



From the President

By Judy K. Davis

Welcome back from the summer! I hope you are ready to begin a new year of fun, networking, and education with SCALL!

I'm excited to be your President, and I couldn't have a better Executive Board to work with. Our newest Board members are Vice President/President-Elect Erik Adams of Sheppard Mullin, Secretary Patrick Sullivan of Jones Day, and Board Member Jessica Pierucci of UCI. Ramon Barajas has graduated to

Immediate Past President, Caitlin Hunter is still maintaining our finances in pristine order as Treasurer, and Maggie Hall keeps us in line as our second Board Member. Goodbye and thanks to Amber Kennedy Madole, our hardworking Secretary for the past several years, and to Stefanie Frame who has served as our Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President. Well done, both of you!



SCALL has some great things in store this year. Erik and his numerous helpers already have plans for the Annual

Institute under control. For the first time in many years, the Institute will be in beautiful Santa Barbara! The venue is right on the waterfront at the delightful Hyatt Centric. I checked it out myself while helping Erik with a site visit this summer, and I think you'll love it! This year's topic is Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. Paul Moorman and Patrick Sullivan, the Institute Speakers Co-Chairs, are rounding up some top-notch talent for us. We'll keep you posted with further developments.

In other news, several of our colleagues have received national awards recently. Congratulations to Ramon Barajas for winning the last-ever AALL Chapter Professional Development Award for a

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AALL 2018: Boldly Communicating Where Few Have Communicated Before

By Ryan Metheny

The 2018 American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference in Baltimore featured, as always, an excellent lineup of educational programming, including a compelling set of programs on the "Marketing & Outreach" track. From gathering and using patron input to developing relationships with stakeholders to wielding statistics effectively, I came away empowered to communicate boldly the value of our work.

Speaking of bold communication, how about Baltimore native John Waters? While some of the subject was, shall we say, unorthodox for a professional

conference, the keynote speaker set an example for unabashedly getting across one's message. The transgressive and cult film producer/director did this through his somewhat brief address (standup set?), but also through his remarkable life and work. Whatever else one might think about him, Waters never backs down from his message, and there is a lesson there for law librarians as we communicate our value to those we serve.

The program "Reaching the Invisible Customer," organized by Karen Selden of the University of Colorado, and featuring management consultant Pat

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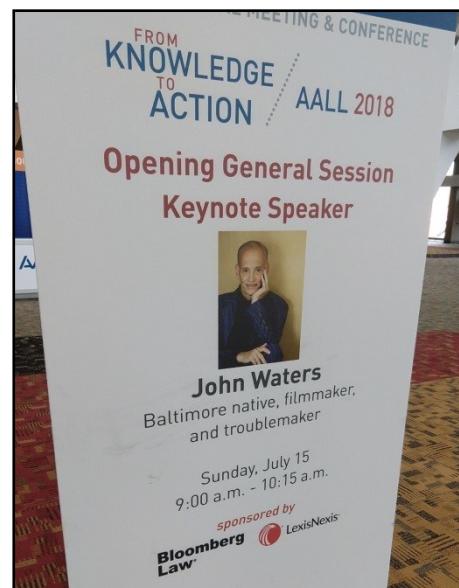


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one-time program for 2017's Institute: *Constitutional Conundrum: Constitutional Law & Challenges in Today's Environment*. Sherry Leysen won the RIPS-SIS Publication Award for *Multinational Sources Compared: A Subject and Jurisdiction Index*. Ryan Metheny received the GLL-SIS Professional Publication Award for his article, *Improving Lives by Building Social Capital: A New Way to Frame the Work of Law Libraries*. June Liebert received the PLLIP-SIS Advocate of the Year Award, and Maryruth Storer received the GLL-SIS Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession. Congratulations to everyone!

For more honors, achievements, and just fun stuff, check out this issue's Membership News column.

If all this good news has inspired you to achieve something, too, SCALL has the perfect place to start: volunteer for one of our fun committees! Do you like to plan events and parties? Then the Programs Committee might be for you. Have a talent for public relations? The PR Committee is looking for new members and also a chair! If you like to write and would like to get a foot in the publication door, the Newsletter Committee is a great, low-key way to start! We have lots more volunteer opportunities too; if

you're not sure where to begin, reach out to me or anyone on the Board—we're happy to help.

Before I sign off, I want to tell you about our next opportunity to get together. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 17. The Programs Committee has planned an interactive Fall Program entitled "Identifying and Prioritizing High-Value Work." We will meet, dine, and learn at Sidley Austin in Downtown LA. I look forward to seeing you all there, and to an exciting year to come!

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Wagner, conveyed several valuable tips for boldly marketing the value of law libraries. Wagner made the point that effective marketing, somewhat counter-intuitively, involves listening intently, without distraction or agenda, to your customers. She suggested that we learn what our customers need and want in a deeper way than, for example, a simple written survey can provide, by investing time and effort in personal conversations. Then, when both developing your services and communicating their value, learn to focus on the concrete benefits your services provide. As librarians, we tend to focus on our resources' *features*, i.e., what we like about them, rather than those resources' *benefits*, i.e., what customers get out of them. When we learn to reverse that paradigm and see things from the viewpoint of our customers, patrons or stakeholders, we can much more effectively communicate the value of law libraries.

In "It's All about the Relationships: Marketing to Your Library's Stakeholders," Carol Ottolenghi of the Ohio Attorney General office, Katie Brown of Charleston School of Law, and Saskia Mehlhorn of Norton Rose shared their practical experience with effective outreach to those above the law library in their organizational hierarchies. Ms. Mehlhorn, especially, had some humorous and, apparently, hard-won tips to share. She exhorted the attendees to be visible to stakeholders (make sure they know you); to persevere in your outreach (without being annoying); and, to be memorable in some way, perhaps

through something as simple as a tri-fold brochure (which is harder to ignore than an email). This program also imparted the experience of one library in successfully renaming their departments to better convey the value of each by using the MBA/management-speak of the library's stakeholders: Technical Services became "Core Operations" while Reference became "User Experience". Important communications to management were put into a management-friendly "Action Plan" format.

Last, the wonderful program "Telling Your Story: Using Metrics to Display Your Value," featuring Steve Lastres of Debevoise & Plimpton, TJ Striepe of University of Georgia School of Law, and SCALL's own Joy Shoemaker of the Ninth Circuit Library, provided valuable insight into boldly approaching one of the great conundrums of law library outreach. All law libraries gather statistics, but this program imparted great ideas for doing so in a process-driven way aimed squarely at convincing stakeholders of our value. The speakers suggested that the choice of which statistics to gather and use should be driven by the mission statement or strategic plan of the organization collecting the data. From that, determine which types of data/statistics can help tell the story of how the library helps the organization achieve its larger goals. So, much like the other two programs, this talk exhorted librarians to see our work, and communicate our value, through the prism of our stakeholders' concerns.

Getting more into the nitty-gritty, Joy Shoemaker gave attendees to this program great insight on overcoming the difficulties of gathering and maintaining statistics, and reporting them in an accessible and compelling way. Gathering and maintaining usage data was especially tricky for the Ninth Circuit, since it consists of many libraries each doing things slightly differently. This process also involved overcoming a lot of dread among librarians, since some statistics, like usage of print, showed, of course, a steady decline over the years. However, as Joy correctly pointed out, whether you gather a statistic doesn't dictate if or how you report it! (Even if you might continue to use that number in different ways, like budgeting and collection development.) In our data-driven world, statistics are increasingly important to decision makers, so we should invest in carefully curating and compellingly presenting them.

Leaving the conference this year, I felt empowered and, yes, emboldened to communicate the value of law libraries. I may not grow a pencil-thin Waters-style mustache or make any shocking films about law libraries, but I nonetheless feel confident that I can communicate the tremendous value of our work.

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AALL Reflections from Michele Villagran

By Dr. Michele A. L. Villagran

Thanks to the generous support of SCALL and AALL, I was able to attend the American Association of Law Libraries annual conference *From Knowledge to Action* July 14-17 in Baltimore, MD. I ate some great oysters and other seafood (of course, crab!) and met up with wonderful friends and colleagues. Since I had just been to Baltimore a month prior I didn't spend much time adventuring around the city. I did take a stroll around the Orioles Park at Camden Yard and visit the National Aquarium where over 20,000 fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles and marine mammals live. In keeping with my research and career path focus, this reflection includes some of my thoughts on AALL events that relate to diversity: the Black Caucus dinner, the Diversity & Inclusion Symposium, and my session on unconscious bias.

The [Black Caucus of AALL](#) (BCAALL) promotes issues concerning the experiences of African American law librarians. Any AALL member may join BCAALL if they are interested in furthering the interests of Black law librarians. This is my third year attending the BCAALL dinner. It is usually held at an interesting venue related to Black law librarians' history and includes a speaker and/or tour. This year, we met in downtown Baltimore at [Ida B's Table](#). Ida B's Table was named in honor of the late Ida B. Wells, a journalist and anti-lynching activist. She was an early leader in the Civil Rights Movement and was one of the founders of the NAACP. The restaurant itself focuses on soul food and has a bar, parlor, drawing room, and main dining room. The building in which the restaurant is located was originally the historic [CJ Youse Candy Box Factory](#). It is full of history and even contains original fixtures from the 19th century. Our speaker for the evening was Renate Chancellor, Associate Professor at Catholic University and Director of its law librarianship program. Renate

discussed fake news and misinformation and shared ideas for ways our profession can approach these issues.

The Diversity & Inclusion Symposium topic was *Hidden Disabilities: Coping, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Accommodations*. Three speakers discussed their workplace experiences with disability, accommodations and support, while Alex Berrio Matamoros moderated. Alex noted that while only 10 percent of Americans have a hidden disability, this is an area where we need to be aware and understand how to interact and support individuals. JJ Pionke, Assistant Professor and Applied Health Sciences Librarian at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Sarah

of resources, the session [recording](#), and slides are available at [AALLnet.org](#). I encourage all of us to take a look, even if we are well-versed in ADA.

My session, [Bringing Culture Back: Managing Unconscious Bias to Strengthen Your Corporate Culture](#), took a look at unconscious bias and its impacts within the workplace. The first part examined what unconscious bias (also called implicit bias) is and is not, and illustrated examples within our organizations. Because implicit bias exists throughout our brain, we all are biased; it is the "implicit" piece that is difficult. We often don't know we are being stereotypical, for example, because the biases are deeply rooted within our subconscious. Often it is only when someone points it out to us that we realize we were being biased. Several common biases in the workplace impact our relationships, including the halo effect, perception bias, and affinity. Each can lead to conflict with others or result in our offending someone. Strategies and tools for fighting and managing our biases are available. We need to go beyond awareness. Once we recognize where we are biased, then we can begin to work on resolutions with ourselves and others. This topic has been on the minds of many associations and organizations within recent



Renate Chancellor addresses the crowd at the Black Caucus of AALL dinner. (Photo courtesy Michele Villagran.)

Ann Lewis, Reference Librarian & Professor of Legal Research at University of Florida Levin College of Law Legal Information Center; and Genevieve Zook, Reference & Instructional Services Librarian at University of Wisconsin each shared their hidden disability and their experiences coping and seeking accommodations. I commend these individuals for sharing their personal challenges on such a sensitive topic. The greatest takeaway for me was that we each need to recognize that hidden disabilities do exist and that the ADA requires certain accommodations. A list

years, and we are starting to scratch the surface with work in this area. If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact me for a resource list or additional information.

Thank you again to SCALL for the opportunity! It was great to see many of you and to meet new friends.

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The Conference Packing List I Will Follow in the Future

By Kelly M. Leong

I used to love packing probably because I was usually off on some adventure. I would plan all of my outfits neatly laying them out on the bed before expertly packing them. Packing for a work conference is not as fun as packing for a vacation and it is often left to the last minute. For this year's AALL Annual Meeting I had a particularly difficult time packing though I didn't fully discover that until I arrived in Baltimore when I was unpacking and kept looking at each piece thinking to myself "What in the world was I thinking when I packed this?!" For some reason, I had sort of a blind spot while I was packing. I just knew I was forgetting things. I could feel it while I was packing, but I couldn't put my finger on exactly what was wrong with my selections. In my hazy feeling of forgetfulness, I packed a hodgepodge of clothes that just didn't seem to go

together. I did make through the conference with my choices, but I just didn't feel confident or comfortable in what I was wearing. When you are spending fourteen or more hours a day interacting with colleagues you want to feel confident.

Okay, enough about me. Let's talk about packing. Since hindsight is 20/20, here are some packing tips I wished I followed and will be sure to follow in the future.

1. **Clothes.** Seems pretty self-explanatory, but this is where I ran into trouble. Next year, I will stick to bringing the following: extra-comfy airplane clothes and shoes, a sweater, a blazer, jeans, slacks, casual tops to dress up with the blazer, and a dress or two.

Status for AALL 2018: Epic fail, but I am ready for next year.

2. **Comfortable shoes.** This is a must have. Conferences are not the place to test out new shoes. I never wear the same shoes two days in a row because I once heard wearing different shoes can keep your feet from hurting. I have no idea if this is true, but it usually works for me.

Status for AALL 2018: This was the only item I appropriately packed. I wore all five pairs that I packed.

3. **Lightweight sweater or jacket.** Convention centers are just like libraries, they are always cold. The Annual Meeting is always in July,

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September 10	Research Librarian; Latham & Watkins	LA or Century City or Costa Mesa or North San Diego County
September 5	Acquisitions Librarian; Loyola Law School	Los Angeles
August 29	Temporary Library Technical Services Assistant; LAC Group	Los Angeles
August 28	Public Services Assistant; Loyola Law School	Los Angeles
August 23	Legal Research Analyst; Alchemy Legal	LA or Chicago or DC or NY
August 21	Public Services Assistant / Stacks Management; Loyola Law School Library	Los Angeles
August 15	Technical Services Library Assistant; LAC Group	New York
July 30	Supervising Librarian; California Department of Justice	San Francisco
July 27	Research and Instruction Librarian; UC Hastings Law Library	San Francisco
July 26	Research Specialist; Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP	Los Angeles
June 25	Reference Librarian; UC Davis Mabie Law Library	Davis
June 18	Research Librarian; Crowell & Moring LLP	LA or NY or DC
June 18	Research Services Librarian; Reed Smith LLP	Los Angeles or Century City
April 13	Reference and Digital Resources Librarian; University of La Verne Law Library	Ontario
March 20	Managing Librarian Serials & Acquisitions; LA Law Library	Los Angeles
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generally in a humid environment, so you melt when you are outside and freeze in the convention center after about 10-15 minutes of being at a comfortable temperature.

Status for AALL 2018: Brought two cardigans, wore both.

4. **Business cards.** I like to have these on hand to give to someone when I want to continue a conversation. At

conferences, I am always pressed for time and sometimes I need to leave an interesting conversation. For example, I met someone who I hit it off with and we decided to propose a program for next year's conference, but I had to run and he kindly offered me his card (see status for why I did not offer my card).

Status for AALL 2018: Forgotten (thankfully, I had a few stashed in my wallet).

5. **External batteries and chargers for all things electronic.** The best vendor giveaways were the external batteries. I have two that I usually take with me on every trip for work or play, car or plane.

Status for AALL 2018: Left both external batteries charging at home; remembered chargers.

6. **Reusable water bottle.** Now that

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all the convention centers tend to have the water coolers in the all the session rooms, why not? I am partial to [these lightweight foldable water bottles](#) that are easy to throw in a suitcase.

Status for AALL 2018: Remembered and even filled it up at the airport before my flight.

7. **Snacks.** When you plan your schedule, you might think you have time to run to the Exhibit Hall Refreshment Break, but then you run into someone you haven't seen in three years and get chatting only to miss those refreshments. I throw some fiber bars and gummy bears in my bag just in case.

Status for AALL 2018: Remembered and completely consumed in the back of various sessions.

8. **Mints.** Generally, I don't drink coffee but at conferences it is unavoidable, inevitably leading to

coffee breath. Thus, it is imperative to pack mints. Strong mints.

Status for AALL 2018: Remembered and used after every latte.

9. **Comfortable shoulder bag or backpack.** I never use the conference bag (I don't like everyone in town knowing I am a tourist) so I always pack a bag big enough to carry my water bottle, wallet, phone, chargers, external batteries, sweater, vendor giveaways, and any other odds and ends I might need like toiletries. When you have a big bag without pockets, it's nice to have a smaller zippered bag to corral smaller items like chargers and Chapstick. I get little zippered bags from the 99 cent store.

Status for AALL 2018: Brought the big bag and emptied it out every night.

Overall, I really enjoyed my time at the 2018 Annual Meeting. There were some

great programs and discussions, and I loved John Waters. It was a great time to catch up with past co-workers and colleagues, and meet new and newer librarians. Do I wish I had packed a better and more appropriate wardrobe? Absolutely, but there is always next year.

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Congratulations to the 2018 SCALL Scholarship Recipients

Sarah Joshi (Pasadena, CA)
– San José State University

Karen Sánchez (Long Beach, CA)
– University of Washington



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Google Doesn't Have All the Answers: Yes, Virginia, There is Still a Thing Called "Hardcopy"

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, the stories of fairy tales were written with ink and parchment. Believe it or not, in the hidden corners of the State Archives, and the dusty shelves of the State Library, these valuable sheaves of paper can still be found, but only by those who are truly brave and boldly daring. Brave, because you must be willing to enter a land beyond the internet, and daring because, well, paper cuts really sting!

Many people, even long-time clients, are surprised to learn that LRI can find documents pertaining to the legislative history and intent of a law that do not

exist online. This holds true for researching 1850 legislation all the way up through the present day. In fact, the entire reason we are still in business is because we can find things that you cannot access from Westlaw, LexisNexis, HeinOnline, or even the official state websites.

It requires going through original source documents that have not yet been digitized; it requires thumbing through books so old you have to wear gloves while handling them; it requires watching VHS tapes and listening to audio cassette tapes, if you even remember what those are. The State

Archives is still putting documents on microfilm. Don't worry, I'll pause here while you Google what "microfilm" is.

The point is, just because it is not online, does not mean it does not exist. In fact, there is a whole world waiting for you beyond the internet. When your case depends on legislative intent, you can depend on us. With our years of experience in this extremely specialized area of research, you will be amazed at what we can dig up when Google lets you down.



Into the Weeds

By Jim Senter

The 2018 AALL Annual Meeting was all abuzz with fresh talk of Artificial Intelligence, vendor hijinks, and the most unusual keynote address in recent history. But I'm going to take you into the "weeds" with my account of an interesting session on cannabis law. Many thanks to the SCALL Grants Committee for helping me visit the merry land of Baltimore and attend this excellent conference.

Having rebounded from early morning mimosas at John Waters' keynote, I moseyed down the hall to take in one of the more provocative Sunday sessions, this one on medical marijuana law. The session was titled, "Medical Marijuana: A Growing Reality," and the speaker was Alex Kreit of Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

State Medical Marijuana Laws

State medical marijuana laws go back twenty years, with California's Compassionate Use Act of 1996. The drafters of this ballot measure (Proposition 215) believed that states shouldn't have to wait for the federal government to legalize medical marijuana. The crux of the argument was that if we say we are not talking about a prescription, which would have legal effect under federal law, but that people can use marijuana in California based on a doctor's recommendation, then perhaps we can establish this law and not have it be effectively blocked by federal law.

The law that passed was the frontrunner, and it remains the most expansive of the many state medical marijuana laws. Patients could grow their own with a doctor's recommendation, or have a primary caregiver grow it for them. This triggered a flood of pot entrepreneurs opening dispensaries as "primary caregivers." These dispensaries operated for a while in a legal gray area, since there was no provision at the time governing commercial distribution, let alone licensing.

Since 1996 we've seen an increasing number of states adopting various versions of medical marijuana laws. The National Conference on State Legislatures classifies 31 states with "comprehensive" medical marijuana laws and an additional 15 with narrow "CBD-only" laws (THC being the component that gets one high; CBD has medical properties but no psychoactive effect). But there is a good deal of variation among the laws in the 31 states. Some states limit authorized use to patients with particular conditions, some have not yet established a commercial marketplace, and licensing schemes vary widely.

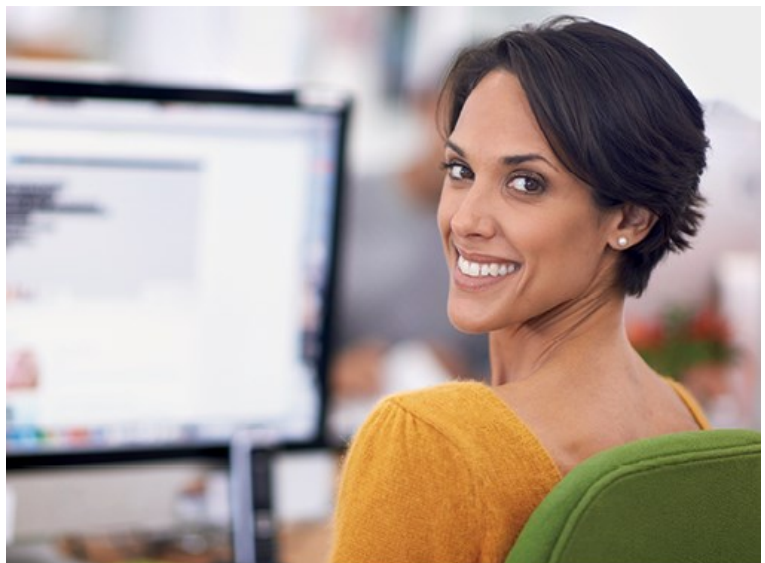
Conflict with Federal Law

While the states are testing the limits, the feds are holding firm, at least theoretically. There's an increasingly strained conflict between federal and state laws. Many states have recognized evidence in the literature that there is potential medical value for some ailments. Federal law, on the other hand, does not recognize any medical use for marijuana. Federally, any substance that can be used recreationally, i.e.,

outside of a doctor's supervision, can be scheduled under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

President Nixon signed the Controlled Substances Act (P.L. 91-513) in 1970. The intent was to provide for prohibition of the use of any mind-altering substance that is not alcohol or tobacco (which Congress exempted from the law). The CSA is a regulatory scheme designed to control the possession, distribution, and manufacture of drugs with potential recreational uses, and since 1973, is administered and enforced by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Drugs are divided into five Schedules based on three criteria: potential for abuse; accepted medicinal value; and potential for dependence. Marijuana is classified under the most strictly controlled of these, Schedule I, meaning it does not have a "currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States," and it has a high potential for abuse and addictiveness.

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Congress defined only one term in the Controlled Substances Act - "United States" - allowing the DEA considerable leeway to classify substances. The DEA adopted a five-factor test for currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. The first is the most problematic for marijuana - the chemistry must be known and reproducible. This factor was probably designed with marijuana in mind, since the plant has so many strains, and there's no proof that any strain can be chemically reproduced.

Federal Marijuana Enforcement

After California's law passed, the feds tried to stop state laws that loosened restrictions on marijuana possession, cultivation, and distribution. Two cases went to the Supreme Court: *Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative v. U.S.*, 532 U.S. 483 (2001), and *Gonzales v. Raich*, 545 U.S. 1 (2005). In *OCBC*, the Supreme Court held that one cannot use a medical necessity defense to get around the federal prohibition on marijuana. In

Raich, the Court held that there was no commerce clause problem with enforcing the CSA against individual medical marijuana users for growing and possessing marijuana for personal medical use.

Raich made it clear that the federal government had all the legal authority it needed to arrest and prosecute even individual patients for simple possession. So why has the federal government not been able to block state laws allowing medical and recreational use?

The issue boils down to resources. The DOJ has always been dependent on state and local police to enforce drug laws. From 1996-2013 they did conduct raids on a small percentage of dispensaries, arresting and prosecuting people who were operating them. There are still people serving time in federal prison for operating dispensaries where it was clear (to the states, at least) that they were operating within state law.

In 2013, the DOJ issued guidance acknowledging the reality of limited resources, and advising prosecutors not to raid dispensaries that are operating within state law. The memo was rescinded earlier this year, but the political reality is that no U.S. Attorney wants to be the one to aggressively go after medical marijuana patients or dispensaries.

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Membership News

By Judy K. Davis & Karen Skinner

Margot McLaren has been busy! She is now Information Specialist II (Cataloger) at the Hugh and Hazel Darling Library of **Azusa Pacific University**, and you may also see her in the evenings at **Western State College of Law**. She was also recently elected Secretary/Treasurer for AALL's Technical Services SIS (2018-2019). Congratulations, Margot!

Congratulations to the **Riverside County Law Library**, which won the AALL award for Best Campaign for *National Pro Bono Week 2017 at the Riverside County Law Library*.

After years of hearing about SCALL members' AALL adventures, **Suzanne Smith** attended her first AALL Annual Meeting this year, as a CEB delegate! With help from several SCALL friends, including **Jennifer Berman** and **Larry Meyer**, she quickly figured out how to locate, register for, and attend many events, and she now even knows what SIS stands for. (It's for the AALL Special Interest Sections, in case you were wondering.) She was able to attend an impromptu gathering in the exhibit hall where SCALL presented **Bill Combest** with the Vendor Service



Celebrating Bill Combest's SCALL Vendor Service Award. (Photo courtesy Suzanne Smith.)

Award at the O'Connor's booth. She also saw **Maryruth Storer** receive her Lifetime Achievement award at the GIL-SIS meeting. Suzanne observed that it's an indescribable feeling to be a part of an organization that can assemble over 2500 miles from home to celebrate someone who has made a positive impact in our community. She added that her first experience at the Annual Meeting was made much more meaningful by the generosity and willingness of SCALL members to share their own insights and knowledge with her.

Welcome new members!

Rachel Galindo is Public Services Assistant at **Loyola Law School**

Victor Guerrero is Reference Librarian with **Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP**

Erin Hart is Research Services Assistant at **Buchalter, APC**

Sarah Johnson is a Research Analyst at **Mintz Levin**



Maryruth Storer receives a Lifetime Achievement Award during the GIL-SIS meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting. (Photo courtesy Suzanne Smith.)

Several members were honored at SCALL's Annual Business Meeting in June. In addition to **Bill Combest** of **O'Connors** receiving this year's Vendor Service Award, **Leonette Williams** of **USC** won the Rohan Chapter Service Award. Finally, **Maryruth Storer**, formerly of the **Orange County Public Law Library**, and **Carol Ebbinghouse** of the **CA Court of Appeal Library 2nd District** were co-recipients of the Albert Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award.

We also extend a warm welcome and congratulations to SCALL's newest class of Life Members: **Carol Ebbinghouse**, **Curtis Jones**, **Jody Kelley**, **Maryruth Storer**, and **John Wilson**.



Mahum Shere and Immediate Past President Ramon Barajas admire the Riverside County Law Library's AALL award for Best Campaign. (Photo courtesy Suzanne Smith.)

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Annual Business Meeting Minutes

By Amber Kennedy Madole

The regular Annual Business meeting of SCALL was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit in Pasadena. A quorum being present, President Stefanie Frame called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from 2016 Business Meeting

- a. Amber Kennedy Madole presented the minutes of the 2016 SCALL Annual Business Meeting. Larry Meyer moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer Joy Shoemaker reported that SCALL ended the fiscal year with assets of approximately \$43,152.59. A full report is available on the SCALL website. She noted that as in earlier years, the SCALL Institute is the organization's major source of income, along with membership and SCALL newsletter advertising. Shoemaker said that the majority of this income is spent on the Inner City Youth internship program, grants, and scholarship.

3. Secretary's Report

- a. Secretary Amber Kennedy Madole reported that the SCALL mail forwarding service changed this year from the UPS Store to Wilshire Mailbox. As a result of this change, SCALL will save around \$300 annually.
- b. Madole also reported on the election results. The results were as follows: Judy Davis was elected for the position of SCALL Vice President/President Elect, Caitlin Hunter was elected as treasurer, and Margaret Hall was elected as Board Member. As in prior years, SCALL used the online AALL election platform to administer the election.

4. President's Report

- a. President Stefanie Frame reported on SCALL's highlights over the year, including the fall program on Election Law, the SCALL holiday party (held in January) and the SCALL Spring Meeting at

McDermott Will & Emery.

- b. Frame also noted that SCALL, NOCALL and SANDALL had agreed to collaborate with each other to coordinate law library government relation efforts in California.
- c. Frame said that SCALL was well-represented in AALL awards this year, noting that Melody Lembke and Maryruth Storer were inducted in the AALL Hall of Fame and that Larry Meyer received the AALL Volunteer Service Award. She also reported that AALL had posthumously awarded Karl T. Gruben the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award.

5. Vice President's (Institute) Report

- a. Vice President Ramon Barajas reported that the 2017 SCALL Institute was successful and that it yielded an estimated profit of \$12,780.92.
- b. The SCALL Institute was supported by Major Exhibitors (Bloomberg Law, Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), LexisNexis, ProQuest, Questel Orbit Inc.) as well as Exhibitors (AALL, Darts-ip, Jan Raymond/Legislative History and Intent, Legislative Intent Service, Inc., Minesoft, UNT Department of Information Science, William S. Hein & Co.) as well as Major Sponsors (Bloomberg BNA, Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), LexisNexis, Questel Orbit Inc., Thomson Reuters) and Regular Sponsors (CourtAlert, Courthouse News Service, DocketNavigator, Loose Leaf Filing Service, and Retrieval-It.)
- c. Barajas also reported that he sent out a post-Institute feedback form and had received predominantly positive feedback on speakers and topics.

6. Committee Reports

- a. All committee reports will be made available on the SCALL website at scallnet.org.

7. Awards Ceremony

- a. Jennifer Berman and Jim Senter presented the Vendor Service Award to Cindy Spohr. Spohr thanked the membership and said it was personally and professionally

rewarding to work with SCALL librarians over her career.

- b. Diana Jaque received the SCALL Rohan Chapter Service Award. Jaque was praised for her long-term dedication to SCALL, especially her skill in organizing information and helping others with that knowledge. Jaque created checklist guides and detailed cost spreadsheets that allowed SCALL VPs to track costs effectively for Institute planning. Jaque's service was also noted in her committee work with the Inner City Youth Committee. Jaque thanked SCALL and said she had been inspired by colleagues who had served as examples of exemplary SCALL service: Pauline Aranas, Leonette Williams, and Albert Brecht. Jaque also pointed out that she had been a recipient of the SCALL Scholarship, noting she believes that SCALL scholarships encourage future SCALL participation.
- c. The Albert O. Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Ralph Stahlberg, who retired from the LA Law Library in 2016. Esther Eastman of LA Law Library spoke about Stahlberg's career. She noted that many SCALL members knew and worked with Ralph over his tenure at LA Law Library, first as a Reference Librarian, then as a Senior Librarian and Head of Reference. Eastman also pointed out that Ralph had maintained the SCALL archives from 1990s to the time of his retirement, and had assisted in helping archive materials in perpetuity.
- d. Stefanie Frame closed the Awards Ceremony by noting that she had been inspired by SCALL members' dedication and service to the organization.

8. New Business

- a. Stefanie Frame announced that the Pacific Chapters Reception will not be taking place at the AALL Annual Meeting this year. Instead, SCALL and SANDALL are working together to host a similar reception and are currently looking for a location. The SCALL/SANDALL reception will take place after the

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AALL main opening reception, with location yet to be announced .

9. Introduction of the New Board/Passing of the Gavel

a. Stefanie Frame passed the gavel to

b. new president Ramon Barajas. Judy Davis moved to adjourn, and Larry Meyer seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was carried .

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Kennedy Madole
SCALL Secretary 2016-2018

SCALL FALL 2018 MEETING

June Liebert

Identifying and Prioritizing High-Value Work

It is easy to become overwhelmed with work in a busy law library, so how do you ensure that the work you are doing is of high value to your organization? Join us for an interactive session to learn how structured analysis can help you prioritize your work and better align your library with the goals of your organization. These simple techniques can help you understand what work is valuable, but also identify tasks that you may not need to do anymore.

- Speaker:** June Liebert is the Firmwide Director of Library and Research Services at Sidley Austin LLP. June has an extensive background in IT and library management and has worked in law schools, a law firm and a technology consulting firm.
- Date:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018
- Time:** Social Networking and Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Speaker: 7:00 p.m.
- Location:** Sidley Austin LLP
555 West Fifth St.
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Attendees will need to check-in with a photo ID in the building lobby, then ride the elevator up to the 40th floor. You will then be directed to the Boardroom.
- Catering:** Ocho Mexican Grill
Taco Bar with an assortment of meat and vegetable options
- Cost:** \$25.00
- Deadline:** RSVP and purchase your ticket through Eventbee by Friday, October 12:
<https://scallprograms.eventbee.com/event?eid=161278745>

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Anahit Petrosyan is Reference Librarian at **LA Law Library**

Siobahn Sullivan is Collection Management Specialist at **Arnold & Porter**

Flor Velazquez is Research Services Librarian at **Buchalter, APC**

Welcome back returning member!

Jeffrey Schoerner is Research Analyst at **Morrison & Foerster**

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A gathering of past presidents: Stefanie Frame, Jim Senter, and Jennifer Berman take a break during the AALL Annual Meeting. (Photo courtesy Suzanne Smith.)



Treasurer's Report

By Caitlin Hunter

SCALL Balances

Bank Balance as of August 22, 2018	\$ 38,604.74
PayPal Balance as of August 22, 2018	\$ 4,122.08
Total Balance as of August 22, 2018	\$ 42,726.82

Committee Income and Expenses Since July 1, 2018

Committee	Budget	Income	Expenses	Budget Balance
Archives	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Awards	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Board	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$507.73	\$3,492.27
Government Relations	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Grants	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
IT	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Institute	\$12,000.00	\$406.22	\$0.00	\$12,406.22
Inner City Youth	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Library School Liaison	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Membership	\$2,800.00	\$1,400.00	\$509.44	\$3,690.56
Newsletter	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Professional Development	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Programs	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
PALI	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Public Relations	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Secretary	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Treasurer	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$420.00
Totals	\$42,950.00	\$1,806.22	\$1,097.17	\$43,659.05

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The SCALL Newsletter team welcomes submission of any articles of interest to the law library community. Contact Christina Tsou, SCALL Newsletter Editor: ctsou@law.uci.edu

All submissions should be received by:

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