpreted the U.S. Constitution as authorizing suspension of habeas corpus whenever necessary for the safety and preservation of the nation.



Professor Bryan Wildenthal

The apparent lesson other U.S. Presidents have learned from Lincoln's actions is that it is acceptable to violate the part to save the whole. For example, in World War I, protestors were harshly punished; in World War II, President Roosevelt authorized imprisoning Japanese citizens regardless of their innocence. However, in comparison, Lincoln established a rule of law during the Civil War crisis to treat both military personnel and civilians the same. In the post 9/11 era, the Bush administration did not apply the same rule of law. Therefore, the question arises whether or not subsequent administrations were justified in their actions in the manner of Lincoln during the Civil War.

Scholars have depicted Lincoln either as a compassionate country lawyer with a deep conviction that slavery was morally wrong; or, as a dictator who ruled the country with an iron fist; imposed Marshall law; shut down newspapers; and suspended habeas corpus. Scholarly arguments exist to support both images. Interestingly, Professor Wildenthal maintains that neither depiction of Lincoln is entirely accurate.

Professor Wildenthal describes Lincoln as a strong executive who loved his country and took whatever action was necessary to preserve the union. In other words, Lincoln did what he had to do in order for America to survive as a nation. Lincoln strongly believed in democratic elections and the rule of law. Even when violating constitutional limitations on presidential power, Lincoln provided a reasonable and justified rationale for the exception to the rule.

Benita Ghura is a Reference Librarian at the San Diego County Public Law Library and a member of SCALL.

Getting to Know You: George Carter... by Margot McLaren

George Carter is originally from San Bernardino, California, and has lived in southern California all his life. However, he did venture out of state recently to attend the Spring 2009 Depository Library Conference and Council Meeting in Tampa, Florida.

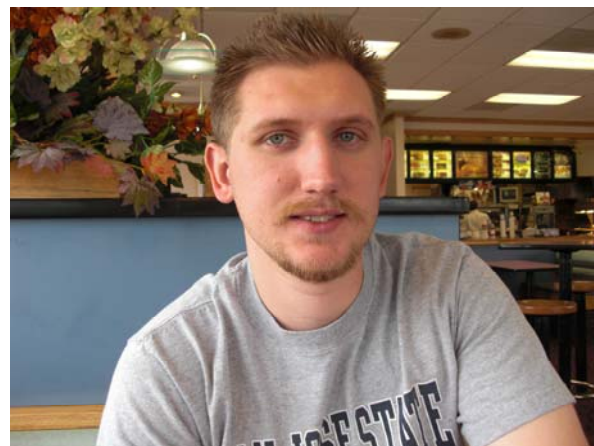
George earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from University of California, Riverside (2007), and is currently pursuing his Master of Library and Information Science (M.L.I.S.) degree from San Jose State University. He is expected to graduate at the end of 2009.

When asked what made him pursue a career in law librarianship, he stated: "I was heavily influenced by Larry Meyer. It became a natural fit as I enjoy serving people and researching. As far as inspiration goes, I am inspired by many things, including the Bible which encourages me to be a better and more reasonable person. I also find inspiration from books, music, people and the like. While inspiration is a good thing, it is not the only thing nor should we have to be inspired to do certain things. We all have responsibilities and commitments which we should do whether we feel inspired to do them or not. Not to mention there are certain things which we may be inspired to do that should not be done at all."

In April 2003, while George was pursuing his undergraduate studies, he became Reference Clerk for the Law Library for San Bernardino County. He was responsible for assisting patrons with their research, processing mail, filing loose-leaf publications, and managing the self-help collection. George held this position until May 2008 when he was promoted to Reference Librarian/Documents Coordinator, where he provides reference services to patrons. He also evaluates, analyzes and writes reports on various matters for the library (including two articles he wrote for the March/April 2009 issue of the SCALL Newsletter); he oversees the depository library program and supervises one full-time employee; and he develops research guides and projects for training newer staff members.

In addition to working at the Law Library for San Bernardino County, George was hired as Librarian (April 2006-May 2008) at Smith Elementary School, where he supervised the children's library. In this position he was responsible for scheduling classes, developing reading programs, and reorganizing the library.

George's library experience stimulated his desire to pursue a career in libraries and to pursue a master's degree in library science. He is an active member of AALL,



SCALL and ALA. He also is a recent recipient of a SCALL grant to help pay for his library education.

Outside the library profession, George enjoys reading, rooting for the Dallas Cowboys, playing basketball, and engaging in debates which he coins "competitive disagreement." His number one passion in life is to pursue truth, to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

A First-Timer's Guide to D.C. ...by George Carter

I was fortunate to be able to visit Washington, D.C. last fall as a member of my library's contingent to the annual Federal Depository Library Conference. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to our nation's capital; so, I've included a few tips here for those of you who will be attending the AALL annual meeting this year.

Despite the presence of windy politicians and influential lobbyists who live and work in the area, Washington, D.C. remains a great city to visit. It is after all the seat of our national government, and the grandeur of its streets and buildings highlights the history and power of our great nation.

I highly recommend you take some time to visit at least some of the sights. Don't worry about transportation; the Metro subway and bus system can get you there on the cheap and most of the "must see" destinations are in close proximity to each other. It will likely be hot and humid; wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable walking shoes! Consider visiting the monuments in the evening when it is cooler and they are lit for your viewing pleasure. I highly recommend visiting the National Mall in the evening. The Lincoln Memorial is absolutely breathtaking, and the World War II Memorial is a beautiful reminder of the sacrifices made by the Greatest Generation for our freedom and democratic way of life.

If you would like to see the city from the top of the Washington Monument, you can buy your ticket ahead of time or you can call the morning of your visit and reserve a spot. You can get a good look at the north side of the White House from Pennsylvania Avenue; but, if you prefer, you may also see it from the south side but more distantly. I also suggest a visit to the Tidal Basin, where you can greet Thomas Jefferson and give FDR a big hug.



Don't forget the fantastic museums! Some of the most popular destinations in D.C. include the Smithsonian museum complex; for example, the National Air and Space Museum, the National Museum of American History, the African Art Museum, and the Natural History Museum. For you art lovers, visit the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, and the National Portrait Gallery. All animal lovers will enjoy the Smithsonian National Zoological Park.

Whatever you do while visiting our nation's capital, be thankful that we live in the greatest nation on earth. See you in D.C.!

George Carter is Reference Librarian at the Law Library for San Bernardino County in San Bernardino, California.

ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award Goes to...

SCALL member and 1996-1997 SCALL President Daniel W. Martin, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, is the 2009 winner of the ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award. Dan shares this honor with Professors Katherine Pratt and Jennifer M. Kowal of Loyola Law School for their article, *The*

Virtual Tax Library: A Comparison of Five Electronic Tax Research Platforms, 8 Florida Tax Review 931 (2008). Congratulations to Dan and his colleagues at Loyola!



Heard Around Town...by Larry Meyer



Thanks to all those who submitted items for this issue. Due to space limitations, if your item is not in this column, I will include it in the next issue.

In a previous column, I reported that **Leonette Williams** and **Brian Raphael** had been interviewed by the Los Angeles Times regarding the USC Law Library's Lin-

coln Reading Room. Leonette and Brian report that following the interview (and maybe the publicity in this column (?)), they received many requests for tours of the room. Brian and Leonette report that during the months of February and March they gave Thursday tours between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to over 100 people. According to Leonette, tour takers were able to see the rare books on Lincoln, photographs and paintings as well as replica furnishings of Lincoln's Illinois home.

USC law librarians were not the only one's to receive recent newspaper publicity. Many of you may have noticed a familiar face in a recent *Daily Journal* article. It was none other than SCALL member **Alan Schroeder**, who has apparently been moonlighting as a self-represented litigant. Congratulations and kudos to Alan on winning his appellate case.

In past columns, I have reported about **Bob Ryan's** theatrical performances. Not to be outdone, another well-known SCALL member, **Mary Dryden** has her own upcoming performance. Though she is scheduled for her next production in far off November, it is not too early to plan ahead. As the date approaches, I am sure Mary will share with us more information as to dates, times and location.

Speaking of the entertainment industry, would you believe one long-time SCALL member is entrusted with not one, but two Emmys in his new library? **Jim Sherman**, who spent many years at University of LaVerne/San Fernando Valley College of Law, reports from his home in Fresno that along with his new librarian job at San Joaquin High School (SJHS) he received custodial care of two Emmys. Jim reports that Phil Roman, who is a graduate of SJHS, has actually received a total of six Emmys. The two he donated to the high school were both for animation, one for *The Simpsons* and the other for the *Garfield*

film. Jim further reports that the statues are located in a special display case in the library and that visitors to the campus as well as prospective students frequently show up to view the awards.

Debra Morse, reference librarian at the San Diego County Public Law Library (SDCPLL) reports that she and fellow reference librarian **Isabel Eustaquio** attended the June 2nd State of California Swearing In Ceremony in San Diego. She reports that: "Ebullient law school graduates who had successfully navigated the February Bar Exam were sworn in as members of the State Bar and the US District Court for the Southern District of California." Debra and Isabel were able to share with the new admittees the wide variety of resources available to them at the Public Law Library. Not to be outdone in the reporting arena by a co-worker, Isabel reports that SDCPLL held a program on job searching the following day, June 3rd. Isabel indicates a wide array of patrons took advantage of the opportunity to listen to three excellent speakers offer suggestions on how to find a job. Sounds like this program was so successful, SDCPLL will repeat it following the next Swearing In Ceremony.

Paula Hoffman from LA Law Library reports that they have recently added two new librarians to serve the public in their downtown LA location. They are **Eric Bender** and **Janine Liebert**. Eric is new to the field and is genuinely excited about the opportunity to work with the public and assist them with meeting their research needs. Janine previously worked in LA Law Library's Santa Monica branch and is the new Self-Help librarian. Janine along with SCALL member and Santa Barbara County Law Librarian **Ray McGregor** were active participants at the recent California Self-Represented Litigants conference in San Francisco.

Special congratulations to **Florante Peter Ibanez** from Loyola Law School. Florante was recently elected Vice President/ President Elect of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA). We all extend our best wishes to him as he serves in this leadership position.

I hope to see many of you at AALL, if you are going, be sure to make time to attend the candidate meet and greet. One of our former SCALL Presidents, **Diana Jaque** will be on the ballot this Fall and I am sure she would appreciate fellow SCALL members stopping by and extending their greetings and best wishes.

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This issue's quiz question relates to one of our newest life members.

This person has received her award after serving many years at a county law library. During the mid-1990's she served as a member of the AALL Executive Board. What is the honoree's name and what position did she hold on the AALL Board? Be the first to respond with both correct answers and see your name in the next issue.

By the way, as no one was able to correctly guess the Directors of the San Diego County Public Law Library for the past 50 years, going back to the construction of their current main building, I will hold that question over for this issue. The first person to correctly send the names to me in chronological order will also see his or her name in the next issue.

Lawrence R. Meyer is Director of the Law Library for San Bernardino County in San Bernardino, California.

Minutes of the SCALL Executive Board... December 10, 2008

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on December 10, 2008 at the Sinigual Restaurant in Beverly Hills. Board members present were:

Jessica Wimer, President
James Senter, Past President
Robert Wright, Secretary
Stefanie Frame, Board Member

Late arrivals:

Brian Raphael, Vice President / President Elect (arrived during committee reports)
Margot McLaren, Board Member (arrived during new business)



A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM.

I. Review of Minutes

- A. James Senter moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held on October 14, 2008 as corrected. The motion was carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

- A. John Wilson was absent and the report was tabled.

III. Secretary's Report

- A. Robert Wright had nothing to report. He did request clarification of motions made and voted on via email.

IV. President's Report

- A. Highlights of the President's Report included:
1. Description of the October 30th meeting of the SCALL committee chairs and board members at McDermott & Emory. Committee goals were discussed and there was a general discussion on raising the annual membership dues. Other issues included: matching members to new law librarians, options for increased funding for the Inner City Youth Internship Program, and the activities of the Library School Liaison Committee.
 2. Announcements: GPO award of 2008 Federal Depository Library of the Year awarded to San Bernardino County Law Library.
 3. The written report is filed with these minutes.

V. Vice President's and 2009 Institute Report

- A. The SCALL Institute will be held March 26 through 28, 2009 at the La Quinta Spa. The speakers list is not yet complete. The written report is filed with these minutes.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. 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.

VII. Bylaws Amendment

- A. Tabled.

IX. [sic] New Business

- A. There was a general open discussion on a possible membership dues increase and on setting up a SCALL LinkedIn.com profile.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Wright, Secretary 2008-2010

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NOTE: ADDITIONAL MOTIONS MADE AND BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY EMAIL

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James Senter moved that the Board approve the proposed amendments submitted to the Board by the Bylaws Committee, amending Article IV, §3, such that it will no longer specify the annual dues for each level of membership, instead stating that dues for each level of membership shall be determined by the Executive Board, subject to ratification by a simple majority of the members; and amending Article XIV, §1, clarifying that the percentage of votes required to adopt, amend or repeal Bylaws shall be two-thirds of active members present at any regular or business meeting. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Job Opportunities... by Jodi Kruger

Librarian — Branch Library; U. S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; San Jose, June 15.

Information Resource Assistant (Reference); Knobbe Martens; Orange County, June 10.

Information Resource Assistant (Administrative); Knobbe Martens; Orange County, June 10.

Senior Director — Library Operation; LA Law Library; Los Angeles; April 21.

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

Librarians & Library Technical Assistants, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Statewide; April 15, 2008.

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