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# President's Column

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Let me first mention that I am proud to serve as your SCALL President for 2006-2007. We look forward to a productive year, which hopefully will include the formulation of a Pro Bono Committee to work with Public Counsel, a vote on the amended SCALL Bylaws, and a successful 2007 Institute. And before I forget -- it was nice to start the year by seeing so many friendly faces in St. Louis!

As we speak, Institute Chair and SCALL Vice President/President-Elect Jim Senter and the SCALL Board are finalizing the hotel selection process for the 2007 SCALL Institute. The Institute will be in San Diego some time between the end of February and the middle of March. We are happy to announce that there will be a technical services workshop, as it proved to be popular earlier this year at the All-California Joint Institute. Jim is diligently working on plans to offer an outstanding educational experience for our membership. Those of us who have been through the massive Institute planning process greatly appreciate all of the help we can get – so if Jim or his committee chairs call please oblige! Watch the mail and the SCALL Web site for more information on the Institute.

I truly appreciate those who have already volunteered their services to SCALL as committee chairs or committee members. SCALL simply could not carry on without the dedication of our members. SCALL has 18 active and varied committees and one task force whose work ranges from offering pro bono services to keeping SCALL records. We encourage you to consider volunteering for the enrichment of SCALL. I was asked to serve as a committee chair very early in my professional career despite having no professional experience, and everything worked out just fine. So if you're asked, please strongly consider serving.

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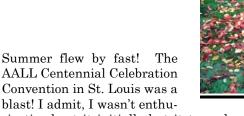
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### **Editor's Notes**

### by Victoria Williamson





siastic about it initially but it turned out to be one of the best AALL Conferences I've ever attended. The weather wasn't as bad as I had expected; and I had a very productive, educational and fun experience. I even won a digital camera!

In this issue, we have coverage reports on a few AALL programs. Patricia Hart from Chapman University School of Law Library covered the program that addressed the issue of authenticity of government documents on the Web "AALL's Authentication Survey: "Staking the Claim" for Authentic and Official State Statutes and Court Opinions on the Web." Brian Keefe from Ninth Circuit Court Library, Los Angeles Branch, covered "What Public Services Should Know Re: Technical Services and Vice Versa" and Linda Greenhouse's Keynote Address on "Writing Justice Blackmun." We have also covered Bob Berring's Keynote Address on "Pioneering Change by Remembering Pioneers." And for your browsing enjoyment, we have photos of some of the people and events at the conference, including a few very special scenes from the "Centennial Variety Show."

Also in this issue, we are featuring in our *Getting to Know You* series this year's Rohan Chapter Service Award recipient, Larry Meyer and new member Priscilla L. Stultz, Manager of Research Services for O'Melveny & Myers in Los (continued on page 14)

#### SCALL Newsletter Submission Deadlines

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

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# Getting to Know You: Lawrence R. Meyer

by Ed Butler, West End Branch Manager Law Library for San Bernardino County edb@sblawlibrary.org

One of five brothers growing up on a Minnesota farm, Larry Meyer brings a competitive side to galloping through his career as a law librarian.

With his library interest dating back to library club in high school, Meyer has come a long way, including heavy involvement in both regional and national law library associations.

In recognition of his exemplary service to the profession, Meyer this summer received the William Rohan Chapter Service Award from the Southern California Association of Law Libraries.

Now Director for the past four years at the Law Library for San Bernardino County, Meyer brings a strong track record of professional involvement to his receipt of the award. He has served two terms as President of SCALL, and in 2002-2003 was Chairman of the Council of Chapter Presidents of the American Association of Law Libraries. He now serves as Chairman of AALL's Government Documents Special Interest Section (SIS) and also Chairman of SCALL's Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV).

Pauline Aranas, immediate Past President of SCALL, praised Meyer as a leader who encourages law librarianship and involvement in SCALL. "He's one who has had a strong commitment to librarianship as well as to the Association," she said.

Another former President, Jennifer Berman, commented: "Larry is one of the most dedicated members our Association has ever had. He always willingly steps up to the plate when needed."

Meyer expressed pleasure at receiving the special award. "I'm actually honored beyond words. I am particularly honored after this past year having been able to communicate with members of the Rohan family, [in light of] how much [Bill Rohan, award namesake] enjoyed the profession." Reflecting on past recipients of the Rohan Award,

"I'm equally honored and privileged to share this Award with such distinguished people," he added.

Meyer began his law library career working at the law library of the former National University Law School in San Diego while earning his Juris Doctor degree. He later worked at the San Diego County Law Library and, before

> San Bernardino, he was Director of the library at the University of La Verne College of Law.

> Meyer said the appeal of law library work for him is that it combines "most of the things I enjoy doing."

> The former school teacher who was a member of his high school library club moved to California, where his first job was at B. Dalton Bookseller. He said that California attracted him as a good place to live.

> Larry's life began, however, in Minnesota, the Land of 10,000 Lakes, where his family on both sides had arrived before 1860. He grew up in Le Center, Le Seuer County, in southern Minnesota. There his family raised corn, sovbeans, wheat and other crops. Meyer's energetic approach to

work began there, where he was often seen driving a tractor during summer vacation between second and third grades.

Larry says his favorite pastimes while growing up included gardening—a continuing interest—rock collecting, and reading, in addition to work. He enjoyed fishing and swimming in those famous lakes. His deep ongoing interest in politics showed itself in high school, where he was a member of the debate and speech clubs.

Then came college at Minnesota State University, Mankato, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a

(Photo courtesy of Larry R. Meyer.)

double major in history and political science.

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### Larry Meyer (cont.)

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His professional career began with teaching middle school grades at St. Michael's School in Morgan, Minnesota, and then St. Mary's School in Worthington, Minnesota. He taught mostly social studies to the eager students.

Having grown up in the headquarters county of the Jolly Green Giant of vegetable fame, Larry spent his college and teaching summers off driving a forklift for the company.

Larry's interest in politics intensified, and after teaching he worked on the campaign staff of an attorney general candidate and then on the staff of a congressional campaign. Then he went to work at the Minnesota House of Representatives, a page for both the chamber and for its committees, employed full-time during legislative sessions. As a civics buff once working for the House committee overseeing the Minnesota Historical Society, he fondly recalled getting to hold the original of a letter written by Abraham Lincoln.

Larry eventually uprooted himself for an adventurous move to California, where he lived and worked for several years filling various jobs before enrolling in law school.

What really turned Larry on to law library work was the opportunity to work as circulation/reference librarian at the National University Law Library.

In more recent years, Larry continued his education by earning a Master of Library & Information Science degree at San Jose State University.

Meyer says he enjoys "just about everything" about working as director of a law library.

According to Larry, one of the key differences between academic and county law libraries is that school libraries are part of larger organizations, part of their command structure. In contrast, at the public law library, "you have the entire responsibility" with the independence and self-supportiveness that go with that.

Among Meyer's other leadership roles, he is a past member of AALL's CRIV, and a multi-term member of its Government Relations Committee. He also is a member of its State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS and a member of the Academic Law Libraries SIS. He recently was a candidate for AALL Secretary. For SCALL Larry was twice President, and he served on a special committee for drafting bylaws and as chairman of the special committee on policy and procedure.

At the statewide level, he is Chairman-elect of the Law Practice Management Technology Section of the California State Bar.

Meyer said the benefits of being heavily involved in associational and other organizational work include the opportunity to meet and get to know and work with "some fabulous colleagues" in the profession at the local, regional, and national level. This affords him the opportunity to keep up with issues and trends in the field, working jointly to better influence policies affecting law libraries, he said.

After appointment by the president of the California Council of County Law Librarians, Meyer has served as one of their representatives in dealings with the state Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). He and Maryruth Storer, Director of the Orange County Public Law Library, have worked with the AOC to represent CCCLL's interest in the establishment of the uniform case filing fee system, which is now approximately a fourth of the way through its first two-year legislative authorization..

In terms of the fee share going to county law libraries, "I'm cautiously optimistic that it has at least stabilized county law library funding that comes from filing fees," Meyer said, with some libraries possibly having made some slight improvement in funding.

Meyer said funding is the main challenge facing county law libraries, in the interest of supporting the legal research needs of the citizens of the county at the level they need to be supported. In San Bernardino County, "we are meeting the need well," he said, while being challenged by increasing prices of materials. This challenge forces the library to more with less, and part of the job is raising the profile of law libraries to help assure that available resources are adequate, he said. Part of the challenge is to make sure county law libraries remain an important partner in implementation of the uniform filing fee, Meyer said.

While he doesn't expect the public law library to become totally electronic, "We are constantly pushing the envelope as to which electronic resources we can use to better serve this county, particularly at our branch locations," Meyer said.

As for the needs of self-represented litigants, he feels more can be done at law libraries to aid them, especially through partnering with the courts.



## Getting to Know You: Priscilla Stultz

by Margot McLaren, Serials / Government Documents Librarian Whittier Law School Library mmclaren@law.whittier.edu

Priscilla Stultz is originally from Indianapolis, Indiana, but grew up in Michigan. She received her bachelor's degree in political science (1984) from Western Michigan University and her Master of Library Science (1995) from Indiana University. Priscilla's interest in librarianship began at age 6 when she cataloged all of her books. She fondly remembers: Each book had a pocket with check out cards, spine labels and call numbers. It was my own cataloging system and it worked. My younger sister would come to my library and check out books. If the books were overdue, I would charge her fines. I had completely forgotten about this until a few years ago when I came across a box of books from my childhood. And they were cataloged so nicely. I shared this experience with my co-workers and they thought I was nuts!

After Priscilla received her bachelor's degree, she worked in the banking industry in Florida and Texas. During that time, she was thinking about attending law school, but decided to put it on hold. She recollects: When I was 30, I had paid off my student loans from my undergraduate days and decided it was a good time to go back to school. Priscilla decided to pursue her MLS at Indiana University. While in library school, she secured a position as a full-time library assistant for the Circulation and Interlibrary Loan departments at Kresge Library, Notre Dame Law School. Her source of inspiration and mentors were University of Notre Dame law librarians-Roger Jacobs, Janis Johnston, Carmella Kinslow, Dwight King, Joe Thomas, Warren Rees, Lucy Salisbury-Payne and Patti Ogden. She states: All of them took the time to answer my questions and guide me through the process of graduate school. Except for that little issue of not having my JD, I believe I would have been very happy in a law school library. After graduation, Priscilla worked as a Business Researcher with Ernst & Young in Chicago where the training consisted of "baptism by fire" as she and her colleagues liked to say. A few years later, she accepted a position as a Researcher at The Heidrick Partners, a boutique executive search firm.

After The Heidrick Partners was sold, she applied for and was offered a position as a Librarian Relations Consultant for LexisNexis. Priscilla had a varied patron base consisting of law firm, law school and court librarian customers as well as LexisNexis employees. She served as a liaison between the law librarian community and LexisNexis management. Priscilla would communicate librarian concerns and comments to product development. She traveled extensively, and was responsible for handling an 8 state territory, which had over 450 law librarians. She confides: I had the best of both worlds. It was a great job, and I learned so much and developed my communication, time



management and presentation skills beyond my wildest dreams. Flash forward 8 years and I was still traveling extensively. To regain some balance in her life, Priscilla made the decision to leave LexisNexis. In mid-April 2006, she accepted a position as Head of Reference at O'Melveny & Myers law firm in Los Angeles.

Priscilla is a member of AALL (1998-present), SCALL (2006-present), and SLA and its local chapter (1996present). She also served as Vice President/President Elect of the IL-SLA Chapter (2005-2006), as co-chair of the Meeting Arrangements Committee (2000-2003). and as chair for the Education Committee for CALL (2002-2003). In addition, Priscilla has been active in

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As for how well his library has increased public awareness of its services, Meyer said progress has been "good, with more to be done."

Meyer expresses his political interest these days by having served, for more than a year now, on the City of Fontana Planning Commission. Helping to oversee land use directions for one of the fastest growing cities in the country, "I think we are doing an excellent job of raising the bar" for development standards, he said. He added it's particularly satisfying to see projects completed over which he's had some influence as a commissioner.

The Fontana City Council recently recognized him for his receipt of the SCALL Rohan Award.

Meyer's busy schedule includes service as a group leader for confirmation activities at his church. Travel in general is a favorite activity of his, with favorite destinations including Antarctica, where he swam at Deception Island, Alaska, and Iguazu Falls in South America. He has visited all 50 states and all the world's continents except for Africa. His hobbies in addition to gardening include collecting campaign and similar buttons.

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chapter presentations and workshops, speaking on a number of topics, including "Adult Learning; Getting Things Done;" and "Customer Service: The Nordstrom Way." Since moving to Los Angeles, she has placed a oneyear moratorium on volunteering or joining any committees.

Priscilla's interests include spending time with her two dogs, reading, exploring the hills of Silver Lake, visiting with family and friends, and traveling for pleasure. She plans to familiarize herself more with the Los Angeles community by visiting the "touristy" spots as well as the hidden treasures of Los Angeles. Priscilla's number one passion in life is acquiring knowledge. When an interesting subject comes up in a conversation and she has read something about it, she enjoys sharing her knowledge about the subject with other people, which leads to her second passion: teaching. Priscilla is currently considering a second master's degree in higher education with an emphasis on adult education.



# Becoming Justice Blackmun's Biographer

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Plenary sessions highlight AALL conventions. At them, well-known speakers address the entire convention about some current topic. In St. Louis this year, *The New York Times* reporter and author Linda Greenhouse\* spoke at the first plenary session. Ms. Greenhouse has been *The Times* correspondent at the U.S. Supreme Court since 1978, and a Senior Writer for *The Times* since 1990. She has appeared regularly on PBS's *Washington Week* since 1980. Among her many honors, she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism in 1998.

Ms. Greenhouse discussed the process by which she wrote her book, *Becoming Justice Blackmun*. In 2005 Times Books published this biography of Blackmun, based upon his personal papers, to much acclaim.

Harry A. Blackmun served as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for 24 years, from 1970 through 1994. He was a Nixon appointee, a close longtime friend of Chief Justice Burger, and initially a conservative Justice who seemed much like Burger in his votes.

But, Justice Blackmun is best known for authoring the historic decision in *Roe v. Wade.*<sup>1</sup> It was after *Roe* that Court observers felt Blackmun began moving left. By the time he retired in 1994, Justice Blackmun was considered the most liberal member of the Court.

Blackmun gave the entire collection of his papers to the Library of Congress. He stipulated that they be made public five years after his death. Harry Blackmun died in 1999.

It was said that Justice Blackmun was always making notes and that he saved every scrap of paper. Apparently this was true, for he gave the Library of Congress a massive amount of material. Blackmun's collection counted 1/2 million documents. It was contained in 1,585 boxes that required 600 feet of shelf space in the Library's Manuscript Division.

Public access to this collection was set for March 4, 2004. However, Blackmun's family feared a kind of feeding frenzy on that day and the days immediately following. The family wanted to avoid such a situation, so they contacted Linda Greenhouse, who had authored Blackmun's obituary for *The Times*. They decided to give Greenhouse access to the papers two months before the public was to



Linda Greenhouse

(Photo courtesy of Linda Greenhouse and AALL.)

view them. This same privilege was given to Nina Totenberg of National Public Radio.

No restrictions were placed on what Greenhouse could write except that it could be published only after the papers had been made available to the public. *The New York Times* assigned her to write a series of articles, and in January 2004, Greenhouse took a two-month leave of absence from her job covering the Supreme Court.

As a correspondent, Linda Greenhouse was accustomed to writing short articles with shorter deadlines. She had not used the Library of Congress for research, and had never used the Library's Manuscript Division. In fact, she had done no library research since college. Now she was charged with extracting newsworthy material from a lifetime's worth of papers and fashioning it into something compellingly readable within two months' time. And I thought filing the update to a large Matthew Bender set was challenging!

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# Justice Blackmun's Biographer (cont.)

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Greenhouse hired Frank Lorson, a retired chief deputy clerk of the Supreme Court, to work as her research assistant. She also hired a law student to check whether information she found was genuinely new or was already in the public literature.

The Library gave her a 300-page finding aid to Blackmun's materials. It proved invaluable as there was no subject index to the Supreme Court case files, other case files, correspondence, family material, diary, etc., that comprised the papers. Greenhouse met with the Manuscript Division staff. They provided both her and Nina Totenberg rooms to use while reviewing the papers.

Greenhouse and Lorson went through the collection four boxes at a time. They focused on the workings of the Supreme Court as revealed by the contents of Blackmun's papers. Hence, special attention was paid to the correspondence between Blackmun and other Supreme Court Justices, and to the case file for *Roe v. Wade*.

A note within Blackmun's papers illustrates the struggle and drama on the Court at that time. As  $Planned\ Parenthood\ v.\ Casey^2$  was being decided, Justice Kennedy sent Justice Blackmun a handwritten note saying he needed to see him. Justice Kennedy wanted to tell Blackmun that all was not lost as Blackmun had feared. The right to abortion would be preserved in  $Planned\ Parenthood$  by a trio of Republican-appointed Justices—Kennedy, O'Connor, and Souter.

Greenhouse produced a three-part series for *The Times*. After the first installment, she received a voice-mail from Paul Golob, executive editor of the Times Books division of Henry Holt. Golob told her that he wanted her to do something like a 300-page book, not a full-fledged biography, but a life story of Blackmun as told by his papers. Because she wanted to get back to her regular beat, Greenhouse was reluctant, but finally she agreed. *The Times* gave her a paid leave to do the book during the Court's recess from June to October 2004.

Where before Linda Greenhouse had looked mainly for insights about the Court, now she focused on Harry Blackmun the man. She devoted her book to two ideas: the relationship between Blackmun and Burger and the evolution of Blackmun the jurist.

As Blackmun grew more liberal, the distance between himself and his childhood friend Warren Burger widened. Eventually, under the pressure of differing views on so many legal issues, their relationship turned testy. Greenhouse's research convinced her that *Roe* was a turning point in Blackmun's life. As the controversy around *Roe* continued, and as Blackmun remained forever joined to it, he embraced the decision ever more tightly. This led Blackmun in new directions, and he was willing to let his intellect reach new sets of conclusions about what the law should be. He became an advocate of the rights of women. Eventually, he decided the death penalty was inherently and irreparably flawed.

Linda Greenhouse concluded that *Roe* changed Blackmun's life. Through that decision and his own intellectual journey following it, Harry Blackmun became Justice Blackmun.

\*Linda Greenhouse's speech is available at: www.llrx.com/features/writingjusticeblackmun.htm

<sup>1</sup> Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973).

<sup>2</sup> Planned Parenthood v. Casey, 505 U.S. 833 (1992).



# AALL Saved the Best for Last: Bob Berring's Keynote Address

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Walter Perry Johnson Professor of Law at U.C. Berkeley and AALL President (1986-87), Robert C. Berring, Jr.\* delivered the keynote address *Pioneering Change by Remembering Pioneers*. It was no surprise to see this plenary session fully attended even on the final day of the conference and what turned out to be the last plenary II session ever to be presented at AALL convention.

A well sought out speaker to law library groups throughout the world, Prof. Berring is also known and admired for his entertaining and dynamic style of presentation. His talk at this year's AALL centennial celebration conference in St. Louis was no exception. He delivered his message with insightful quotes and humorous anecdotes that kept the audience engaged and entertained through out his presentation and all without a power point. He anchored his talk with three quotations: 1) All under the heavens is chaos, the situation is excellent (Mao Tse Tung); 2) Who am I? Why am I here? (Ross Perot's running mate Adm. James Stockdale's opening statement at the 1992 Presidential debate); and the fox knows many things, the hedgehog knows the one big thing (Isaiah Berlin).

Prof. Berring used Mao's quote to describe today's information environment. We live in an environment where information itself and its means of transmission are being redefined. Tremendous changes are going on in the legal information industry and with the legal researchers themselves. There is chaos, no doubt. He quoted E.M. Fleming's 1917 statement—"Time is here when we must vaunt law librarianship as a permanent profession," and Morris Cohen's 1971 presidential statement—"We live for the moment and frequently think only for the moment. We overlook the continuity implied in our traditions and we fail to plan our steps for the future. We often do not even see ourselves as links in a chain of development from the past moving to the future."

After 100 years, it is fitting for the Association to ask the same questions former leaders have asked— who are we, and why are we here?

In reflection, Prof. Berring led the audience back to the pre-digital age and examined what librarians have always done in the past. With a candid and endearing sense of humor, he recounted the story of the great librarian acquirer, Eldon Revere James who was famous for going on book safaris in the 1920s, buying rare books and coming back with crates of books for Harvard.

Berring knew this story well, because when he worked at Harvard in the early 70's, he was given a library tour that took weeks. At the end of his tour, he was shown this ancient lock that contained 50 shelves of books for a project that belonged to Mr. Putnam (a professor who died 20 years ago), books that were still waiting to be added to the collection.

It was a time when acquiring and gathering information and putting together a collection used to be a challenging part of the job. Prof. Berring recalled his first law library job at the University of Illinois, back when there was no classification scheme. The collection was organized in alphabetical order; and the job of the reference librarians was to help people find the books in the stacks. Librarians were the ones who put in great work and enormous intellectual efforts in developing ways of describing the information by cataloging, classifying and developing shelving schemes so that people could access the information and locate the books on the shelves.

Believing in the greatest good for the greatest number, librarians developed systems to make books accessible in accordance with reference and circulation functions. Policies were set up reflecting the idea that the more valuable a book is, the more it is needed. The more it is needed, the greater the need to limit its access and, hence, the need to keep it in reference. These are policies necessary to make books available to as many people who need them. He referred to Seinfeld's library cop episode, which comically depicted the innate tendency of most people not to return things.

Berring flew further back in time and marveled on the genius that created Shepard's Citators and West's National Reporter and Digest systems; the system that evolved into self-organized information and primary source materials with lives of their own; the very same structure within which we all live and which is now breaking down.

We live in a time where there are many foxes. Information is being produced in many ways and is coming from multifarious sources. Berring named Google and *Wikipedia* as examples of tools used by foxes. Google has become the universal search engine and has supplanted cataloging.



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He referred to an article in *California Monthly* magazine that discussed the disappearance of wolverines in the Sierra Nevada due to environmental conditions. In response to a letter from a reader contesting the author's claim that no credible person has said they've seen wolverines in the Yosemite Park for the last 50 years, the author's response was "my line 'no biologist who was credible in California believes in Sierra wolverines' was clearly wrong, the website stuff on which it appears was cut from my original print piece and as such it didn't get the same fact checking scrutiny."

He also mentioned a statement that Jimmy Wales, founder of *Wikipedia*, made in an interview. When confronted with the inauthentic information found in *Wikipedia*, his response was "Who cares, it works, and people use it...that's all that counts."

While there are negative aspects to these systems, Prof. Berring readily admitted their positive aspects. He recalled an instance during one of his class lectures where he had mentioned an interesting piece on Richard Posner that appeared in *New Yorker* magazine 4 or 5 years ago. In it, Posner had stated "I set myself out as an authority..." The piece included a great photo of Posner with his cat and neither of them looked happy in the picture. One of his students in class asked, "Anybody want to see?" It turned out that while he was lecturing, this student went to the library website, then to Proquest, retrieved the New Yorker piece, downloaded the picture and offered to show it to the class.

He continued to say that these are dangerous times. We have all the glitzy search engines and information access tools that are fun to play with and that give researchers a lot of answers. However, librarians know that the process of search has never been what the search is really about; the search is about what you find in the end...the democracy of information cannot be legitimately translated to democracy of authority. So many of our efforts are devoted to making sure that the information is honest and legit. And it matters that it is correctly presented in a reliable format, a format that will be here a year from now and we'll be able to cite to it for all of its problems."

At a time when there are many foxes, librarians as hedgehogs know the one big thing—the one important value of guaranteeing high quality information for the people who need it. The 2<sup>nd</sup> big thing that librarians know is authenticity. One of the biggest challenges that law librarians face is to play a role in redefining what is good authority and what is reliable. Only law librarians really understand the question and are paying attention. As librarians, for the most part, we play a parental guidance function with our patrons. As parents, we are called on to think about the future and be as proactive as we can in inserting ourselves in the paths, protecting the information, just as the association has done in recent years. In Washington, law librarians occupy a seat around the table with the vendors who sell and commodify the information, speaking up and raising important issues for the public, from the inner city students to the legal information professionals. No one else is doing it, neither ALI-ABA nor individual consumers.

Law librarians understand its importance as well as its challenges. Librarians have a sense of ethics, the 3rd big thing that librarians know. Prof. Berring stated, I truly believe in my heart of hearts that we librarians are the last profession that has a genuine set of ethics. We believe in the greater truth: information that is legitimate being provided to the people who need it. He went back to Ranganathan's five laws of librarianship, simple principles that librarians carry out and keep close. As walls are being built around information with its commodification and redefinition of intellectual property into a contract right ownership, librarians know how the game is played and know that it runs beyond being able to play the game. Difficult as it is, to be the person of virtue and to be the one to say, "I know it is right and I'm going to implement it", librarians are the ones who uphold the ideals.

Prof. Berring concluded his keynote by reiterating the words he quoted in the beginning: Mao is right: chaos under the heavens, the situation is excellent. There is chaos but there is also better access to information. There are some fine public access tools that we have to support and develop. Isaiah Berlin was right: foxes know, can do and find many things but the hedgehogs know the one big thing—the integrity of information. I will always be proud to be part of this profession, because in these times of glitz and Google and instantaneous reactions, a time when my son can listen to an Ipod, watch TV, and type his paper at the same time. We understand that there is something more important, the truth and honesty in the information. That's why we can answer Stockdale's question of who are we and why are we here. We are here because we are going to save the legal profession and the legal information whether they want us to or not.

\* Bob Berring Jr. is a well respected professor, library director and author of numerous legal texts in legal research, including *Finding the Law* (with Elizabeth Edinger, 12<sup>th</sup> ed., 2005), *Legal Research Survival Manual* (with Edinger, 2002) and the award-winning video *Legal Research in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Among his many distinguished awards include the U.C. Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award (1987) and Frederick Charles Hicks Award (2003).



## Minding Our Business

by Ed Butler, West End Branch Manager Law Library for San Bernardino County edb@sblawlibrary.org

Brothers Patrick and Larry Meyer were the men of the hour at the June 27th annual business meeting of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries.

Associate Library Director of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, Patrick received the gavel as new SCALL President.

Director of the Law Library for San Bernardino County, Larry received the William Rohan Chapter Service Award recognizing exemplary service to SCALL. Larry has served twice as SCALL President and has been active lately on the Relations with Vendors and Bylaws Committees and authored the second edition of SCALL's policies and procedures manual.

Also installed after prior mailed ballot election were Jim Senter, Vice President/President-Elect; Mark Gediman, succeeding Senter as Secretary; and Robert Wright, Board Member.

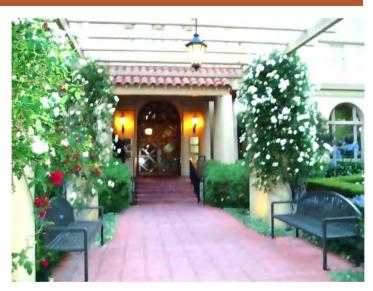




Left: Larry Meyer accepts the 2006 Rohan Chapter Service Award from SCALL President Pauline Aranas. Right: Pauline Aranas accepts thanks from incoming President Patrick Meyer on behalf of SCALL for her outstanding service as President. (Photos by Victoria Williamson)

Patrick Meyer presented the traditional gift, a floral arrangement, to Pauline Aranas, outgoing President.

The meeting, held at the Pasadena federal appellate courthouse, also included presentation of the Vendor Service Award to two representatives of *The Los Angeles Daily* 



9th Circuit Courthouse, Pasadena, California.
(Photo by Victoria Williamson; artwork by Hugh Treacy)

Journal, Ray Chagolla and Andrea Torres.

After a supper of sandwiches, salads and pastries, assembled members heard various reports as chief business of the meeting.

Among committee reports, Patrick Meyer reported that SCALL netted more than \$8,000 in its participation in the third tri-regional Joint Institute held this year in Sacramento. The event marked the centennial of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Among other reports:

- SCALL currently has 352 members.
- The chapter newsletter currently has nine advertisers.
- The chapter web site advertised 103 jobs during the past year.
- The book, *Locating the Law*, is being updated.
- A survey has shown that a majority of respondents would pay for an updated SCALL Union List and would update their library's own listing for this project.



# Why Do You Belong to AALL? Write it Down and Win!

by the AALL Membership and Retention Committee



Our profession and its Association have changed greatly in the last 100 years, but have the reasons for joining and retaining our memberships in AALL changed all that much?

The AALL Membership and Retention Committee is sponsoring a 500-word writing contest to find out why membership in AALL is important to you. We want to know what you've gained and what you value from your membership, including illustrative examples or anecdotes. As an added incentive, three winners will receive free full registrations to the New Orleans Meeting next summer. Judging criteria will be based on originality, creativity, and quality and clarity of writing.

So, rise to the challenge! As we embark on AALL's second 100 years, we invite you to tell us the reasons why you belong to AALL. This is also your opportunity for fame (winning entries will be published in *Spectrum*) and fortune (winners will receive free full registrations for the 2007 Annual Meeting). Read on for more details.

#### Contest Guidelines:

Contest participants must be current AALL members.

Entries will be divided into three groups based on years as a law librarian: 1-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10+ years.

One winner will be selected from each group. Be sure to indicate your group on your entry.

The three winning entries (500-words) will be published in the June 2007 issue of *AALL Spectrum*, and each winner will receive a free full registration to AALL's 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

Deadline for receipt of entries is Friday, December 15, 2006.

Entries should be sent to: Claudia Jalowka, Law Librarian, Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries, 90 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106; e-mail Claudia.beth.jalowka@jud.ct.gov; fax 860/706-5086; or phone 860/706-5151.

Submitted entries become the property of AALL.

### President's Column (cont.)

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I'd like to thank outgoing board members Jennifer Berman and Tom Fleming. Although we will still be in contact, their departure is like losing two goods friends. They've provided much advice over the past several years and have dedicated countless hours of their time to SCALL and the Board. I'm happy to welcome new Board member Mark Gediman and returning Board member Robert Wright.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Fall meeting where the amended SCALL Bylaws will come up for a vote. Watch the listserv for particulars about the meeting – and we'll see you there.

# Editor's Notes (cont.) (continued from page 2)

Angeles. We are also adding, beginning with this issue, a new advice column: *Dear AL (Anonymous Librarian)*, where AL and his staff answer law library work-related questions submitted by our members. Readers are encouraged to submit their comments on AL's advice. We are hopeful that this will be a welcome venue for our members to share their views and solutions to issues that are of interest to the law library community.

If you are one of those who regularly read our newsletter (and I sincerely hope that you are), you'll notice that I often say that the *SCALL Newsletter* is only as good as what our members put into it. By this I mean literally everything that we receive from you—from articles and photos to comments and suggestions. We appreciate all feedback we receive, both pluses and minuses. At the risk of ending on a negative note, please let us know if there is a section in our newsletter that you think, for lack of merit, should be eliminated. We want to keep our newsletter worthy of your time every time.



SCALL Newsletter

# Permanent Online State Documents: Authenticate, Authenticate, Authenticate!

by Patricia Pelz Hart, Lawyer / Librarian Chapman University School of Law hart@chapman.edu

States are putting their official documents online. In most cases, however, states do not have methods in place to ensure even the current accuracy of the Web version. In addition, over time, the likelihood of data corruption increases. Will an online government document accessed several years in the future truly evidence what was originally written by its authors? Furthermore, some online documents are removed from state websites after a limited period. Where are future users to search?

A program at the 2006 conference of AALL, the American Association of Law Libraries, addressed the issues of ensuring the trustworthiness and integrity of government documents posted to the Web. Law librarians were urged to take an active role in educating public officials about the importance of authentication.

AALL's Authentication Survey: "Staking the Claim" for Authentic and Official State Statutes and Court Opinions on the Web was a short but very informative program on the final afternoon of the conference, Wednesday, July 12. The program was number J-2 among the dozens of programs offered during July 8-12, the five days of the annual conference.

The speakers were **Richard J. Matthews**, Chair, Reference and Research Services, Wichita State University, and Chair of AALL's Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC), and **Judith Meadows**, Director and State Law Librarian, State Law Library of Montana. Matthews talked about the survey methodology. Meadows discussed the meaning of the results. The meeting room was quite full, as this was a topic of great interest to many attendees.

Shortly after she became AALL President in July 2005, Claire M. Germain initiated AALL's Authentication Survey. Germain had long been concerned over the ramifications of **born-digital** documents. The survey was jointly conducted by AELIC, the Government Relations Committee and the Washington Affairs Office.

The survey's purpose was to find out which, if any, of the 50 states had online primary legal resources that the issuing state considered to be *official* and *authentic*. The primary legal resources studied were the administrative code, administrative register, session laws, statutory code, intermediate appellate court opinions, and highest level court opinions. The effects of technological obsolescence of computer software and hardware on electronic resources were

beyond the scope of the survey.

An *official* text of a primary legal resource is one that has been mandated or approved by the government. An *authentic* text is one whose content has been approved by a government entity to be complete and unaltered when compared to the version approved or published by the content originator.

Not so very long ago, state primary legal resources were published only in print. An official print text was considered authentic virtually automatically. With digital resources, however, authenticity must be independently established. How can one be sure the electronic version is an exact representation of the original?

The survey found that one or more primary legal resources on their websites are deemed *official* by 12 states: Alaska, D.C., Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. The online documents are primarily administrative registers and other administrative rules. D.C., Michigan, New Mexico, and New York have official online court opinions, and D.C., Maryland, New Mexico, and Utah also have official online statutes. The surveyors were surprised at how quickly states are joining the online official primary legal resources "club," and that so many states have done so.

States are enthusiastically adopting online publishing, in part because of its low cost, rapid distribution, and ease of updating. Alaska, Indiana, Tennessee, and Utah have gone so far as to cease print publication of their administrative registers. They are available only in the online format.

Whatever the mantle of official status, however, no state regards any of its online primary legal resources as *authentic*. States have disclaimers, or will not allow an online text to be used in court. Beyond those restrictions, states have shown little interest in grasping the full implications of publishing online instead of in print. Whether looking short or long term, states do not seem to care about the authoritativeness of source material they are so pleased to make available online.

AALL is working with the Library of Congress, GPO, state legislatures, state court judges, and other organizations to deal with document authentication. The program speakers (continued on page 17)



### What Public Services Can Learn from Technical Services

by Brian Keefe
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The Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section created this program and specially appended it to others already on the AALL convention's agenda.

The program's three librarians had at one time all worked at the New England Law School Library (NESL). Brian Flaherty is currently a reference librarian at NESL. Sarah Boling had been a cataloguer at NESL and is now the systems librarian at Suffolk University Law School. Edward Hart was the acquisitions/government documents librarian at NESL, and he now works at the University of Florida Law School Library.

As a starting point, Brian Flaherty said the following were truisms about technical services and public services in libraries:

- Each department feels overworked and overtaxed.
- Communication between the two departments is a good idea.
- Both departments work towards the same goal—the same "mission statement."

Flaherty's own career provided the genesis for the program. In 1990, Brian began library life as an acquisitions librarian at NESL. In 1994, he started library school and one year later, after completing a library degree, he began taking some hours at reference. Meanwhile he continued to work as the law library's acquisitions librarian. His entire career has been spent using Innovative Interfaces' systems, and so they provide his frame of reference for library systems.

The dual roles gave him a different, perhaps unique, perspective about technical services and public services in a law library. Working in technical services doing acquisitions, he understood the integrated library system, particularly the OPAC, Online Public Access Catalog, and what it could do. When working the reference desk, he saw how librarians and patrons actually used the system and how well it worked for them. As a result, Flaherty was also able to teach reference librarians things about the catalog that enhanced their ability to use it. He was able to go between the departments and ask for adjustments to the OPAC that made for better access.

What can technical services teach their colleagues?

They can teach them something about how the integrated library system works. They can make sure that the librarians in public services are trained on OPAC functions. Reference librarians should know how to limit search results by format. Public services staff should also know how to modify searches and how to browse.

They should know how to search the system from "staff mode". For example, they should know how to use a function like "Create Lists" in Innovative Interfaces. Creating lists is a way to search the catalog for fields not in major indexes. Flaherty said that reference librarians will find themselves wanting to search the collection in ways not provided by the OPAC. They may want to know, for example, how to search for California books—not published by Lexis or West—that contain forms.

Reference librarians need to know how the catalog is constructed. They should know about MARC tags, about check-in records and about item records versus bibliographic records.

Additionally, public services should know that changes can be made to the catalog—if only they will request them.

With regard to acquisitions, public services staff should know something about accounting and budgeting. For example, if \$50,000 is cut from the supplements budget, it does not necessarily follow that you can purchase \$50,000 in new books.

What can public services persons teach those in technical services?

They can teach how patrons actually ask for information. "Added titles" are an example of how the catalog has been adjusted to reflect how people actually search it. Patrons are more apt to ask for "Scott on Trusts" and to search for this than they are to ask for the "Law of Trusts" by Austin Scott.

Public services can teach "information access behavior". Patrons want to be able to click forward when using a catalog. They don't want to be told they have to go back from the catalog to the library's website and look for a list of databases. The catalog should be constructed to reflect this.

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told the audience of some current ideas.

Authentication of online documents is possible, but involves several steps. First is **encryption** of the data, which is encrypted and then decrypted only via one or more "keys." Next is a **digital signature** that confirms the text originator and that the text has not been modified. An **official copy** is made to guard against corruption. The official copy is kept in one or more **trusted repositories**. A document copy could be compared against an original via **special software**.

AALL advocates **model legislation** on authentication that could be added to state codes. Despite progress on how to authenticate, AALL is fearful that states will rush to drop their print publications before they adopt the necessary authentication tools. Society will not be well served if it must rely on statutes, decisions, and regulations that have gaps in coverage between official, authentic <u>print</u> texts and official, authentic <u>online</u> texts. If states fail to appreciate and implement good authentication procedures, then their online state primary resources will become increasingly *un*official and *un*authentic over time. And if states stop publishing in print, it will be <u>impossible</u> to correct any errors in the online texts.

Mr. Matthews and Ms. Meadows were informative in their explanations and persuasive as they advised law librarians to add their voices to the effort to ensure print and electronic comparability.

For further information: Publication of the survey, State-by-State Report on Authentication of Online Legal Resources, is expected in early Fall 2006.

**Note:** Richard J. Matthews currently holds a Visiting Fellowship in Law Librarianship at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London.

### Technical Services (cont.)

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Public services can teach technical services that public services staff wants to know about what technical services is doing. They want to know about system changes, etc.

They can also teach technical services something about the legal system. All the tools that the technical services department creates and maintains help people to get information about the legal system.

So finally then, how can communication between technical services and public services be fostered?

- Small changes make a big difference over time.
- The two departments should be placed close together physically.
- There should be crossover work or at least cross training.
- Internal information should be shared-meetings, minutes, etc.
- Look for projects that technical services and public services can do together—collection development, evaluation, renovation, etc.
- Don't wait for "teachable moments," but rather make them happen.
- Attend meetings designed for other departments.
   Public services staff should go to Innovative Users
   Group meetings, etc., and technical services attend programs about public services.



# Remembering...Bill Rohan

by Ed Butler, West End Branch Manager Law Library for San Bernardino County edb@sblawlibrary.org

Two longtime former co-workers of William Rohan remember his love for books, sense of humor, and distinctive way of getting to the heart of library patrons' reference questions.

The namesake of the SCALL William Rohan Chapter Service Award, Rohan "was a very funny man, always ready with a story, a good word, a quip or a jocular inquiry," recalled Tom Anderson. Now director of the Mendocino County Law Library, Anderson was assistant reference librarian at the San Diego County Law Library during much of Rohan's tenure there.

Similarly, Elaine Peabody recalled Rohan as having a "great sense of humor. He was a kind man who made the library an enjoyable place to work." Peabody remains in San Diego after retiring after 27 years at the law library there, including more than 20 years in the reference department.

Both recall that Rohan had a memorable personal style in his way of diligently assisting patrons in finding the answers they sought.

As Peabody put it, "I can still see him standing at the counter, legs spread apart, elbows on the counter, intoning, 'What is it EXACTLY that you want to know?"

Anderson described Rohan as "a big, fairly burly fellow, with a slightly flushed complexion and intense blue eyes. These he would fix on the patron (whether a judge, lawyer or civilian) and in a deep, gravelly, and LOUD voice growl, 'Whaddaya wanna know for?' I think it was as much a reminder to us as the opening shot in Bill's search for truth.

"Whatever else it did, it got the search moving at a brisk little clip. And it was the right question. *Why* somebody wants an answer to a legal question is the first part of narrowing the search."

As Anderson further explained, "Bill had learned and drilled into the rest of us, that people who asked legal questions didn't always know what they wanted and it was our job to refine their questions for them. Patrons instantly realized that their question was important and Bill wanted to find exactly the right answer. A few may not have fully appreciated the service they were getting."

Rohan manned the federal reference desk while Anderson provided California legal reference on a different level of the library.

As Peabody recalled, "in those days the patrons were mostly from the legal community," and Rohan was very well acquainted with them.

Both former co-workers said Rohan had a passion for books and eagerness to keep up with changes in the law.

As Anderson put it, Rohan "followed Sacramento and Washington like a sports fan, which in a sense I suppose he was. Neither capital escaped his fairly pointed and humorous analyses. The same was true of major litigation, which he followed like serialized drama – as written sometimes by a Woody Allen."

Anderson adds that Rohan was very supportive of his fellow co-workers. "Bill offered instruction and assistance unstintingly and readily, treating it as much like his own learning experience as the recipient's. He was also a cheerful guy to work with and always took an interest in how the work was going for everyone on the staff."

Peabody agreed, writing that Rohan "never ceased to help the other librarians, especially those of us who were new to the library."

She recalled that Rohan was very active in SCALL and tried to attend all the AALL conventions.

On a more personal level, Peabody recalled that Rohan was very family-oriented and enjoyed working crossword puzzles on his breaks.

Anderson said the two of them shared an avid interest in crime fiction, including the works of Raymond Chandler and Erle Stanley Gardner. Having served aboard a destroyer in World War II, Rohan retained a love for sailing, Anderson recalled, and occasionally told anecdotes from the war.

A resident of Ukiah, Anderson previously practiced law and operated a publishing company in Northern California before becoming director of the Mendocino County Law Library.



# Minutes of the SCALL Business Meeting

### June 29, 2005 Ninth Circuit Courthouse, Pasadena

Submitted by James Senter SCALL Secretary

The annual business meeting of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at the Ninth Circuit Courthouse in Pasadena. A quorum having been reached, President Jennifer Berman called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes**: Patrick Meyer moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the June 28, 2004 business meeting. Tom Fleming seconded the motion and the motion passed. Larry Meyer moved to approve the minutes as written. David McFadden seconded and the motion passed.

President's Report: President Jennifer Berman reported that nearly a hundred people registered for this year's Institute in Palm Desert. Next year, SCALL, NOCALL, and SANDALL will meet in Sacramento for the Third All-California Joint Institute, marking the Centennial of the American Association of Law Libraries. The Inner City Youth Internship Program continues its excellent work. This year it received over \$15,000 in outside grants and placed twenty students in fifteen host sites around Southern California. They also received high praise in a feature article in the San Bernardino Sun. The Archives Committee is set to launch its Web archive page. SCALL continues to promote librarianship through the Library School Liaison Committee, which granted three scholarships this year. The Grants Committee supported SCALL's own members by awarding a number of grants to attend local and national meetings. The SCALL Policy & Procedures Handbook is undergoing an exhaustive revision. The SCALL Board, at the request of the Government Relations Committee, sent President Berman to the Spring 2005 Depository Library Council meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was able to bring up several pertinent concerns related to record authentication and certification. These are only a few of the Association's accomplishments in 2004-2005. President Berman extended her gratitude to all of the committee chairs, committee members, and volunteers who helped make this a great year, with special thanks to the Executive Board.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Jim Senter reported that the Nominations Committee forwarded a slate of candidates to the Board in March for the 2005-2006 election. On May 10, Jennifer Berman and a crew of volunteers mailed out 363 ballots to the SCALL membership. The election team received six envelopes marked "Return to Sender," and 149 complete ballots (a return rate of 41%, up slightly from last year's 38%). The team counted the ballots on June 22nd, and the results of the uncontested election are as follows: Vice-President / President-Elect—Patrick Meyer; Treasurer—Jessica Wimer; and Board Member—Paul Moorman.

**Treasurer's Report**: Treasurer Jessica Wimer reported that SCALL's total assets are now \$38,548.00. She encourages committee chairs to include more detailed information when they submit checks to her for deposit, and requests that they send a photocopy or PDF scan of each check as well as the original by separate mail. Check request and deposit forms are available on the SCALL website.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Archives (Ralph Stahlberg): Archival copies of the newsletter and membership directory were added to the collection this year. Materials from the 2005 33rd Institute were also added. The Committee answered several requests for SCALL historical research and materials from the Archives, and is continuing an ongoing project of weeding, organizing, and labeling materials to make the collection more usable and accessible. The Committee is setting up an archives page on the SCALL website.

Awards: No report filed.

**Budget & Finance** (Jessica Wimer for Robert Wright): The Committee worked closely with the Treasurer to arrange for SCALL's tax returns to be prepared and submitted to the accountant.



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Government Relations (David McFadden): This year the Committee mainly functioned as a third-party observer to other library groups' legislative activity. A common theme is the unintended or indirect consequences of legislation on libraries. Bills and proposals monitored included: AB 1459 & SB 422: dealing with Small Claims Court jurisdiction. Increasing the jurisdiction can have the consequence of decreasing filing fees. The Council of California County Law Librarians worked closely with the authors to include a provision that would provide for the county law library fee to be charged in filings involving claims of \$5,000 or more. AB 219 & SB 503: These bills potentially impact state depository libraries, and deal with state agencies notifying the State Library of electronic documents. Uniform Civil Fee: The Administrative Office of the Courts is proposing a Uniform Civil Fee that will impact county law library fees. Task Force on County Law Libraries: The Task Force submitted its report to the California Legislative Counsel on May 24. Further action from the Judicial Council and CCLLL is forthcoming. On the Federal side, the Committee is closely watching the GPO's proposed actions involving the future of tangible distribution to depository libraries. In light of this, the GRC requested that President Jennifer Berman attend the GPO's spring Depository Library Council meeting in Albuquerque in April. The GRC also participated, as usual, in legislative days in Sacramento and at visits to legislators' field offices.

**Grants** (Jennifer Berman for Judi Bikel): The Committee distributed \$3,000 in grants this year—\$200 to attend the SCALL Institute and \$2,800 to attend AALL. The Committee funded two attendees to SCALL and five to AALL.

**Information Technology** (Ramon Barajas): The Committee created a secure, password-protected online membership directory, and also created the Archives web page, which serves as inventory for all the holdings in the SCALL Archives, and includes digitized images of items from the Archives collection. The Committee is investigating ways to reduce spam on the listserv.

Inner City Youth (Paul Moorman for Arlene Alfred-Junior and Julie Webster-Matthews): 2005 marks the thirteenth year that the Inner City Youth Internship Program has provided summer employment for inner city students from Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside County high schools. The Committee placed 17 interns (representing 10 high schools) at host sites in Los Angeles County, two interns at San Bernardino County sites, and one in Riverside County. Interns were placed at 15 different sites. Employers in Los Angeles County are funding eight internships, while the ICYIP is funding ten. In San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, employers are funding all internships. This year the Committee received a \$10,000 grant from Washington Mutual, \$5,000 from Northrop Grumman, \$2,000 from Westlaw, \$3,000 from SCALL, and other donations from Retriev-It and Legislative Intent Service.

Institute (Pauline Aranas): SCALL's 33rd Annual Institute, IP for the IP: Copyright, Patents and Digital Technology for the Information Professional, was held March 4 & 5 at the Embassy Suites in Palm Desert. There were 98 attendees and 40 vendor attendees. SCALL's Treasurer shows a net profit of \$11,664.44. LexisNexis held a pre-Institute program on Thursday afternoon entitled Generations at Work: The Challenge of the Intergenerational Workplace. West's pre-Institute program, Delivering Outstanding Patron Service: Changing the World of Work, was featured on Friday morning. Pauline thanks all her Committee members, and the speakers, contributors, exhibitors, attendees, and hotel staff for helping to make this Institute a success. Pauline represented SCALL at the NOCALL Institute, The Future of Legal Research, in Palo Alto in April. AALL President Tory Trotta also attended, and discussed site selection for AALL, including the possibility of having the 2011 Annual Meeting in San Jose.

**Library School Liaison** (Jennifer Berman for Kevin Gerson): The Committee continued its mentoring program with Fullerton and UCLA library school students. Nine Committee members volunteered to serve as mentors and 15 students were assigned a mentor. The Committee created a new scholarship application form. This year the Committee received three applications, down from last year's record eleven. All three applicants—Anthony Prado, Jeffrey Thompson, and Robert Rodriguez—were awarded scholarships.

**Membership** (Pauline Aranas for Karen O'Donnell): As of June 13, 2005, SCALL membership totaled 366. The Membership Directory is at the printer's, and is being published courtesy of the Daily Journal Corporation.

**Newsletter** (Victoria Williamson): For the 2004-2005 term, there were eight advertisers, and \$3,355.50 in revenue was generated. The Committee is considering revising the publication schedule, and is planning to create an HTML version of the newsletter.



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Nominations (Jennifer Berman for Jody Kelley): The slate of nominees was secured and presented to the SCALL Board.

Placement (Don Buffaloe): During the past year the Committee received ads for 89 open positions. Each job announcement was posted to the listserv and to the SCALL Placement website. In addition, a placement article listing job openings was compiled for each issue of the Newsletter through January 2005. Beginning with the March 2005 issue, links to current job descriptions on the SCALL Placement website were provided in the electronic edition of the Newsletter. The Committee periodically sent inquiries to the contacts listed on the job postings, to make sure the postings were still valid. There are currently 33 job openings posted on the website.

Programs (Michael Saint-Onge): The SCALL Program Committee organized three meetings this year. The Fall Meeting was held October 12, 2004 at Casita del Campo in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles. In honor of the then-upcoming presidential election, the program was entitled: "Election 2004: Five Ways that Florida May Happen Again." Our speaker was Professor Richard L. Hasen, Professor of Law and William M. Rains Fellow, Loyola Law School. Professor Hasen is a nationally-recognized expert in election law and campaign finance regulation, is co-author of a leading case-book on election law, and co-editor of the quarterly peer-reviewed publication, *Election Law Journal*. Both the location and the speaker were well-received. Attendance was approximately 55 people. The SCALL Holiday Party was held December 2, 2004 at San Genarro Restaurant in Culver City. While there was no formal speaker, attendees did enjoy delicious Italian food, along with vendor raffles. Thirty-eight people attended. Finally, the June Business Meeting was held June 29, 2005, at the historic Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena. The annual June Business Meeting provides attendees the opportunity to hear about the year's accomplishments. In addition, the installation of the new SCALL Officers takes place. Thirty-eight people have registered to attend this meeting.

**Public Access to Legal Information** (Laura Cadra): The PALI Committee was co-chaired this year by Ruth Hill and Laura Cadra. The Committee sold two copies of Locating the Law, 4th ed., and redesigned the order form on the SCALL website, with technical assistance from Ramon Barajas. A 5th edition is in the works and the Committee hopes to produce it during the 2005-2006 year.

**Public Relations** (Jessica Wimer for Wendy Nobunaga): The Committee hosted a SCALL table at AALL, solicited volunteers there, and participated in CONELL Marketplace. At the SCALL Institute, the Committee sold SCALL polo shirts and gave away SCALL lanyards.

Relations with Vendors (CRIV) (Larry Meyer): The CRIV reports that they monitored various law related listservs for concerns about California vendors and products. Committee members also received vendor-related comments from SCALL members. Most comments were national in scope rather than local, and so the Chair forwarded those comments to the AALL CRIV for follow-up. The remainder of member concerns and comments were quickly handled via communication with the appropriate vendor contact.

Union List: No report filed.

#### **Special Committee Reports:**

SCALL Policy & Procedures Handbook Revision Committee (Larry Meyer): The Executive Board has accepted the report of the special Policy & Procedures Handbook Revision Committee. The Board will begin a series of meetings starting Sunday, July 10, to go over the proposed revisions.

Announcements: SCALL is hosting the Joint Pacific Chapters reception at AALL on Sunday night at the Marriott Rivercenter. Sunday will also be SCALL Spirit Day at AALL (wear your SCALL polo shirts!). Richard Iamele introduced his successor as Director of the Los Angeles County Law Library, Marcia J. Koslov. Marcia will take office on August 1. Melody Lembke extended an invitation to Richard Iamele's retirement party at the Omni Hotel on July 29. Cornell Winston announced an August 15 deadline to propose programming for the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis. The theme for the Meeting is "Pioneering Change."



# Minutes of the SCALL Executive Board Meeting

### April 26, 2006 USC Law School, Los Angeles

Submitted by James Senter SCALL Secretary

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at USC Law School. Board members present were: Pauline Aranas, President; Patrick Meyer, Vice-President / President-Elect; Jessica Wimer, Treasurer; Jim Senter, Secretary; Jennifer Berman, Past President; Tom Fleming, Board Member; and Paul Moorman, Board Member.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 3:55 p.m.

#### I. Approval of December 14, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

Jim distributed copies of the minutes of the December 14, 2005 Board meeting. Jennifer moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and Jessica seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was called and the motion was approved. Jennifer moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Tom seconded, and the motion was approved.

#### II. Treasurer's Report

Jessica reported that current balance in the Association checking account, as of April 25, 2006, is \$32,594.62. Signatories now registered with the bank are Patrick Meyer, Pauline Aranas, and Jessica Wimer. Recent changes in the law now require a personal appearance at the bank by each individual on the signature card. The Treasurer guidelines will need to be updated to reflect this new fact. Tom moved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted, Paul seconded, and the motion was approved.

#### III. Secretary's Report

Jim presented the slate of candidates submitted by Lynn Merring, chair of the Nominations

Committee: for Vice-President/President Elect, Jim Senter; for Secretary, Mark Gediman; for

Board Member, Robert Wright. Jennifer moved to accept the Secretary's report, including the

Nominations slate, Tom seconded, and the motion was approved.

#### IV. President's Report

#### Pacific Chapter Reception at AALL

Pauline reported that Jennifer Berman is coordinating (with Angus Nesbit) the Pacific Chapter Reception at the AALL Annual Meeting. The reception will be held Sun. July 9, at 6:30 p.m.

#### SCALL VIP for AALL Annual Meeting

Pauline proposed, and the Board agreed, that Anne Gilliland, the new Chair at UCLA's Department of Information Studies, would be a great candidate for VIP guest at AALL. Pauline will call Anne to extend the invitation and coordinate expenses.

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

#### V. Vice-President/President Elect's Report

The Board congratulated Patrick on a great job rising above the challenges to give the Association a wonderful Joint Institute. Patrick commented briefly on the successes and shortcomings of the Institute. Paul moved to accept the Vice-President's report, Tom seconded, and the motion was approved.

#### VI. Committee Reports

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

#### VII. New Business

#### Election

Because Jim is running for Vice-President/President-Elect, the Board must appoint someone to conduct the Election in his place. Tom moved that the Board appoint Wendy Nobunaga as Elections Secretary. Paul seconded, and the motion was approved.



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Introduction of New Board / Passing of Gavel: Outgoing President Jennifer Berman introduced the newly elected Board members: Patrick Meyer, Vice President / President-Elect; Jessica Wimer, Treasurer; and Paul Moorman, Board Member. Jennifer thanked outgoing Board Members Diana Jaque and Karen Lasnick, and passed the gavel to the new President, Pauline Aranas. Pauline presented a plaque and flowers to Jennifer honoring her leadership and service as President.

**Adjournment**: Larry Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Buffaloe seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. President Pauline Aranas adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Senter SCALL Secretary

### SCALL Board Meeting (cont.)

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#### Bylaws

Pauline distributed the bylaws with proposed amendments, prepared by Amy Atchison and the Bylaws Committee. Much discussion ensued. It was decided that the Board members take a closer look and email suggestions and comments to the rest of the Board by Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

#### Institute Site Selection

Pauline distributed a proposal regarding SCALL Institute site selection. The proposal would establish a site selection policy that rotates among San Diego, Palm Springs, and the Central Coast areas, with a review and evaluation after five years. After some discussion, it was decided that the policy would be incorporated in the Guidelines section of the Institute Committee policies

and procedures. The proposal is filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Tom moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jennifer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Senter SCALL Secretary

# NOTE: ADDITIONAL MOTIONS MADE AND BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY EMAIL

May 5 through May 8, 2006:

Patrick moved to establish a Pro Bono Task Force for no longer than a two-year period, starting immediately, to coordinate a pilot program with Public Counsel that would match interested SCALL volunteers with Public Counsel pro bono projects. The Chair of the task force shall periodically keep the board informed with progress reports. In considering any of the Chair's reports, the board may elevate the task force to special committee status, per the SCALL Bylaws. The chair of this Task Force (or possibly Committee) should submit a report at the end of 2006-2007 and a final report at the end of 2007-2008. Tom seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion was put to a vote and the motion passed.



# AALL 2006—Pioneering Change: A Pictorial



Right: First presidential backscratch given to SCALL President Patrick Meyer by Laura Cadra. Laura is skillfully using the official SCALL backscratcher emblazoned with the slogan, "SCALL: We got your back!" Indeed!

Below: Cornell Winston and Karla Castetter at the SCALL table in the Exhibit Hall.

(Photos on this page by Victoria Williamson.)









Above, left to right: Sheryl Kramer, Carol Ebbinghouse, Diana Jaque, Larry Meyer, Mark Gediman, Karla Castetter, Jennifer Berman, Rene Husak, Marta de Paula Cea, and Bret Christensen.

Left, from left to right: David McFadden, Mark Gediman, Laura Cadra, Paul Moorman, and Wendy Nobunaga.

More photos from the 2006 AALL Conference on the next page.





On Saturday, July 9th, a webmaster workshop beckoned a number of AALL members. It was offered at Saint Louis University, the oldest university west of the Mississippi River. The focal point of the University, the clock tower is a popular gathering spot for SLU students.

(Photo by Victoria Williamson; artwork by Hugh Treacy.)



Past Presidents gather at AALL. From left to right: Cornell Winston was SCALL President 2002-2003; Earl Borgeson was AALL President in 1968-1969 and SCALL President in 1977-1978; Frank Houdek served SCALL and AALL in 1981-1982 and 1996-1997, respectively.

(Photo courtesy of Cornell Winston.)





The Metro Dance Band at the Thomson West "Rollin' on the River" Celebration, Renaissance Grand Hotel. Mark Twain and Becky Thatcher were there, and hundreds of law librarians and their friends and families danced 'til the band stopped playin'.

(Photos by Victoria Williamson.)



# AALL Centennial Variety Show Highlights

Unlike Glen Campbell singin' "Wichita Lineman" back in '68, Marcus Hochstetler really does work for the county; he's the King County (Wash.) Law Library Director. Not a bad performer, either, as he sings "I'm a Law Librarian for the County" straight from the heart.



(Photos on this page by Victoria Williamson.)



Hey, Daddio! Dig the threads and the message, you crazy cats! "The NOCALL Howl" was a blast, man! A whole new generation of cool...law librarians. From left to right: Julie Horst (seated), Hadi Amjadi, Lee Ryan, Peg LaFrance, and Les Forrester. Seated (with bongos) is Donna Williams, on the floor left to right is Shannon Burchard and Susan Nevelow Mart. Julie wrote "The NOCALL Howl"; she hangs at the UC Hastings College of Law Library. Hadi heads up reference at Golden Gate University Law Library; Lee does the reference thing at the U. of San Francisco Law Library. Peg keeps the library beat at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in San Francisco. Les heads up legal research at Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young Jones & Weintraub in San Francisco. Donna keeps the library moving forward at the California Court of Appeal-6th District in San Jose. Shannon's into technical services at the U. of San Francisco Law Library. Susan does reference at UC Hastings College of Law Library. Very cool!



# AALL Centennial Variety Show Highlights

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Left: Ken Svengalis, President of Rhode Island LawPress, authored the lyrics to the parody of a song from Finian's Rainbow, and performed "When I'm Not Near the Westlaw I Love, It's Lexis That's Bound to Please," with Mike Hughes of Quinnipiac University School of Law Library (not pictured). Ken and Mike performed as "The LLNERs" to the audience's delight.

(Photos on this page by Victoria Williamson.)

Below: The fabulous Purple Ribbonettes entertained the crowd with "Those Were the Days, My Friend." The Ribbonettes were not identified in the Gateway Gazette, but rumor has it they once held high office in AALL. Could they be....? Front row: Carolyn Ahern, Carol Billings, Barbara Bintliff, and Carol Avery Nicholson. Back row: Anonymous, Jim Heller, and Bob Oakley. Maybe, maybe not!





# No Bad Cop/Good Cop in This Law Library

#### Dear AL:

I'm frustrated. This is my third position at an academic law library, and I always run into an individual or group of individuals -- ranging from circulation supervisors to the director-- that is against policing. Why is everyone so resistant to "policing" the library? — Frustrated Library Cop

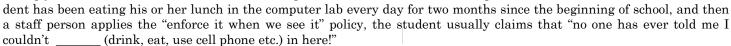
#### **Dear Frustrated Library Cop:**

This is one of library life's "persistent questions." If by policing you mean simply walking around the library with the intent of enforcing library rules, I am all for it and can empathize with your plight. In one library where I worked, for instance, staff members would hardly ever go into the computer lab because it was on the top level of the library. As a result of the location, the lab turned into a party room, with students openly eating pizza, putting their feet up on the desks, and talking loudly. This happened even though the same rules / signs (e. g. no food or drink) applied to the computer lab as to any other part of the library. The students did not behave this way in other parts of the library, only the computer lab.

Some public services personnel subscribe to the "we enforce it when we see it" policy. This means that they only enforce the rules when they see a student breaking a rule. To me this policy just doesn't work. First, it just means that the students are only compliant in the areas that the library staff physically walks through. Therefore, areas such as the circulation desk or the reference desk all become "rule compliant zones."

On the other hand, places that no library staff enters on a regular basis become "rule non-compliant areas." To put it in legal terms, a "corporate culture" of non-compliance seems to develop in these areas.

Second, rightly or wrongly the students in these "rule non-compliant areas" usually react strongly to those few staff members who do attempt to enforce the rules. For example, if a stu-



In my book, it is easier to prevent the negative behavior from the beginning rather than after it has developed. You have to "nip it in the bud" as my Aunt Mabel used to say. It is especially important during the first few weeks of class to get the message across of which behaviors are not acceptable.

What I suggest in the computer lab scenario is that you pick the three busiest times in the computer lab (when classes get out). Let's say these times are at 11 am, 1 pm, and 5 pm. All one has to do is have someone walk through at those times and enforce the rules, and I guarantee your problem will be solved.

Of course, getting the cooperation of all library staff is the difficult issue. No one likes to confront people. Most librarians are very good-natured individuals who would rather help than confront rule violators. We also all know that a certain percentage of law students, by nature, will push the limits of any given rule. Unfortunately, that is why there has to be what some call "policing."

**NOTE: AL** (Anonymous Librarian) invites your response to the questions and solutions presented in this column. Your responses will not disclose your name or law library affiliation unless you specify otherwise. Responses will be included to the extent that space allows in each issue.







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- Reference / Faculty Services Librarian, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, August 16
- Head of Acquisitions, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, August 16
- Head Librarian; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; Los Angeles, August 14
- Library Assistant, Heller Ehrman LLP, San Francisco, August 11
- Reference Librarian, Latham & Watkins LLP, Costa Mesa, July 27
- Head of Public Services, University of La Verne College of Law Library, Ontario, July 27
- Legal Conflicts Researcher, Library Associates, Los Angeles, July 26
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- Technical Services Librarian, Library Associates, Los Angeles, July 19
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