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From the President... **Brian Raphael**

I would first like to express how proud I am to be serving this year as your President. I have been involved in SCALL now for over 16 years and throughout this time, I have been impressed by the commitment, dedication, and innovative spirit of our members. I feel honored to be able to lead our organization this year as we continue our professional commitment to service, education, and advocacy, both at the local and national levels.

On behalf of the SCALL membership, I want to welcome our new members of the SCALL Executive Board: Hugh Treacy, Vice President/President Elect, and Mary Dryden. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank James Senter, Past President, and Stefanie Frame, both of whom recently completed their terms as board members. It was a real

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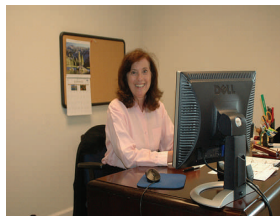
SCALL Newsletter Submission Deadlines

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

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Editor's Notes... Patricia Pelz Hart

Please let me introduce myself to you all. I am the new editor of the SCALL Newsletter and this is my inaugural issue. I hope you find the Sept. / Oct. 2009 issue interesting and enjoyable.

The newsletter is a joint effort. As do librarians everywhere, SCALL members like to find things out, discover new resources, and share what is learned with others. In that spirit, everyone I've contacted has been generous in teaching me the ropes. Anyone, however, is welcome to submit articles or items of interest to the newsletter. You need not be a SCALL member to submit.

SCALL members on the newsletter staff go the extra mile. My thanks to all who have served in the past as well as to those who are continuing, or who are new to the newsletter staff roster.

The previous editor, Hugh Treacy, passed the baton when he became SCALL's new vice-president. He has been unstinting in his assistance, for which I am very grateful. I am also grateful that Margot McLaren is staying on as business manager and general source of wisdom.

Debbie Lipton, Administrative Assistant to the Library Director and Information Services Technician, deserves individual recognition and thanks. As soon as Hugh asked me to become the new editor, I thought of Debbie as the compiler. She and I have collaborated on many projects at Chapman Law School. She is industrious, careful, and a pleasure to work with. I am very glad she is willing to embark with me on this new adventure.

I would also like to thank Sheryl Kramer, Library Director, and Chapman University School of Law for supporting Debbie's and my SCALL activities.

Save the Dates...

SCALL Fall 2009 Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009

L.A. Law Library,
301 West First Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012. (213) 785-2529
Registration begins 5:30 p.m.

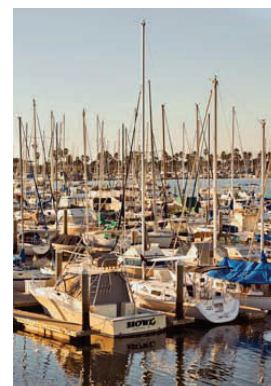


2010 SCALL Institute

Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, 2010

Marriott Ventura Beach
2055 E. Harbor Blvd.
Ventura, CA 93001

Theme: "It's Not Easy Going Green: The Role of Lawyers and Librarians in Support of the Environment"



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

pleasure working with both James and Stefanie this past year, and I know our chapter benefited from their many contributions and dedicated service during their tenure on the board.

Hugh Treacy and I were fortunate this year to be able to attend the chapter leadership training program at the AALL annual meeting. It was very rewarding to have the opportunity to meet leaders from other chapters and share ideas with them. At the program, we learned that the AALL Executive Board has begun working on a new AALL strategic plan for the next three years. The special task force that has been set up to develop the plan will be seeking input from the membership, meaning that all of us will have the opportunity to help shape the future direction of our national organization. I encourage any of you who have views about what AALL's priorities should be over the next few years to make your voices heard.

Also at the AALL annual meeting this year, I had the opportunity to attend the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception, sponsored by West and hosted by John Adkins and his team from SANDALL. Next year is SCALL's turn to sponsor our Pacific Chapters Reception, so even though we have almost a year before next year's annual meeting, it's not too early to let me know if you have an interest in helping with the planning of this event.

"Happy Place" was the theme for this year's SCALL table in the annual meeting exhibit hall. Our table was filled with lots of smiley face decorative and gift items and was very impressive. Special thanks goes to Carolina Rose, President of Legislative Research, Inc., who was instrumental in arranging for a table at this year's exhibit hall and who conceived of our table theme. Thanks also goes to Wendy Nobunaga, Laura Cadra, and the other SCALL members who volunteered their time to help Carolina with the planning for and staffing of the table.

One of my priorities this year will be to help our members who have been particularly affected by the economic recession so that they can continue to play an active role in our professional organization. To that end, I will be recommending to the SCALL Board that we increase the amount that typically gets allocated for grants so that more individuals have the opportunity to attend our local and national professional meetings during the year. At our June 2009 Business Meeting, our membership did approve two consecutive \$10.00 increases in our SCALL membership dues, which will go into effect in 2010 and 2011. The purpose of these increases is to put SCALL in line with other urban chapters of our size and enable us to proceed with new initiatives for our organization. I am sensitive to the fact that the first dues increase will likely be taking place before the effects of our economic crisis have been completely reversed. In the spring, the SCALL Board voted to waive the annual 2009-2010 membership dues for any active member who is unemployed. Since this was just a one-time arrangement, one of my first initiatives as President this year will be to propose that we continue to offer fee reductions for unemployed individuals.

This year, we will also be examining the viability of subscribing to a membership database management system that would integrate our membership data management with other functions such as e-mail communication, event registration, and surveys. Earlier this year, SCALL Membership Committee Chair Pauline Aranas submitted a proposal in which she recommended that SCALL subscribe to such a management system. This proposal was distributed at the June 2009 SCALL Business Meeting. This year, the SCALL Board will examine Pauline's proposal in detail and decide whether to adopt her recommendation.

Another important document distributed at the June Business Meeting was the report of the special committee to examine the future of our annual institute. Chaired by Past President Diana Jaque, this committee surveyed SCALL members as well as our institute exhibitors to assess their satisfaction level with the current format of our institute and to see whether alternative formats would be preferred. While our members are not unanimous in their views on this topic, the committee's report does suggest that members are generally pleased with the current two day format of the institute but that at least some members would be willing to experiment with different formats and locations in the future. For the 2010 Institute, we have decided to return to Ventura Beach, where we had our Institute in 2008. We did look at hotels in and around the Los Angeles area as well as a number of San Diego hotels, but determined that both locations would result in significantly greater costs for both our association and our members. Given the current economic climate, we felt it was particularly important this year to do our best to choose a location that would be appealing to our members, yet at the same time, allow us to minimize costs as much as possible. We feel that returning to Ventura will accomplish both of these goals.

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Additional projects and initiatives some of our committees will be working on and considering this year include the development of a mentor program that would match new librarians in SCALL with more experienced librarians, new types of educational programs for our members, such as brown-bag lunch sessions, and a redesigning of the SCALL website. While all of these projects are very exciting, they do require an investment of time from our members. If you have an interest in helping with any of these or other SCALL activities, please let me know. I am very appreciative of all of you who have already volunteered to serve on a SCALL committee this year, and I want to let everyone else know that it's still not too late to volunteer. The more individuals who become actively involved in SCALL, the more we will be able to accomplish. I look forward to meeting and working with as many of you as possible this year as we continue to build on our past successes, enhance our services and programs, and meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Strategically Thinking

New AALL blog . Visit <http://aallstrategize.wordpress.com> AALL's new Strategic Direction Committee is working on a new Strategic Plan for the next three years of AALL. Join the blog. Tell AALL what you would like to see changed. Tell AALL what to keep doing. Feel free to share, brainstorm and collaborate. Let's Strategize Together.

President's Birthday Sparks Interest In Lincoln Documents ... reported by Ed Butler



AALL Review

Interest in writings by and about President Abraham Lincoln has intensified with current observance of the 200th anniversary of the president's birth.

Anecdotes about collecting these precious manuscripts captivated an educational seminar audience at the 2009 annual conference of the American Association of Law Libraries. The seminar was educational program B-5.

John R. Sellers, Lincoln papers archivist of the Library of Congress, told how the library managed to take title to a good share of these writings.

Daniel W. Stowell, Lincoln papers archivist at the Lincoln Library in Springfield, Ill., described a recently completed project to publish an online collection of Lincoln's law practice papers that provides a representative sampling of his widespread practice in central Illinois.

Aided by a \$1.3 million donation by the Union Pacific Railroad, an exhibit of the Library of Congress' Lincoln archive is now making its way around the country.

Sellers noted that when he served in the House of Representatives, Lincoln lived in a boarding house on the site where part of the Library of Congress now stands.

He said the library began collecting original writings about Lincoln in 1870. At the time of Lincoln's death, the government did not lay claim to presidential papers. However, in 1917, the president's son, Robert Todd Lincoln, gave the library a large accumulation of documents. Sellers lamented that Robert had culled some embarrassing letters and had made gifts of letters to individuals, some of which have been retrieved for the library. Sellers regrets that the resultant gaps create a distortion of the Lincoln record.

Nonetheless, the library has received enough of the papers that they reflect the "meat" of the Lincoln administration, Sellers said.

He added that Robert gave the library a further supply of the papers in 1923, on the promise they would remain sealed another 21 years.

Sellers said safe maintenance of the papers is a major expense, with one case housing the original Gettysburg Address costing \$40,000. Businessman Donald G. Jones donated \$700,000 to help with this sort of expense.

Sellers estimated that the library has approximately 50,000 pages of Lincoln documents, including the first inaugural Bible used in 1861.

Letters borrowed from other collections include that of Grace Bedel, age 11, who suggested that Lincoln grow a beard to be more electable.

Stowell said the online presentation of Lincoln law practice documents is the second edition. The first was a CD presenting more than 96,000 documents. The online version uses a selection of 64 cases that are representative of Lincoln's law practice and shed light on Antebellum America as well as Lincoln, Stowell said. The web site of the law practice papers is www.lawpracticeofabrahamlincoln.org.

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Find 50-State Law Surveys Fast! ... reported by Michele A. Lucero

AALL Review



As a librarian, have you ever had the challenge of finding and compiling that needle-in-a-haystack 50-State survey? Or locating the resources to retrieve that subject survey quickly? What about a regulatory survey?

Cheryl Rae Nyberg, of the University of Washington, Gallagher Law Library and author of *Subject Compilation of State Laws (2006-07) An Annotated Bibliography*, provided shortcuts and tips on how to quickly locate a 50-state law survey by any topic. She was the speaker at educational program K-2 of AALL's 2009 annual meeting. This article is a brief summary of where a librarian can locate 50-state law surveys fast!

The *Subject Compilation of State Laws*, now in its 23rd volume, is available on HeinOnline with over 18,000 bibliographic records. Librarians can search across a specific topic, by entry number or journal title for example. It contains live links to quickly access the survey needed.

Both Westlaw and LexisNexis offer 50-state law survey databases. The main difference expressed by Nyberg is the survey formats; LexisNexis uses Excel and Westlaw provides tables. Both services provide live links to the full text and the surveys are searchable. Table of contents is offered to quickly locate the topic of choice. Both services contain both statutory and regulatory surveys.

If the *Subject Compilation of State Laws* database, Westlaw, and LexisNexis do not have what a patron is looking for, a librarian may want to consider searching those associations and government agencies that deal with the subject. For multiple subjects, try the National Conference of State Legislatures, www.ncsl.org, or the American Bar Association, www.abanet.org. Both contain many law surveys. Below is a list of subject specific resources that may have the survey needed:

- Aged: National Center on Elder Abuse, www.ncea.aoa.gov
- Agriculture & Farming: National Agricultural Law Center, www.nationalaglawcenter.org
- Animals: Animal Legal & Historical Center, www.animallaw.info
- Child Abuse & Welfare: Child Welfare Information Gateway, www.childwelfare.gov
- Criminal Law: American Prosecutors Research Institute, www.ndaa.org/apri/index.html; National Criminal Justice Reference, www.ncjrs.gov/index.html
- Education: Education Commission of the States, www.ecs.org
- Firearms: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, www.atf.gov/index.htm;
- National Rifle Association, www.nraila.org
- Gays & Lesbians: Lambda Legal, www.lambdalegal.org
- Labor & Employment: US Department of Labor, www.dol.gov
- News Media & Reporters: Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, www.rcfp.org
- Traffic & Transportation: Governors Highway Safety Association, www.ghsa.org; Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, www.iihs.org; National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, www.nhtsa.dot.gov

In conclusion, Nyberg provided several helpful search queries in Google, Bing, and USA.gov. Try "states have laws on," "state law survey," or "state statutes [legislation] on." This session was a brief overview of how to find those subject 50-state surveys quickly and efficiently.

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Arthur Miller Traces Procedure Changes at AALL National Conference...

AALL Review



reported by Ed Butler

The federal trial court system is going through profound changes as it struggles to deal with the weight of excessive civil discovery and other procedural burdens.

Describing resolution of this problem as a work in progress, legal scholar Arthur Miller lamented recent U.S. Supreme Court precedents seeming to allow summary judgment dismissal of cases in a dangerous fashion.

In the interest of clamping down on abusive and frivolous litigation, Miller said the *Twombly* and *Iqbal* cases allow dismissal at the judge's discretion if the trial judge merely finds the case implausible. This necessitates a major change in federal pleading, in which simple notice pleading of a complaint is replaced by code pleading-style justification by specific pleaded facts.

Addressing a July 27 luncheon of government and academic law librarians at the AALL annual meeting, Miller said the current dilemma has its roots in a gradual evolution away from a "trial oriented system" and toward what is effectively "a pretrial legal system." He explained that the desire to give parties equal access to all relevant data has resulted in front loading cases with civil discovery. This has resulted in pressure to reduce the burden of discovery by dismissing cases where possible by summary judgment.

While historically, high value has been placed on access to court to resolve disputes, Miller said "we are morphing" toward a system that places greater and greater emphasis on efficiency, economy and early disposition.

Other things adding to the burden of civil litigation include greater complexity, such as mass actions, class actions, civil joinder, and substantive law changes creating new statutory causes in such areas as consumer, environmental, and civil rights law.

Meanwhile, "the costs of litigation have skyrocketed . . . the gold standard of litigation costs too much," Miller said. Miller has a long perspective, having taught law at Harvard University for many years and now teaching at New York University. His wide exposure includes having served 20 years as legal editor of "Good Morning America," the television show.

Miller commented that "we now have a cult of legal management" and a second level cult in the form of alternative dispute resolution. He said he's not expressing an opinion on such things but "these are phenomena that we are not paying attention to."

Changes on the horizon include prospective administrative procedural policy addressing costs and delays of electronic discovery, he added.

Miller said the recent political power shift in Washington may factor into this. While the U.S. had developed a "business oriented judiciary" trying to limit excessive litigation burdens, greater Democrat power these days may result in a different point of view. He said he anticipates that this shift will result in stronger talent among new adults entering Executive Branch work. He hopes that newer law school graduates will demonstrate better research skills, too. Miller gave his blessing to U.S. Supreme Court nominee, federal Appellate Court Judge Sonia Sotomayor. "At most she is centrist in the great tradition of judging," Miller said. What will be critical, he added, will be President Obama's appointments to the federal appellate and trial courts, where 99 percent of case law is decided.

As for profound changes in federal procedure, Miller noted that change is a certainty of life and tends to be cyclical. "Everything in life sits on a pendulum, it's in constant motion, it goes back and forth, back and forth . . . One beautiful thing about a pendulum is that it always retraces its ark."

Miller's talk, sponsored by West, a Thomson Reuters business, was an event at the 2009 national conference of the American Association of Law Libraries. For 45 years, Miller has co-authored West's "Federal Practice and Procedure."

Beyond Copyright: How License Agreements & Digital Rights Management Post Challenges to Fair Use & the Provision of Electronic or Media Services ... reported by Michele A. Lucerno



AALL Review

License agreements and Digital Rights Management (DRM) technologies are common among content suppliers. DRM is the use of technological means to control digital content. Librarians need to understand the connection between copyright and contract, and the implications of fair use.

Senior Electronic/Media Services Librarian Ryan S. Overdorf of LaValley Law Library University of Toledo College of Law described a case study dealing with the ethical obligations and practical difficulties of providing service in the current environment. Associate Professor, Rebecca Tushnet of Georgetown University Law Center followed with an examination of how legal and technological changes are impacting libraries. This was educational program A-2 at AALL's 2009 annual meeting.

Overdorf manages the media services unit at LaValley Law Library and has the responsibility of media services policy making. He provided a case example from their organization in which a vendor required a detailed written explanation regarding the use of its product on open computers at the law school. His unit agreed to monitor the authorized open computers and block the product on the unauthorized computers, with subsequent agreed oral modification to allow campus wide use by the vendor. In analysis of this situation, there was little evidence of usage, and cancellation would result in loss of access.

There are three fair use examples to think about in our current environment: streaming video, kindles and Google Books. Streaming video was the main issue, with concerns of streaming problems including not always streaming, unable to download, and asking media services department to record it for participants in this case study. It was determined by LaValley that streaming video can be a form of DRM, governed by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), 17 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1)(A) and governed by a Terms of Use agreement.

The following policy choices were determined as options for their institution. Keep in mind these choices may be different for other institutions. Media services could cut back in order to record the video for faculty. They may regulate only the availability of its services and not seek to police copyright. Media services may also continue to be concerned with significant intellectual property violations. The point of this case study was to illustrate to the audience that there is the need to be concerned with the frequency of licensing, and there are restrictions on what a copyright owner can do.

Associate Professor, Rebecca Tushnet of Georgetown University Law Center discussed how legal and technological changes are impacting libraries. In her article entitled, *My Library: Copyright and the Role of Institutions in a Peer-to-Peer World*, 53 UCLA L. REV. 977 (2006), Tushnet questions how media should give traditional libraries special consideration in copyright. With easily available technologies, how can a library justify lending and copying? DRM technologies impose barriers to copying and sharing that often conflict with institutional policies. One prevalent case Tushnet discussed is that of Google Book Search Library Project in which Google will digitize and make books searchable. There are a bunch of legal issues revolving around this type of "library."

Both Overdorf and Tushnet provided a good overview of issues libraries may face concerning license agreements and digital rights management. Librarians should be aware of the intersection between copyright and contract, fair use consequences, and how technology is changing the way in which we do business.

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California Advocates for AALL ... reported by George P. Carter



AALL Review

The 2009 AALL annual conference kicked off with the Day on the Hill Legislative Advocacy Leadership Training hosted by the association's Government Relations Office. The training included sessions by Camilla Tubbs, Mary Alice Baish, Emily Feldman, and Advocacy Guru Stephanie Vance. With over 70 law librarians from around the country and Japan in attendance, the advocacy training was informative, entertaining, and productive.

Throughout the course of the day we were instructed on how best to utilize the time we would have with our Congressional representatives and senators or their staff therein. In accordance, Ms. Vance introduced us to the SPIT rule. This rule suggests that advocates be **Specific, Personal, Informative, and Trustworthy**. In being specific it is important to remember that advocates need to get to the point and not waste time. In making the issue personal an advocate should explain how the issue will affect the representative's constituents. In regards to being informative, an advocate should consider what arguments he or she can bring to bear on the issue for which he or she is advocating.

As to being trustworthy an advocate should demonstrate to the staff that he or she can be relied on. For example, if the advocate does not know the answer to a question he or she should promised to get back to the person and actually follow through. In addition to the SPIT rule, Ms. Vance suggested that we be brief.

After the formal training, those in attendance descended on the Senate offices and the Capitol Building to meet with their Congressional representatives, senators, or their respective staff therein. California was represented by 12 law librarians from various organizations across the Golden State. County law librarians were heavily represented and included Paula Hoffman from Los Angeles County, Maryruth Storer from Orange County, Ann Bernard from Tulare County, Kathryn Turner from Yolo County, Tina Jagerson from San Diego County, Sarah Eggleston from Riverside County, Larry Meyer and yours truly from San Bernardino County. Representing Academic law libraries were Esther Cho from Loyola Law School, David McFadden from South Western Law School, Marlene Harmon from UC Berkeley School of Law, and Susan Mart from UC Hastings College of Law.

The size of the California contingency allowed us to split into two groups in order to have meetings with both Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein. Larry Meyer led one group to meet with Senator Boxer's office and Susan Mart led the other half to meet with Feinstein's office. While reports from the meeting with Feinstein were less than favorable, Larry Meyer's group was able to meet with the Majority Counsel for the Environment and Public Works Committee for Senator Boxer's office, otherwise known as Grant Cope. Mr. Cope was courteous and seemed interested in AALL's policy concerns.

In addition to meeting with the Golden State senators, many in tow met individually or in smaller groups with their local representatives. Larry Meyer and I met with Ryan Maxson from Congressmen Dreier's office. Mr. Maxson listened to our concerns about the pilot program for 16 federal depository libraries to provide free access to PACER for patrons. He offered to call the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to inquire about the program's status. Esther Cho and Paula Hoffman met with Representative Lucille Royball-Allard's Legislative Assistant, Natalie Price. Price expressed her interest in H.R. 2728 (William Orton Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act). It was originally sponsored by Rep. Zoe Lofgren, with whom Royball-Allard's office has worked on other projects. Paula Hoffman commented that "It was a positive, informative experience."

After the meetings, everyone reconvened back at the Renaissance Hotel and debriefed the Government Relations Office on successes and failures during the Hill meetings. From the feedback it was clear that the meetings were largely enjoyable and productive. Even those advocates who were unable to secure official meetings were able to drop into their Congressional offices and drop off literature about AALL's important legislative issues. As your representatives and senators return home for recess you may want to exercise your inner advocate and pay them a visit on behalf of your American Association of Law Libraries.

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My First AALL Annual Meeting Experience ... by Benita Ghura



AALL Review

Republished, with minor changes, from the September 2009 SANDALL Newsletter

The 102nd AALL Annual Meeting was an exhilarating experience for a newcomer to law librarianship. As recommended, I started my first annual meeting at the CONELL Workshop where I received useful tips and advice from veterans of the law library profession on how to make your first conference experience a success. As highlighted by one of the speakers, at any conference, you must be sure to bring plenty of business cards with you. Expect to hand out many business cards as you connect and network with colleagues. This is a chance to make lifelong professional connections that may help you in your professional growth.

Another great aspect of the CONELL Workshop was the speed networking session, a hybrid of musical chairs and speed dating. It was a fun ice-breaker for the CONELL attendees and gave us a chance to network and mingle with fellow new librarians.

After CONELL, there were many interesting and innovative educational programs to attend at the AALL Annual Meeting. One of the programs I attended was the ALL-SIS Program: Beyond the Ivory Tower. This program explored innovative and creative methods for effectively teaching legal research skills to law students and summer associates in preparation for their careers as practicing attorneys. One of the many key skills librarians may teach law students is legal research literacy, the ability to effectively research a legal issue. Among the most important skills new associates need to possess are skills to become good legal researchers. These skills include learning how to be a cost-effective researcher and learning how to develop and formulate a research plan, thereby conserving valuable time and billable hours.

As a result, the question was raised on how academic law librarians can best prepare law students for succeeding in the legal field. The answer is by teaching law students how to research legal issues in a cost effective and timely manner. Here are some of the suggestions made:

- Keep legal research instruction current by staying connected to practicing attorneys. Conduct surveys or visit law firm libraries to get ideas for constructing legal research questions for students to solve.
- Ask attorneys what they expect from new associates in regards to their legal research abilities.
- Hold brainstorming sessions with a council/panel of attorneys to vet assignments and obtain or design realistic practice exercises. In preparing for the brainstorming session, the speaker advised to define the goal of the interaction, define the time expectations for the session and never work alone. In addition, the following basic rules were given for holding a group brainstorming session:
 - ◊ Rule out any criticism – allow the free flow of ideas without criticizing anyone's ideas.
 - ◊ Free-wheeling should be welcomed.
 - ◊ The most important principle to remember is that improvement is sought.
 - ◊ Submit any problems ahead of time (before the brainstorming session).
 - ◊ For the facilitator, summarize the content quickly and see where ideas converge and where there is a consensus.
 - ◊ If you write anything on a white board, take a photo of it as part of the record of the discussions.
- A brainstorming session as described above helps to summarize, prioritize and clarify the real life legal problems students will need to face.

In developing a legal research exercise, the presenter of this discussion advised to apply the changes incrementally, test thoroughly and solicit feedback.

These are some of the methods recommended for developing legal research problems to assist law students in obtaining the legal research skills they need to survive in the legal profession.

My Experiences as a First Time Conference Attendee ... by Ed Butler



AALL Review

I knew attending the 2009 AALL national conference was a work trip rather than a vacation trip. The rigorous schedule of the conference, as experienced, showed just how much it was a working expedition rather than kickback activity.

Amidst the vigorous pace of activity on the overflowing calendar of event options, attendees appeared to be energized to mingle and share information, ideas and commentaries relevant to law librarianship. They seemed enthusiastic to re-unite with colleagues and acquaint themselves with new ones.

I attended the national conference for the first time in July, thanks in part to a generous \$1,000 grant from the Southern California Association of Law Libraries. The grant provided valuable leverage allowing my employer to send me, a county law library branch manager, to the event. I am very appreciative to have had this opportunity.

SCALL uses a standardized application form and focuses on funding attendance at conferences and programs.

Planning was a crucial first part. There were deadlines to meet for getting flights booked, enrolling myself as a new AALL member, registering for the conference, and booking a close hotel room at a convention rate. I'm still getting used to doing these things online, but I plunged in and the water was fine.

I took a 6:25 a.m. flight from Ontario, CA. The efficiency of the Park'N Fly lot was remarkable. Not having flown in about three years, I had to learn self service ticketing. Once on board, the overhead compartments seemed jammed by people dodging the \$15 checked bag charge. People seemed to ignore the snacks available for sale on board and, interestingly, there was no offering of in-flight entertainment. Apparently folks were self reliant with WiFi and music storage units, not to mention games on their laptops.

Arriving in DC, I was introduced to the efficient and affordable Metro system.

Reaching conference events entailed much walking. This began with a brisk hike to register in time for the sumptuous dessert reception sponsored by LexisNexis at the Library of Congress. It surely took "wining and dining" to a new level.

The exhibit hall, a remarkable beehive of activity, opened Sunday morning. Mostly there were vendors, but there were also tables maintained by subgroups of law librarians. Several friendly vendors used a Star Wars kind of device to shine a laser beam onto the bar code on my convention badge. This may lead to friendly follow-up calls from Manhattan. I grazed the exhibits for various kinds of plentiful souvenirs to give our staff back home.

As the opening general session speaker, Jonathan Zittrain argued to a receptive audience for preservation of the Internet as a free citizen tool.

Many educational programs over three days allowed librarians and others with focused knowledge to share updates with enrollees. One needed to pick and choose from a smorgasbord available for each time period. As a county law library employee, I leaned toward topics addressing direct services to the public. The speakers made a wealth of information available.

The many meetings included those of special interest sections of the AALL. I attended the one on government documents, our library this year marking its 25th anniversary as a depository. Unexpectedly, I was treated to a tour of the Government Printing Office, the meeting site, including a demonstration of book marbling.

A special highlight for me was a luncheon speech by Arthur Miller, renowned legal scholar. It was one of many events funded by major law publishers, in this case, West, a Thomson Reuters business.

The evening social affairs were numerous and sumptuous.

Flying home to Ontario, I sat in the same row with a young man getting back from his third military tour in Iraq. I informed the stewardess of this, and the can-do lady really carried the ball from there. The man was treated to ice cream and he and two fellow soldiers deplaned first by special privilege, to the applause of fellow travelers.

Working Smart: Innovative Ways to Do More With Your Day ... reported by Michele Lucero



AALL Review

Librarians are often faced with challenges of doing more with less. It seems there is not enough time to get it all done efficiently and effectively.

Julia E. Hughes of Barley Snyder LLC presented tools and tips to help be more innovative with daily tasks. This program was developed out of a survey of solo librarians. The results of the survey expressed by solo librarians were that they wish they had more time and could find things that took less time, giving them more time to concentrate on more important projects.

In just 30-minutes, Hughes provided tips for seven keys areas to *working smart*:

- Do things in batches
Create piles of items to help save time. Do a particular action in a row. For example, if a librarian needs to drop off items at accounting, save them until there is a pile.
- Know your software
What version is it? Does the librarian know what options are available? Are there keyboard shortcuts? How do you use printer defaults and save defaults?
- Generic system “stuff”
It is easy to place important items into the Start Menu. Learn how to organize those files and folders. Have you ever wondered how to see applications side-by-side? One can split a screen up to six ways.
- E-mail/Calendar
Learn to use rules, they are quick and easy to set up. How about a generic “library” e-mail address? Funnel out e-mail from internal users into separate folders or get notification only on internal e-mails. Learn to save e-mail as a calendar item, even color code. For seminar announcements, make it a meeting invitation to keep track of attendees and place directly in a folder.
- Text entry
Use text replacement or auto correct. Have a rubber stamp date in the application.
- Research
Monitor changes via RSS feeds, Watchthatpage or Justia. Use NetSnippets to capture and eSnips to upload and share.
- Accounting
Scan paid bills into DMS using naming conventions.

Hughes provided the following link to all the resources, samples, and downloads she presented: <http://sites.google.com/site/e5workingsmart/>. Let us all as librarians learn how to work smarter, work more efficiently, and work more effectively with the tools we have and save time!

Michele A. Lucero is a Manager, Librarian Relations at West, a Thomson Reuters business.

SCALL Brown Bag Survey Results

submitted by SCALL Programs Committee members Kelsey Chrisley and Galeen Roe

6/30/2009

The SCALL Board requested that the Programs Committee survey members as to their desire for Brown Bag Programming. The Survey was conducted from June 5-22, 2009 with 54 completed surveys received. Law Firm members comprised 48% of the respondents and were the majority. They were followed by academic at 26%, government at 20%, vendor at 4% and special law library at 2%. The following are the highlights of the responses concerning the desire for brown bag programs:

- 57% agreed that they are interested in attending a brown bag program in locations geographically near them that did not include all SCALL members. While 37% strongly agreed, 6% had no opinion.
- 35 respondents work within several miles of downtown Los Angeles (downtown, USC, Koreatown, Little Tokyo). Six of the respondents work in Century City, five work near UCLA/Santa Monica/Malibu, three in Orange County, two in San Diego, and two in Riverside.
- 28 respondents hold positions as librarians, senior librarians, or assistant librarians. 13 respondents are library directors, managers, or heads. Five are department heads. Three are administrative assistants and one each is a deputy director, associate director or assistant director.
- 41% agreed that they are more likely to attend a brown bag program rather than the regular evening SCALL meeting, with 28% strongly agreeing. 20% had no opinion and 11% disagreed.
- The overwhelming majority of respondents said the preferred time for a Brown Bag Program would be during lunch hours.
- In response to the question of whether or not having different brown bag programs in various geographical locations, as a supplement to the regularly scheduled SCALL meetings, will eventually cause a division among SCALL membership, 41% disagreed, 33% strongly disagreed. 20% had no opinion and 6% agreed.
- 63% agreed and 19% strongly agreed that having brown bag programs closer in geographical locations might encourage non-member law librarians and support staff to join SCALL. 17% had no opinion and 2% disagreed.
- 46% stated they are willing to spend 1.5 hours at a brown bag program. Others were willing to spend 1 hour (41%), 2 hours (9%), and 30 minutes (4%).
- In regards to the distance members are willing to travel to attend a brown bag program, 28% selected 5 miles, 28% selected "Other," 26% selected 10 miles. The remainder of the respondents selected the distance of 15 miles (11%) and 20 miles (6%) and 25 miles (2%).

- 32% are willing to pay \$10 to attend a brown bag program followed by 21% willing to pay \$15. Other responses on the amount willing to pay included 15% for "Nothing," 13% for "Other," 11% for \$20 and 8% for \$25.
- 50% of the participants had no opinion in response to the question "Do you think that SCALL should pay for presenters at the brown bag programs?" 19% strongly disagreed, 17% disagreed, 13% agreed and 2% strongly agreed that SCALL should pay the presenters.
- Ranking of topics of interest for consideration for the brown bag programs provided in the survey from most interested to least are:
 - Professional Development
 - Current Technology
 - Current Issues in Law
 - What other Law Librarians do?
 - Networking
 - Law Firm Law Library Specific Issues
 - Academic Law Library Specific Issues
 - Government Law Library Specific Issues
 - Other , Please Comment
 - Law Librarians as Solo Librarians Specific Issues

In the category of "Other, Please Comment", topics suggested for brown bag programs included:

- Law cataloging
 - Tech service
 - Electronic material
 - Downsizing, trimming collections
 - Instruction on databases or other useful tools
 - Legislative history
 - Government Advocacy
 - Research options in particular areas of law
 - Anything really, it is all about networking
 - Marketing
 - Outreach
 - Audits
 - Competitive Intelligence
 - Criminal law topics
 - Budgeting Issues
 - Outside Speaker of high caliber
 - Interested in other types of law libraries as well
- When asked "Are you willing to assist the Programs Committee by spearheading a brown bag event?," 61% selected "No" and 39% selected "Yes."

Heard Around Town...by Larry Meyer



Congratulations to LexisNexis' Michael St. Onge upon reaching a birthday milestone this summer. Many SCALL members were able to attend the celebratory event held at Michael's house to honor him. Reports indicate everyone was treated to delicious food and drink as well as the opportunity to catch up with other attendees.

This summer, after one or two previous announcements that she was leaving, Gayle Webb retired from the Riverside County Law Library. Before turning the keys over to her successor, Gayle was honored by her law library for her many years of dedicated service to the local legal community as well as SCALL, the Council of California County Law Libraries, and AALL. Even though it was held while many of us were at AALL, the reception was well-attended and many came to wish Gayle well. We extend our congratulations to Gayle with best wishes to her and Duncan for many years to come.

Prior to her big party, Gayle was feted by the Inland Empire Law Library Directors at a small luncheon where, in addition to the revelry and reminiscing, she introduced the group to her successor, Sarah Eggleston. Sarah is no stranger to SCALL members as she previously worked at L.A. Law. We welcome Sarah to her new position and look forward to her future contributions to the profession. For trivia buffs, Gayle and her position as AALL Secretary in the mid-1990s were the correct answers to last issue's question. Congratulations to Maryruth Storer for being the first to respond with the correct answers.

Speaking of retirements, on Thursday September 17th, L.A. Law Library hosted a retirement reception for Melody Lembke, who after 35 years is not so much retiring as moving on to the new Law Library at UCI. Attendees who were there to wish her well included fellow staff and former co-workers, including past Director Richard Iamele, SCALL members, and members of L.A. Law's Board of Trustees. While enjoying desert and beverages, Melody was toasted and memories were shared by her and some of the other assembled guests. As Melody moves on to her new duties at UCI, we wish her our best and safe roads on her new commute.

Speaking of UCI, congratulations are in order for SCALL's Immediate Past President, Jessica Wimer, on her new position at UCI. Jessica moved from U.S.C. to UCI over the summer months ahead of UCI's first class this fall.

Two of our resident thespians, Bob Ryan and Mary Dryden, are continuing their activities in the theatrical world. Bob's theater company recently held a fund raiser at the Pico Playhouse. Mary is getting ready for her next production in early November; stay tuned for more information in this column and on the SCALL listserv.

Congratulations and welcome go out to Dina Dreirfuerst as the new librarian relations specialist for Morningstar Document Research (formerly 10-K Wizard) on the West Coast. Many SCALL members know her from her involvement over the years with the PLL-SIS of AALL. We look forward to seeing Dina at SCALL meetings and events down the road.

In bringing this issue's column to a close, I would like to extend to her family and co-workers our sympathy on the sudden passing of Sue Martin. Sue had worked at L.A. Law for just under three years. As the wonderful tribute put together by her co-workers indicates, she was able, in that short time, to not only make major contributions to L.A. Law's day-to-day efforts to serve its many patrons, but also to become deeply endeared to her co-workers. While she is missed by those who worked with and knew her, I am sure her memory will live on for years to come.

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How to answer the question

"I wonder what the heck happened to that code section...?"

Reconstructing legislative annotations from 1850-1996 ... by Carolina Rose¹

Has this ever happened to you – you run across an old code or statutory citation that no longer exists, and you have to find out what the heck happened to it? Normally you'd expect to find the answer in a *West* or *Deering's* annotated code book (or Westlaw or LexisNexis): Just hunt up the code section, and even if it doesn't exist anymore, the kindly code editors generally keep track of the legislative history notes – you know, citing to any prior law, the acts that added and amended it, any repeal or codification, etc. But sometimes the kindly code annotators were asleep at the wheel and missed key legislative cites.² (It is not uncommon for *West's* to have cites that *Deering's* misses and vice-versa. That's why I always check both sets of codes.) When that happens, the Official Publications Archive from the Chief Clerk of the California Assembly, available for free on the internet at <http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/>, covering 1850-1996 has helped me reconstruct an accurate set of legislative citations.³ I can find out if and when the laws of interest was amended, repealed or recodified. I can even find the referenced chaptered laws in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* (also available for free at that same website).

It makes sense that the Legislature would keep track of all its enactments, especially the adoption, amendment, repeal and recodification of its code sections and statutes.⁴ But alas, they did not do so in a uniform manner for all years. The aim of these quick tips is make sense of the hodgepodge for you. The primary tools are the *California Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* indices and tables, as augmented by the Assembly final histories (both available at the above website). The *California Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* publish all of the legislature's enactments and some handy reference tools, including a few *blessed compilations*⁵ of statutory records as listed below in addition to their annual/biennial legislative enactments.⁶ Gaps between the missing

¹ 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.

² I'll have to do a separate Quick Tips on the mind numbing recodification tables. Until then, here is my favorite help: The 1st volume of the various hard bound West Codes are my favorite tool. If there have been massive (sometimes multiple) recodifications (e.g. Education Code), volume 1 of the series will supply the necessary recodification cites.

³ For 1997 forward I am stuck using the year-by-year tables found the Legislature's *Table of Sections Affected*, published annually online by the Legislature at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/legpubs.html> -- but unfortunately, past issues are not archived online. *West's* hardcopy *California Legislative Service* is the alternative. Each year's volume 10 does the honors. The separately published *Statutory Record Supplement, 1989-1998* is also useful.

⁴ The legislature has adopted code sections appearing in named code books (e.g., Civil Code, Penal Code, etc.) as well as *statutes other than code sections*, not appearing in any named code book. E.g., Veh. Code § 35550 as derived from the Statutes of 1915, Chapter 188, § 15, as amended by the Statutes of 1917, Chapter 218, § 12. The 1915 and 1917 acts were not embodied in a separately named code book. They are simply codified acts appearing in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes*.

⁵ I've named them "blessed compilations" for this article because the alternative – a year-by-year search of the indices and tables – feels like research hell.

⁶ Fun facts re: the biennial and annual snapshots in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes*:

(1) They were published biennially from 1850 – 1968. In 1969 the Legislature became a fulltime, annual Legislature so annual publications became necessary. Before 1969, the Legislature met every other year except for the occasional off-year, special sessions.

years/sessions can be filled with the session-by-session *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* and/or the Assembly final histories. Again, you are mostly looking for the tables entitled "Statutory Record." Legislative Research, Inc. also has a collection of separately published Statutory Records as cited below. The company can e-mail excerpts at no charge.

Statutory Records 1850-1996, Online Helps At

<http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/>

- 1850-1921:** Topical indices and minimal code charts in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes*⁷.
- Ouch. This bank of years requires a-year-by year search. However, Legislative Research, Inc. has separately published tables and indices covering 1850-1920 and 1921-1932. I'm all about taking the easiest, most pain free route whenever possible and sharing solutions.
 - For year-by-year research: Beginning in 1873-74 charts were added, but only for the then existing code books: Civil, Code of Civil Procedures, Penal and Political. Statutes other than codes were not charted – so you are stuck using the topical indices which provide cites to relevant chaptered laws. (Best to go for the above "ouch" remedy.)
- 1923-1932:** Two biennial sources for comprehensive charts cover codes *and* statutes other than codes (finally!). But see above "ouch" note to avoid year-by-year searches.
- *Statutes and Amendments to Codes*
 - Assembly final histories
- 1933-1939:** *Blessed compilation*,⁸ Statutory Record: 1939 volume of Stats. & Amends to Codes
- 1933-1941:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1941 volume Stats. & Amends to Codes
- 1942-1948:** Same two sources as 1923-1932 above.
- 1949-1955:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1955 volume Stats. & Amends to Codes,
- 1956-1968:** Same two sources as 1923-1932 above.
- 1969-1977:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1977, vol. 3 Stats & Amends to Codes
- 1969-1978:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1978, vol. 4 Stats & Amends to Codes
- 1979-1985:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1985, vol. 4 Stats & Amends to Codes
- 1989-1996:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1996, vol. 6 Stats & Amends to Codes

If at all possible, try and lay your hands on the separately published statutory records (*not* available for free at the above website). For example, the Los Angeles Public Law Library has a great collection if you are in that neck of the woods. They are:

- *Index to the Laws of California, 1850-1920*⁹
- *Index to the Laws of California, Supplement, 1921-1925*¹⁰
- *Statutory Record, Supplement to the Index to the Laws of California, 1850-1932*¹¹

(2) From 1850 - 1929 the statutory records published for each session were nothing more than a topical index with references to the chaptered laws. Groan. There were no handy charts.

(3) Thankfully, in 1931, the Legislature began publishing charts of sections affected in addition to the topical indices. (A new day in easier research was launched!) However, the session before that, in 1929, the Assembly Final History had already begun publishing a statutory record covering all codes and statutes not codes addressed that year. (From 1905 until 1929 the Assembly had only tracked actions relating to the 4 major codes in existence at that time, the Civil Code, the Code of Civil Procedure, the Penal Code and the Political Code.)

⁷ This bank of years requires a-year-by year search. However, LRI has indices/tables covering 1850-1932-

⁸ All the *blessed compilations* have the same helpful indices and charts covering actions taken with respect to codes and other statutes not codes.

⁹ LRI has this volume and can copy and email excerpts from its collection.

¹⁰ Ditto.

¹¹ Ditto.



- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1933-1948*
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1949-1958*
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1959-1968¹²*
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1969-1978¹³*
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1979-1988*
- *Statutory Record Supplement, 1989-1998*

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at carolina.rose@lrihistory.com – and be brave!

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¹² Ditto.

¹³ Ditto.

Minutes of the SCALL Business Meeting

June 21, 2007

Ninth Circuit Courthouse, Pasadena

Submitted by Robert Wright, Acting SCALL Secretary

The Annual Business Meeting of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries was held on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at the Ninth Circuit Courthouse in Pasadena. A quorum having been reached, President Patrick Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

Secretary Mark Gediman presented the minutes of the 2006 SCALL Annual Business Meeting; a motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was passed. The motion was made to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was passed.

President's Report:

President Patrick Meyer reported on the highlights of the past year. Highlights were:

Vice President Jim Senter orchestrated the 35th SCALL Institute titled "Global Legal Landscapes: Navigating the Worlds of Foreign and International Law." AALL Executive Board member Lyonette Louis Jacques was in attendance. SCALL members who spoke were Secretary Mark Gediman, Cindy Chick and Michael Saint-Onge. Three pre-institute workshops were sponsored by the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group, Thomson West, and SCALL.

While working closely with Government Relations Committee Chair Maryruth Storer, AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative Mary Alice Baish, and others, the SCALL board submitted or signed letters to members of the House of Representatives and Senate concerning our opposition to the proposed closure of the EPA libraries; in support of

The Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2007; in support of direct access to CRS Reports; in support of full funding of the GPO; and in support of the *Open Government Act of 2007*.

The SCALL Programs Committee, chaired by Brian Raphael, sponsored two educational programs: one on immigration reform and the other on legal developments related to climate change.

A committee is creating a Southern California law firm salary survey and another committee is developing a series of IP workshops.

"I thank everyone for the privilege of serving as SCALL President for 2006-07. It is a once in a lifetime honor and one for which I will always carry fond memories."

The complete report is filed with these minutes.

Vice President/President Elect's Report:

Vice President Jim Senter reported on the 35th Annual SCALL Institute, "Global Legal Landscapes: Navigating the Worlds of Foreign & International Law"

It was held in San Diego at the Wyndham on March 16 and 17, 2007.

113 attended with 30 exhibitors, and showed a profit of \$6,264.25

The complete report is filed with these minutes.

Secretary's Report:

The election was held in the spring and the results were, Vice President/ President Elect Jessica Wimer, Treasurer John Wilson, and Board Member Stefanie Frame. A motion was passed to destroy the ballots.

Treasurer's Report:

Jessica Wimer reported SCALL had net assets of \$29,948.35 at this time, down 24% from the previous fiscal year.

Committee Reports:

Some highlights of major reports were:

Awards: Awarded the following:

The Lifetime Achievement Awards went to Kate Pecarovich, of UCLA, retired, and to Diane Reynolds, Los Angeles County Law Library, retired.

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The Vendors Service Awards went to Julie Webster-Matthews and Michael Saint Onge of LexisNexis.

No Rohan Chapter Service Award was given this year.

Government Relations: Worked with the Board in lobbying efforts described in the President's Report and distributed 9 action alerts to the members via email.

Inner City Youth Program: Mary Ann Donaldson reported that the committee had a disconcerting year in that it would be losing its long time relationship with Community Partners, its fiscal agent. Despite that problem, the committee succeeded in placing 16 students in 15 host sites.

Library School Liaison: Distributed six scholarships worth a total of \$3,000.00. It also matched 16 library school students with mentors from among SCALL's members.

Members: SCALL has 335 members in total: 13 Life, 277 Active, 29 Associates, and 16 Students. There were 39 new members.

Placements: 110 advertisements were received during the last business year.

Public Relations: There will be new promotional items ready for the AALL Annual Meeting. Also the Committee requests permission to develop a new SCALL Logo.

All committee reports were accepted and have been filed with these minutes.

Other Business:

Recent life memberships to SCALL granted to Elisabeth Lamartine, Diane Reynolds, Dorothy Hampton, Mary Lynn Hyde, and Kate Pecarovich were applauded.

It was noted with sadness that Life Member Bethany Ochal passed away.

Introduction of New Board/Passing of the Gavel:

Outgoing President Patrick Meyer introduced the new elected Vice President/President Elect Jessica Wimer, Treasurer John Wilson, and Board Member Stefanie Frame. Patrick Meyer thanked outgoing Past President Pauline Aranas, Treasurer Jessica Wimer, and Board Member Paul Moorman. The Gavel was passed to new President James who determined there was no further business and so adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes of the SCALL Business Meeting June 25, 2008

Ninth Circuit Courthouse, Pasadena

Submitted by Robert Wright, Acting SCALL Secretary

The Annual Business Meeting of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at the Ninth Circuit Courthouse in Pasadena. A quorum having been reached, President James Senter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Jim Senter, referring to Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, stated that all reports would no longer require a motion to be accepted but would be considered filed without voting.

Approval of the Minutes:

In the absence of Secretary Mark Gediman, Pauline Aranas moved and Jennifer Berman seconded that the June 21, 2007 Business Meeting minutes be postponed. The motion was passed.

President's Report:

President James Senter highlighted SCALL's activities during the preceding year including:

SCALL set up a blog for clearing information for and about members during the recent wildfires in Southern California.

Vice President Jessica Wimer's representation of SCALL at the SANDALL and NOCALL Institutes.

The reciprocal agreement reached with the Special Libraries Association, Southern California Chapter on offering member's rates to each other's events.

The new arrangement reached between the Inner City Youth Internship Program and the Urban Education Partnership.

The full report is filed with these minutes.

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Vice President/President Elect's Report:

Vice President Jessica Wimer reported on:

The Institute was held in Ventura on March 14 & 15, themed "Think Inc.! Corporate Research Today". There were 122 attendees and the Institute made a profit of \$11,903.41.

The process of choosing a new logo for SCALL is nearing completion and will soon post the candidates to the web for voting by the members.

The report is filed with these minutes.

Secretary's Report:

In the absence of the Secretary Mark Gediman, President James Senter read the election results electing Brian Raphael as Vice President/President Elect, Robert Wright as Secretary, and Margot McLaren as Board Member for the 2008 -2010 term. Pauline Aranas moved and Lyonette Williams seconded that the ballots be destroyed and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Wilson stated that at the end of the fiscal year, SCALL had net assets of \$41,304.26.

Committee Reports:

Per Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, all reports are considered filed without voting. Some highlights of major reports were:

Awards: Awarded the following:

The Rohan Award to Victoria Williamson for her years as Newsletter editor plus her mentoring of new members. Mrs William Rohan and her son Timothy were at the meeting as well to see the award given.

The Lifetime Achievement Award to Jan Goldsmith, recently retired from UCLA, for many years of service as SCALL member, committee chair, officer, and mentor, and in particular for her support of the Inner City Youth Internship Program.

The Vendors Service Dual Award to both Tom Stallard and Legislative Intent Service. Maria Sanders accepted the award on Legislative Intent's behalf and presented a \$250 check to the ICYIP.

Bylaws: Continued to work with the Board on drafting two amendments for later consideration by the members, the first regarding the changing of membership dues and the second regarding the number of members required to adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws.

Government Relations: Shared AALL Action Alert with members on congressional actions and worked with the Board to lobby in favor of the Public Printer of the United States and changes to the California Rules of Court

Intellectual Technology: Currently the SCALL listserv has 256 members. Work on updating the SCALL web site will continue.

Inner City Youth Program: Mary Ann Donaldson reported that the committee had successfully found a new partner, Urban Education Partnership, as fiscal agent for the program. Donations had reached over \$13,000.00 of which SCALL had contributed \$5,000.00.

Library School Liaison: Distributed four scholarships, added its own web page to the SCALL web site, and continued its relationships with the UCLA and San Jose State University library schools. The Committee also initiated a new library student mentoring program currently matching 12 SCALL member/mentors with 16 student/mentees.

Members: SCALL has 348 members total: 297 Active, 30 Associate, 12 Life, and 9 Students. The 2006-2007 Directory was distributed to members by March 2008; the 2007-2008 Directory is in final proof stage.

Placements: Ninety-five advertisements were received during the last business year.

All committee reports have been filed with these minutes.

Other Business:

Pauline Aranas moved that life memberships to SCALL be given to Nancy Carol Carter, Jan Goldsmith, and Kay Collins and the motion was passed.

Introduction of New Board/Passing of the Gavel:

Outgoing President James Senter introduced the new elected Vice President/President Elect Brian Raphael, Secretary Robert Wright, and Board Member Margot McLaren. James Senter thanked outgoing Past President Patrick Meyer, Secretary Mark Gediman, and Board Member Robert Wright. The Gavel was passed to new President Jessica Wimer who determined there was no further business and so adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m..

SCALL Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, 28 April 2009

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Tuesday, 28 April 2009 at the Home Restaurant in Silver Lake. Board members present were:

Jessica Wimer, President
Brian Raphael, Vice President/President Elect
John Wilson, Treasurer
Robert Wright, Secretary
Stefanie Frame, Board Member
Margot McLaren, Board Member

Guest:

Hugh Treacy, Newsletter Committee Chair

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

I. Review of Minutes

Robert Wright moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held on December 10, 2008 as printed. There was no discussion and the motion was carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

John Wilson reported that SCALL had net assets of \$41,417.14 with approximately \$2,000.00 in anticipated revenues yet to come in from the Institute.

III. Secretary's Report

Robert Wright reported that the nominations for the election of officers had been decided and that the ballots were in process of being sent out to the members. Special thanks were given to Pauline Aranas, the Membership Committee, and the USC law library staff who have volunteered to prepare the mailing list and to print and distribute the ballots.

IV. President's Report

Highlights of the President's Report included:

SCALL will send two VIP's to the AALL Annual Meeting this year:

Professor Greg Leazer, UCLA

Robert Little, Board Member from San Bernardino County Law Library

The Pacific Chapters Joint Reception at the AALL Annual Meeting will be hosted by SANDALL on July 25, 2009.

AALL Annual Meeting and Conference Chapter Registration Awards provided a free registration to SCALL member, Benita Guhra.

SCALL entered into an agreement with ALM Events, exchanging SCALL announcements and advertisements of Legaltech West Coast for discounted access to Legaltech for SCALL members.

Discussion and proposals for the Institute 2010 have begun, possibly with a site in San Diego.

The written report is filed with these minutes.

V. Vice President's and 2009 Institute Report

Highlights of the Report included:

The 37th Annual Institute was held March 27-28, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in La Quinta, California, "Near and Far with ADR".

There were 63 paid attendees plus 4 VIPs.

There were 9 total exhibitors and 7 total sponsors.

The Institute generated \$19,778.52 in receipts

Registration: \$6,578.52

Exhibitors: \$6,400.00

Sponsors: \$6,800.00

The Institute incurred a total of \$11,332.71 in expenses.

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Net profits equalled \$8,445.81

Brian Raphael attended the NOCALL Spring 2009 Institute, April 24-25, as a VIP.

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 the meeting. This includes a brief report from Diana Jaque, Chair of the Special Committee of the Future of the SCALL Insititue. 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

The Board had approved, via email, amendments to the bylaws to be presented to the members (for approval see the appendix to the minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2008). The amended bylaws concern the process by which annual dues amounts may be changed. The amendments are filed with these minutes.

VIII. Life Members Nominations

Galyle Web, Director of the Riverside County Law Library

Hazel Lord, retired Senior Law Librarian - Head of Access Services at USC

IX. Projects for the new SCALL Year

MemberClicks

2010 SCALL Insititue site selection

X. New Business

There was an initial discussion on the reasons for, and the amount of, a possible increase in membership dues should the Bylaw Amendments pass. Jessica Wimer submitted for consideration a table indicating other chapters's dues rates (filed with these minutes).

There was a reminder about the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception to be hosted by SANDALL at the upcoming AALL Annual Meeting.

There was a discussion on how to fund the sending of a VIP to the AALL Annual Meeting (should there be a per diem or cover for costs as submitted?).

Discussion on the possible move to an online only format for the membership directory in case vendor sponsorship can no longer meet the printing and mailing costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Wright

Secretary 2008 - 2010

NOTE: ADDITIONAL MOTIONS MADE AND BUSINESS CONDUCTED

4/28/09

During the SCALL Spring Dinner Meeting at the Home Restaurant, which began at 5:30, Jessica Wimer presented amendments to the bylaws 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. . Larry Meyer moved that the Bylaws Amendments be adopted. There was no discussion and the motion was approved. The Amendment is filed with these minutes.

Dinner Meeting at the Home Restaurant, which began at 5:30, it was moved that two long time members of SCALL, Galyle Web, Director of the Riverside County Law Library, and Hazel Lord, retired Senior Law Librarian - Head of Access Services at USC, be nominated for lifetime memberships. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

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5/29/09

Via email Jim Senter moved that the Board modify the amount of annual dues for Active and Associate Members to \$40 annually, to take effect in two stages: the first modification would take effect at the beginning of the 2010-2011 fiscal year and would increase the dues to \$30; the second would take effect at the beginning of the 2011-2012 fiscal year and would raise the dues to \$40. The Board's action, if approved, is subject to ratification by a simple majority vote of those members present at any regular or business meeting. After discussion the motion was approved.

6/9/09

Via email Brian Raphael moved that we waive the annual dues for the 2009-2010 SCALL membership for any active member who is currently unemployed (including refunding dues for such members who have already paid their 2009-2010 dues) and that we invite individuals who qualify to contact a board member to obtain board approval of such a waiver or refund. After discussion the motion was approved.



Job Opportunities... by Jodi Kruger

Head of Circulation Services; San Diego County Law Library; San Diego, October 9

Library Assistant IV/Acquisitions/Cataloging Assistant; University of San Diego Legal Research Center; San Diego, October 6

Head of Research Services; University of California, Irvine School of Law; Irvine, October 5

Director; University of San Francisco School of Law; San Francisco, October 5

Pool of Temporary Reference Librarians; Western State University Law Library; Fullerton; October 7, 2008

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

***Jodi Kruger** is Research Services Librarian at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu. She is currently Chair of the SCALL Placement Committee.*

Morningstar Document Research

A New, Old Friend

10-K Wizard is now Morningstar Document Research. The new Document Research platform goes beyond the US annual filings (10-K form) to enable streamlined global company research. Its new name is intended to reflect the breadth of the offering. The company will continue to provide the full-text search capabilities, real-time alerts, and robust data extraction tools for in-depth research. Morningstar Document Research plans to take advantage of additional features and functionality as part of a larger, global organization.



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