From the President

By Joy Shoemaker
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I am pleased to write to you for the first issue of volume 51 of the SCALL Newsletter. As summer ends and we start fall, I hope you had a productive season and were able to attend the virtual SCALL business meeting in June and/or the wonderful Pacific Chapters Joint Reception during the AALL Annual Meeting at Rochambeau in Boston. It was great seeing many of you at these events, online and in-person. I look forward to connecting with more of you this year during my term as SCALL President.

In recognition of our Board, I want to welcome incoming board members and thank our outgoing and continuing members. Welcome to Tanya Livshits in her new position as Vice President, and Karen Skinner as our new Member-at-Large. Thank you to Sangeeta Pal for continuing with a new term as Treasurer. Thank you to outgoing Immediate Past President Patrick Sullivan for his service on the board. Along with continuing board members Suzie Shatarevyan as Secretary, Sherry Leysen as Member-at-Large, and Caitlin Hunter as Immediate Past President, I look forward to an active year with such a fantastic team.

I also want to recognize and congratulate again this year’s recipient of the Albert O. Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award, Michael Bernier. His many years in law librarianship and the legal profession are appreciated by the SCALL community.

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In-Person Connections and AI
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The first time for any experience can be overwhelming, and it can feel even more so due to sleep deprivation resulting from taking a red-eye flight across the country. In addition, I had no idea what to expect when a group of law librarians from around the U.S. and the world gathered in Boston in July. Nevertheless, I embraced the opportunity to sit together and learn through various programs for “up and coming” areas of legal research, and I hoped to make connections that would extend beyond the conference.

The 2023 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Boston was my first AALL conference. I was able to attend thanks to generous grants awarded to me by SCALL and AALL. Because I am a newer research librarian, I wanted to attend AALL to discover research tools and resources with which I was not already familiar. I also wanted to learn more about how my new career will be affected by artificial intelligence. Finally, I viewed this conference as an occasion to meet more experienced, knowledgeable researchers and librarians from whom I could receive wisdom before any more retirements took place. Despite the loom of automation in the information world, I still believe that human experience in any field is worth gold.

The first day was a whirlwind of navigating Exhibit Halls C and D. I roamed from exhibitor to exhibitor, chatting with vendors. Some, such as Westlaw and Lexis, were familiar, while others I hadn’t heard of but was equally delighted to discover. For example, I learned that an entire service is dedicated to international law and specialized in legal resources in Asia. During a roaming break, I sat down at a table with hors d’oeuvres in hand and serendipitously met a lovely legal researcher who worked for the government. We chatted about her twenty-five-plus-year experience researching for government attorneys. She is already seeing the beginnings of AI automating some work in her field. This spontaneous meeting was a brief preview of the subject I was most interested in throughout the remainder of the conference—AI and its effects on law librarianship.

I used the AALL phone app throughout the conference, and it neatly organized all the programs, events, and exhibits. I was able to “star” the things that interested me, a feature I appreciated because it structured my time. The first program I starred and attended was called “Exploring the Opportunities continued on page 3
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and Risks of ChatGPT in the Legal Industry." The first lesson this session taught me was to arrive at programs early! When I reached the program room, I quickly realized that the area of AI is of great interest to many other researchers and librarians. I stood at a side door, straining to listen to the conversation coming from the stage, but I had a hard time hearing. However, I gathered that the consensus was that while Artificial Intelligence can automate certain aspects of the librarian’s job, utilizing this new technology can also help make our research even more efficient.

The program that finally assuaged my nagging worry about whether I should consider looking at a different career was “Generative AI and KM: A New Paradigm,” presented by Harris Crooks of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP; Andre Davison, AALL Executive Board Member-at-Large; Leanna R. Simon of Honigman, LLP; and moderator Zach Warren of the Thomson Reuters Institute. This panel addressed the amazing feats that AI and ChatGPT are capable of, such as ingesting a question and not only doing the research, but also writing an entire paper on the topic. Just when I was wondering whether I should update my resume, however, Andre pointed out that AI is not advanced enough to “practice law” because it lacks the sophistication to synthesize the nuances of law in a practice-type of way. Furthermore, Leanna Simon emphasized that librarians are a resilient group that has consistently adapted to new technology. Only if librarians stop growing and staying ahead of technology, should there be any concerns about our jobs potentially being replaced by AI.

Both Andre’s and Leanna’s points struck a chord with me to continue improving and embracing changes in the legal research world. While new technologies will undoubtedly make research more efficient and easier to do, the ability to make use of knowledge and skills such as improving our legal system will remain with people. I stayed to hear questions and answers at the end of the session, and I spotted the same librarian I met during my roaming break when she stood to ask a question. This made me realize that despite changes in technology and automation, making a connection with someone who has years of experience and knowledge is a priceless resource, and one that I believe AI wouldn’t be able to replace. The importance of human connection and meeting in-person still holds value, and the AALL conference is a testament to that since 1906. I look forward to attending future conferences and continuing to learn from other librarians while simultaneously adapting as technologies change.

The panel discusses the pros and cons of AI at "Generative AI and KM: A New Paradigm" (Photo courtesy of Christine Han)
AALL Preconference Workshop – The Wonders of Data: Assessment, Planning, and Promotion

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On Saturday, July 15, 2023, I served on a panel kicking off the Preconference Workshop - The Wonders of Data: Assessment, Planning, and Promotion. Rebecca Chapman, Senior Assistant Law Librarian at the Charles B. Sears Law Library, University at Buffalo School of Law planned this day-long workshop. Joining me on the panel were Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Dean at the University of Akron School of Law, and Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Dean and Ryan Roth Gallo & Ernest J. Gallo Professor of Law at Boston University School of Law. Following our panel discussion, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Executive Director at OCLC, Inc., and Ixchel M. Faniel, Senior Research Scientist also at OCLC, led a workshop that introduced participants to their New Model Library framework, which provides methods to plan and assess library services and introduces how to use data to tell a compelling story.

After our panel, in the workshop’s facilitated discussion, participants worked in small groups to identify strategic areas that align with their institution’s mission and goals. Facilitators also highlighted different assessment approaches based on stated priorities, including questionnaires, interviews, observations, diaries, and analytics. These tools were used to assess collections, user space, digital literacy, workflow/internal processes, reference and user services, and strategic planning and funding. Participants walked through steps to identify important changes their institution has made in library services, collaboration, and engagement during the past three years. From there, they brainstormed strategies to assess these changes, connecting assessment to future planning. Finally, they considered what assessment data to consider in communicating their library’s strengths and opportunities.

With two deans on the panel, I appreciated the opportunity to speak from the director’s perspective responding to questions about strategic planning, goal setting, responding to change, and allocated limited resources. Specifically, we were asked to address four questions:

- What are the top strategic goals of your school and what recent library actions or programs significantly affected the strategic goals?
- What are the most significant challenges in legal education today and how can libraries assist in addressing these challenges?
- What strategies do you recommend libraries to use to foster greater collaboration with the administration on achieving strategic planning goals?
- With several administrators asking for time and resources all at once, what kind of information helps you to prioritize the requests and the resources? How do you want them to measure success?

Throughout my career I have worked under many deans and have noticed that regardless of the specific strategic goals, there is broad consistency in the major categories of goals deans usually have for their law schools: (1) attracting and retaining a diverse faculty committed to the research mission of the school, (2) recruiting diverse students and supporting them to reach their academic and employment goals, (3) fostering an environment of community and engagement, and (4) having an effective and informed administration.

What were the strategic goals of my fellow panelists? Dean Janoski-Haehlen spoke of Akron’s three pillars of excellence: (1) Intellectual Property, (2) Advocacy, and (3) Diversity, Respect and Understanding. Dean Onwuachi-Willig identified Boston’s

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“Three E” approach: Excellence, Equity and Access, and Endowment. After listening to the deans explain their goals, I was happy to see they fit nicely into the five general categories, with the expected nuance and individuality to represent the needs of their schools. In addition to explaining their goals, both deans quickly identified how the library fits into their planning and execution of the goals. This was nice to hear, because throughout my career I have found that often the library is not readily included in achieving strategic planning goals. I was not surprised that Dean Janoski-Haehlen was able to do this with ease since she was recently appointed to the Dean position after starting her career in the library with many years as director. I did not expect that Dean Onwuachi-Willig would so thoroughly see the library’s direct role in achieving the law school’s strategic goals, but she was thorough, informed, and appreciative of the library’s role at Boston University.

Time ran short and the deans were unable to answer the last question about allocating limited resources across the law school with many administrators coming to them with needs, and what information they find helpful. In planning my remarks, it became clear that administrators who tie their requests for resources (whether it be operations or salary money) to law school priorities and strategic goals have the most success. Dean Onwuachi-Willig stated it best when she said in our notes:

“As I make decisions, I consider how the requests for resources align with the needs of the law school or demonstrated student needs or requests (as opposed to vanity projects). I also measure demonstrable impact on law school outcomes, particularly student success and well-being, faculty success and well-being, and staff success and well-being.

Short proposals that very clearly lay out the why, the how, the how much, and the why I should invest are best. If a leader is anticipating my questions and answering them in the short proposal, then I am more likely to respond positively and quickly.”

This validated my experience requesting funding. Throughout my career I have had the most success when I am transparent about needs and tie requests directly to the dean’s priorities or goals. I wish we had more time to discuss this and even have a question-and-answer session so I could have learned more from my fellow panelists and from the audience as well. I enjoyed serving on the panel and hope the participants better understand what drives a dean’s decision-making.

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“Pause” and Effect? How Suspending DEI in the Public Sector May Impact Law Librarianship and the Legal Profession

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In the last few years, state legislatures have passed a wave of legislation opposing diversity, equity, and inclusion in public higher education, including bans on using taxpayer funds to operate DEI offices, bans on diversity training and statements, and bans on identity-based applicant preferences. In this AALL Hot Topic program, panelists from across the U.S. discussed the impact of this legislation on law libraries and the legal profession and suggested ideas for pushing back.

Anti-DEI legislation impacts different law schools to different degrees. Ron Wheeler (Boston University School of Law) noted that BU is relatively sheltered from the impact, both because it is in liberal Massachusetts and because it is a private institution. In contrast, both Lisa A. Goodman (Texas A&M University School of Law) and Lisa Davis (Florida International University College of Law) work at public schools in states with strong anti-DEI initiatives. They both anticipate a brain drain that will make the already tough hiring market even tougher, as law and library school graduates head for progressive states and private schools that don’t block DEI efforts. Finally, Nichelle Perry (North Carolina Central University School of Law) identified anti-DEI legislation as an implicit attack on NCCU’s right to exist, given that NCCU is an HBCU (historically Black college or university) that was founded specifically to provide opportunities to Black students excluded from other North Carolina schools.

Despite the challenges, panelists offered numerous suggestions for continuing DEI support:

1. Do what librarians do best—share information.

Perry observed that librarians are information professionals, and one of the most effective things we can do is to share information. She emphasized the importance of knowing and teaching the history of the institution, such as the first woman or the first African American admitted to the law school or the names of prominent civil rights attorneys who graduated from the law school. Both Perry and Davis pointed out that librarians’ knowledge of legislative history research means librarians are well positioned to raise awareness of the anti-DEI bills themselves and their often even more extreme early versions. Davis also recommended purchasing and highlighting library databases that support DEI; as an example, she cited her library’s recent purchase and promotion of databases on the history of slavery and of Florida’s LGBT+ community.

2. Create programs that remove barrier for everyone.

Wheeler described how BU has found ways to develop programs that promote DEI without preferential admissions. The ASPIRE program offers full scholarships and first year summer law firm jobs to law students of any race who are committed to careers fighting racism. BU also offers a pre-law summer academy that teaches first generation students how to apply for law school and how to succeed once they get there, so that they don’t discover that write-on exists after it’s already over, as Wheeler himself did.

Davis reported that FIU also provides a pre-law pipeline program and has eliminated law review write-on entirely. Instead, students are selected for law review based on their performance in first year legal research and writing and in a law review training program. This gives everyone a fair shot at making it onto law review.

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3. Build partnerships.

Panelists noted that, as state governments cut support for DEI, it becomes increasingly important for law schools to build outside partnerships. Davis explained that FIU’s pre-law pipeline program is partially sheltered from anti-DEI initiatives because it is funded by an external grant. Similarly, Wheeler noted that law firms help to fund BU’s ASPIRE program and, during the Q&A, another BU librarian suggested that schools solicit DEI boosters in the same way they solicit athletic boosters. However, Goodman cautioned that this strategy’s feasibility varies depending on each state’s legislation—some states prohibit using state funding for DEI efforts, while others prohibit having a DEI office period, regardless of funding.

4. Reframe the narrative.

Throughout the program, panelists emphasized that DEI opponents have successfully framed the terms of the debate and created a false narrative about DEI advocates. Both Perry and Wheeler highlighted the misleading language used by anti-DEI legislation. For example, Perry quoted North Carolina’s anti-DEI bill, which prohibits public institutions from promoting the ideas that “[o]ne race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex” or that “[a]n individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex.” As Perry and Wheeler observed, this language implicitly accuses DEI advocates of promoting beliefs and attitudes that they do not. Both Goodman and Wheeler observed that in reality, a key role of DEI offices is building trust and relationships that allow them to intervene in conflicts while they are still fixable and before they fester into litigation. All the panelists emphasized the need for DEI programs to fight back by rebranding and reframing the narrative.

5. Keep fighting and don’t give up hope.

Panelists emphasized that while it is important to take anti-DEI legislation seriously, we should not give up hope. Perry noted that the current wave of anti-DEI legislation is also part of a cyclical pattern of progress followed by backlash; she expressed hope that law students would be inspired to fight back by remembering their forefathers and foremothers in the civil rights movement. Davis and Wheeler pointed out that while many states are experiencing a backlash against DEI, others continue taking steady steps forward. Goodman concluded the panel by encouraging audience members to keep fighting the good fight, having the conversations, and doing the work.
I had the opportunity to attend the 2023 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. This was my first professional conference experience, and it was only fitting that I attended the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) which took place during the 2023 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference. I can best describe CONELL as a mini conference, within the various events and activities happening at the AALL conference, catered towards individuals who are newer to the profession. I thought it was great that AALL provided this opportunity for newer professionals to meet and make connections as they begin their careers. CONELL was the highlight of my experience at the AALL conference in Boston, and I have some great memories and professional connections because of it.

The beginning of CONELL had a rocky start for me as the 8 a.m. start time was difficult to adjust to coming from the West Coast. Nevertheless, I was able to make it to the provided coffee station for a boost before the beginning of the day’s activities. CONELL began with an opening ceremony that included great advice from a panel of AALL veterans to over 100 newer law librarians present. Perhaps the most prominent advice given by the panelists is to get involved both with AALL and the profession to develop personally and professionally. This advice was also echoed throughout the entire conference from other returning attendees whom I met.

After the opening ceremony of panelists spoke, the group of newer law librarians broke up into two groups to take part in various networking activities. The first one that I took part in was a speed-networking event, which was essentially speed-dating, where each newer law librarian had the opportunity to converse with each other for two minutes at a time. The organizers supplied prompts to get the conversation started but those were unnecessary as everyone was so excited to meet one another that the conversation flowed naturally even without those questions. I found this activity to be one of my favorites of CONELL as it allowed me to connect individually with others and learn about their experiences and their exciting roles at their institutions.

After the speed-networking event, my group went into a roundtable discussion, hosted by a veteran AALL member. This roundtable discussion event allowed me to connect with other new law librarians in a group setting while also being able to ask a veteran AALL member any questions we had about the organization or the profession. Again, in this activity, the advice of getting involved was shared with those at my roundtable. After the roundtable event we took a break from activities for lunch. What followed lunch was the highlight of my time at CONELL – the Boston duck boat tour. Admittedly, I had to look up what exactly a duck boat was when I saw this on the CONELL agenda. For those reading this who are equally as confused as I was, a duck boat is a vehicle that is half bus and half boat, based on the DUKW military vehicles that were famously used by the United States on the D-Day beaches during World War II.

This tour took us on the streets of Boston, with our guide pointing out famous historical landmarks while also filling their spiel with plenty of duck puns. After a tour on the road, we set sail in the Charles River for a twenty-minute boat ride for an amazing view of Boston from the water. This duck boat tour was a fantastic way to see the city and learn about its history with our new connections whom we met earlier in the day. I was glad to be able to be part of such a unique experience.

I thought CONELL was an amazing experience and one that I will remember for an extremely long time due to the connections that I made with other newer law librarians. I would like to thank AALL for organizing such a fun and well-organized mini conference for new law librarians that served as an amazing introduction to the community and the profession. All the nerves that I had at the beginning of the day went away after CONELL and I had a great time running into all my fellow CONELL attendees throughout the weekend at the various exhibits and programming of the AALL conference. I can say that after CONELL, I felt confident to attend the other conference programming and felt that I had a greater understanding of the profession.
The Witch Trial Trail Tour and the Importance of Legal History Programming

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Boston’s Selma. According to Administrative Magistrate Ken Bresler, that is how one former Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court justice refers to the Salem Witch Trials. As part of AALL’s Host City program, the Legal History & Rare Books SIS offered two programs related to the events of the Salem Witch Trials. First, a program titled “Dark Dockets: Inside the Salem Witch Trials,” which discussed the recent transfer of historical court documents related to the trials from the Peabody Essex Museum to the Supreme Judicial Court Archives in Boston. The following day, Bresler and the Social Law Library offered The Witch Trial Trail Tour, a walking tour of Boston sites connected with the Salem Witch Trials.

The tour started outside John Adams Courthouse, the home of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and Massachusetts Appeals Court. The Social Law Library also shares this space. It is the second oldest law library in the United States, and a prominent legal-research institution – especially in Boston. Before we began the walking tour, Bresler had asked all attendees to refrain from making jokes, cackling, or in any way making light of the events to be discussed. Given the seriousness of the subject matter, coupled with the very different conceptions modern society has of witches and witchcraft, it’s understandable why he may have been concerned.

We began our walk with an overview of the events which began the trials, recounting how several girls in Salem Village began experiencing “fits” which were blamed on the supernatural. What followed was a year-long hysteria resulting in the deaths of nineteen people and accusations against over 200 others. The tour took our group to cemeteries and side streets that once contained locations relevant to these trials. While the trials began in Salem, many trials took place at the court convened in Boston. One stop on our tour was to the former location of the Boston Jail, where many of the accused were detained, sometimes for months on end in poor living conditions. No consideration appears to have been given to the circumstances of prisoners, which is why you saw elderly and ill prisoners locked up alongside very young children (like Dorothy Good, the four-year-old who was the youngest of the accused).

The Salem Witch Trials began in 1692, long before any concept of a United States Constitution and the safeguards put in place by that constitution. As a result, the evidence used, and actions taken against some of the accused seem foreign to modern understandings of what is an acceptable justice system. The admission and use of “spectral evidence,” for one – a witness’s testimony that the accused person’s spirit had visited them in a dream.

Much more egregious the treatment of Giles Corey, who was pressed to death with heavy stones for refusing to enter a plea.

During the walking tour, the horrific events of the witch trials were juxtaposed with the often-prominent locations we visited. From the Granary Burial Ground (burial site of three signers of the Declaration of Independence and several Massachusetts Governors) to the former site of Province House (the Royal Governor’s mansion until 1776), the people associated with these locations were all prominent members of society at the time of the trials. We visited the burial sites of both supporters and critics of the witch trials, but none of these people endured the persecution that befell the accused.

Despite taking place centuries ago, the themes of the Witch Trial Trail Tour remain familiar and highly relevant. The hysteria continued on page 10
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seemed to escalate if the power and privilege of the accusers was generally equal to or greater than that of the accused. Once prominent members of society began to be accused, it was then acceptable to simply disregard accusations against those members. Skepticism of the trials escalated, and the court convened to hold the trials was dissolved.

The tour was an engaging and informative exploration of the events of the Salem Witch Trials. It was also a great way to learn more about Boston during the AALL Conference. The tour’s sister program, Dark Dockets, was a meaningful discussion of the importance of historical legal records in the face of a court system that had historically failed to recognize their importance. Places have long memories and injustices are too often a part of these collective memories. More consideration should be given to AALL programs focused on legal history, as explorations into how the law has evolved are crucial in helping it to develop more equitably.

The Law Library as Virtual Hearing Hub

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This year for the first time I served on the AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC). Part of the fun of volunteering for the AMPC was the opportunity to learn more about programs outside of my wheelhouse and I was excited to be assigned the AMPC liaison to The Law Library as Virtual Hearing Hub. In this program, public law librarians from across the country described how they had opened their doors during COVID to help litigants participate in virtual hearings.

The program was developed and coordinated by panelist Grace Spulak (Senior Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts). Spulak recruited three law librarian panelists: Hallê Cox (Director, Kane County Law Library & Self-Help Legal Center), Julia Viets (Law Librarian, Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library), and Karen Westwood (Director, Hennepin County Law Library). Jocelyn D. Stilwell-Tong (Law Librarian, California’s Sixth District Court of Appeal) ably moderated the program.

The panelists described different routes to supporting virtual hearings. Westwood described having to advocate for judges to recognize both that litigants needed help participating in virtual hearings and that law librarians could provide that help. In contrast, Cox and Viets reported the opposite issue—judges responded to litigants struggling with virtual hearings by referring them to the law library and assuring them that the law librarians would help!

One key piece of help that all three law libraries provided was physical space to participate in hearings. Viets explained that many litigants lived in crowded, multigenerational households without quiet, private space to join their hearings. This concern was especially acute for family court litigants, who typically did not want to discuss the details of their custody disputes in front of their children. Cox described litigants showing up in the law library parking lot even after the courts were no longer operating in person and crowding into the law library vestibule in bad weather.

Even more important, law librarians provided training and advice that enhanced litigants’ ability to participate fully in their hearings. Westwood, Cox, and Viets described one of their most important roles as teaching litigants how to use Zoom, both on law library provided computers and iPads and on the litigants’ own devices. Westwood noted that this role was especially important because lockdown prevented many litigants from getting support from extended family members and friends who would normally help them with technology. Spulak and Viets also highlighted law librarians’ importance in providing litigants with information on Zoom decorum for virtual hearings and how to present their cases and evidence in ways that met judges’ expectations. Westwood, Cox, and Viets were all pleasantly surprised by judges’ greater flexibility during Zoom hearings, which they attributed to judges’ own struggles to learn the technology and resulting empathy for litigants.

Law librarians’ support for virtual hearings created opportunities to build partnerships with the larger legal and library communities. Westwood described partnering with Minnesota Legal Aid to deploy library legal aid kiosks with computers, printers, and scanners, enabling litigants to meet remotely with their legal aid attorneys. As public libraries have reopened, many litigants now prefer to attend virtual hearings from their local library rather than drive to the law library. Westwood’s experience supporting virtual hearings has enabled her to provide advice and training to public librarians hoping to implement similar programs. Similarly, Cox’s law library obtained a grant from the Illinois Courts Access to Justice Division that enabled them to buy iPads and mobile phones for virtual hear-

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ings and develop educational materials for the public. The Access to Justice Division has also developed a statewide steering committee to formally look at how the virtual hearing programs developed at public law libraries can be expanded to public libraries, increasing access to justice for rural communities.

Finally, law librarians’ support for virtual hearings improved partnerships and enhanced appreciation for law librarians’ expertise within the court system itself. Cox described how working more closely with law librarians led other court divisions to recognize librarians’ skill at communicating legal information to the public succinctly, accurately, and understandably. As a result, the court system has increased law librarians’ role in public communications. Additionally, Cox reported that litigants who otherwise might not have visited the law library were referred to the library by other departments to participate in virtual hearings. Once there, the litigants learned about and took advantage of other library resources, such as forms, self-help programs, and Lawyers in the Library. Likewise, Viets reported that other departments developed greater appreciation and respect for the law library because of the direct support the law librarians provided to help the departments complete their own tasks. Other departments have also become more likely to refer litigants to the library, as working more closely with law librarians raised their awareness of law library services like notarizing documents and helping litigants track down court rules and complaint forms. Panelists reported that, as courts settle into the new normal, other departments have appropriately taken back most responsibility for managing virtual hearings. However, the relationships and respect formed during the pandemic live on.

Membership News
By Angie So, Araceli Argueta, and Christina Boydston

Welcome, new members of SCALL!
- Poly Veitzer of Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP
- Christine Han of Western State College of Law
- Nicolas Bell (student) – California Western School of Law – Law Library
- Keri Wilkins of California Western School of Law - Law Library
- Heather Snodgrass of San Diego Law Library
- Nicole Gigliotti of San Diego Law Library
- Jenny Dickson of Latham & Watkins
- Jennifer Ryba (student) – San Jose State University
- Christopher Fogel of O’Melveny & Myers LLP
- Sarah Martin of Los Angeles County Law Library
- Heather Ray of San Diego Law Library
- Michael Van Aken of Riverside County Law Library
- Miguel Guzman of Los Angeles County Law Library
- Sandra Dawson of DLA Piper
- Shangching Huiztacua of UCLA Law Library
- Felicia Chien of San Bernardino County Law Library
- Joanna Coelho of University of Southern California
- Eric Chapman of U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- Divya Seth of University of California, Irvine School of Law

Other membership news:
- Jennifer Argueta recently received a promotion and now has a new job title: Assistant Professor & Coordinator, at University of La Verne - Law Library.

- Araceli Argueta was recently hired by UCLA’s law library as their new Collection Management Services Specialist.

- Havilah Steinman (and husband Parker Bakken) are relocating to Spokane, WA at the end of September. Havilah, San Diego native, ditches the beach for tall trees. Her husband, Parker, is quite excited to be in Sasquatch country again. Please send warm vibes and vitamin D supplements this winter.

Havilah Steinman and husband Parker Bakken (Photo courtesy of Havilah Steinman)
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- **Cindy Guyer** joined the law firm O’Melveny as a Senior Research Analyst on May 1st. She enjoys the new challenges, working on a variety of cases, and experimenting with AI in the legal industry. Having passed her first review period, Cindy celebrated by spending a few days in San Francisco and, of course, indulging at Ghirardelli Square.

![Cindy Guyer at Ghirardelli Square](Photo courtesy of Cindy Guyer)

Congratulations Jennifer, Araceli, Havilah & Parker, and Cindy!

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes — May 1, 2023
By Suzie Shatarevyan

A virtual meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Monday, May 1, 2023, via Zoom. A quorum being present, President Caitlin Hunter called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

In attendance were:
President: Caitlin Hunter
Immediate Past President: Patrick Sullivan
Treasurer: Sangeeta Pal
Secretary: Suzie Shatarevyan
Executive Board Members: Sherry Leysen and Tanya Livshits

1. Approval of minutes from Executive Board Meeting on January 30, 2023.
   a. Suzie Shatarevyan distributed the minutes of the January 30 Exec Board Minutes in advance of the meeting for review.
   b. Caitlin Hunter moved to approve the minutes. Tanya Livshits seconded. The motion carried.

2. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Sangeeta Pal reported that as of May 1, 2023, SCALL has a bank balance in the amount of $43,538.09. A zero balance in PayPal. A Petty Cash balance of $84.75. The total balance as of May 1, 2023 is $45,622.84.
   b. We currently have a cash reward totaling $304.13. We did not develop a policy for using cash rewards — Sangeeta proposed rolling over this money into the board’s budget in even $100 increments.
   c. Update on CYIE matching donations: Members have donated $975 with the board matching $975. We’re $25 away from the max total that the board agreed upon. We are $1050 away from being able to hire a fifth intern. Would the board be willing to match an additional $500 to enable us to raise the difference?
   d. Caitlin Hunter moved to approve the Treasurer’s report and Sherry Leysen seconded. Motion carried.

3. Secretary’s Report
   a. Suzie Shatarevyan reported that the SCALL Wilshire mailbox account has a forwarding credit of $257.26 and that mail forwarding is running smoothly.
   b. SCALL Board Election nominations were received in March from the Nominations Committee.
   c. Candidate statements, bios and photos have been received and sent to the Newsletter Committee for inclusion in the Summer 2023 Newsletter issue.
   d. AALL online election registration was submitted in early April, and the election site is set and ready to go.
   e. Election dates, which run May 8 to May 31, were announced to the membership via the listserv.
   f. AALL will send notifications via email to all eligible voters when the polls open on May 8.
   g. Sangeeta Pal moved to approve the Secretary’s report and Caitlin Hunter seconded. Motion carried.

4. Vice President’s Report
   a. Joy Shoemaker was unable to attend the Spring Board meeting, and therefore, no report from the Vice President.

5. President’s Report
   a. Caitlin Hunter did not provide the President’s Report.

6. Committee Updates
   a. David McFadden, Government Relations Committee
   i. We continue to monitor the AALL and other legislative information sources. We haven’t posted much recently because Emily Feltren left AALL and as a result the AALL GRC and Government Relations Office hasn’t been putting out as much information.
   ii. I met with Diane Rodriguez, the new NOCALL GRC chair, at the NOCALL Institute on 10 March. We had a good conversation about our chapter government relations work in California. We don’t have any specific plans at this time but will continue to work together.
   iii. I also joined the Council of California County Law Librarians in Sacramento on Tuesday, 28 March for their legislative day to ask for county law library funding to be added to this year’s budget. This is the first time since 2019 that I was able to join Sandi Levin of the Los Angeles Law Library on CCLL legislative day. L.A. county is too big with too many legislators for one person to cover it all in one day. That’s why I go up to help out. I mainly did unannounced drop offs of materials in legislative offices in which we didn’t have appointments and did impromptu conversations with staff about county law libraries and the budget ask. I also sat in on many of Sandi’s appointments to give my support.
   b. Amber Madole, Grants Committee
   i. We awarded one member grant for the SCALL Institute this year.
   ii. We are getting ready for the next application cycle (grants for AALL), with the following timeline:
      1. May 20, 2023: Deadline to apply
      2. May 26, 2023: Grant recipients notified
      c. Angie So and Araceli Argueta, Membership Co-Chairs
   i. Lifetime membership consideration – solicited names of retiring members and as of today, had not received any name submissions for Life Membership consideration.
   d. Stephanie Anayah, Library School Liaison
   i. The Committee will be announcing the 2023 SCALL Scholarship recipients soon.
   e. Margaret Hall, Archives
   i. Vice President & Institute Chair Joy Shoemaker gave Archives the

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Annual Business Meeting Minutes — June 29, 2022

By Daisy De Anda

The regular Annual Business meeting of SCALL was held virtually on Wednesday June 29, 2022. A quorum being present, Vice President Caitlin Hunter called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Awards Ceremony
   a. The recipients of the SCALL Awards for 2021-2022 are as follows.
   i. The Rohan Chapter Service Award for exemplary service to the association and the profession was awarded to Tiffani Willis.
   ii. The Albert O. Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Esther Eastman for all her contributions to SCALL and the profession.
   iii. The Vendor Service Award was awarded to Amy Towell of Docket Navigator.
   b. This year, plaques will be delivered at the holiday in-person meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes from 2021 Business Meeting
   a. Caitlin Hunter presented the minutes of the 2021 SCALL Annual Business Meeting.
   b. Patrick Sullivan moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Patrick Lavey seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried.
   c. Sangeeta Pal moved to approve the minutes and Caitlin Hunter seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

3. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Treasurer Sangeeta Pal reported that SCALL has a bank balance of $37,943.86 in the SCALL bank account, $84.75 in petty cash, for a total of $38,028.61 as of today.
   b. Daisy De Anda moved to approve the treasurer’s report and Patrick Lavey seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

4. Secretary’s Report
   a. Secretary Daisy De Anda reported that the SCALL Wilshire Mailbox account has a forwarding credit of $260.01 and that mail forwarding is running smoothly.
   b. Daisy De Anda also reported on the election results. The results were as follows:
      i. The contested election ran from May 18th 2022 to June 15th 2022. As in previous years we used the online AALL election system to run the election.
      ii. Joy Shoemaker was elected as incoming SCALL Vice President/President Elect, Suzie Shatarevyan was elected as Secretary, and Sherry Leysen was elected as Member-at-Large.
   c. Caitlin Hunter moved to approve the secretary’s report and Patrick Sullivan seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

5. President’s Report
   a. President Patrick Sullivan reported on SCALL’s highlights over the year, noting
      i. The Programs Committee and current, past and newly recruited SCALL volunteers’ efforts during this time as we continue to push the organization forward.
      ii. We are excited for an in-person SCALL Holiday Party later this year!
   b. Patrick Lavey moved to approve the motion and Daisy De Anda seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

6. Vice President’s (Institute) Report
   a. The 50th Annual SCALL Institute was held February 11-12, 2022, at the Margaritaville Palm Springs. The title of the Institute was “History and Future of Legal Research.” There were 39 Regular attendees, 3 VIPs, 2 Non-SCALL-member speakers, and

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3 Guests of attendees. Recordings are available to SCALL members at: https://SCALL.wildapricot.org/SCALL-Institute-2022

b. Because of the omicron surge, many members did not yet feel comfortable attending an in-person event. We had to decide between switching to a virtual event and paying a $16,200 cancellation fee to the hotel or continuing with an in-person event that could be enjoyed by those who felt comfortable attending and taking a small loss. After subtracting expenses from revenue, we spent a total of $1,213.57 on the Institute.

c. Special thanks to CEB (Major Sponsor and Major Exhibitor) and Suzanne Smith, for CEB’s generous sponsorship.

d. Thanks also to LexisNexis (Major Sponsor and Exhibitor); Bloomberg Industry (Sponsor and Major Exhibitor); Casetext, Gavelytics, Legislative History and Intent, Legislative Intent Service, Inc., and ProQuest (Exhibitors); and Courthouse News Service, Docket Navigator, RETRIEV-IT, and Thomson Reuters (Sponsors).

e. Special thanks to Amer Madole for chairing the Speakers Committee and arranging for recording of sessions for members who did not feel comfortable attending in person.

f. A full report will be posted on the SCALL website.

g. Patrick Sullivan moved to approve the president’s report and Suzanne Smith seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

7. Committee Reports

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

8. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Tiffani Willis and Robert Wright.

9. New Business

a. Approval of SANDALL re-joining committees and to keep an eye out for a forthcoming volunteer form on the SCALL listserv.

f. Caitlin Hunter moved to adjourn. There was no discussion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daisy De Anda
SCALL Secretary, 2020-2022

b. Vote to re-merger of SANDALL into SCALL was officially approved and the SANDALL members will be added to the SCALL membership directory.

10. Member Questions and Issues

a. Lifetime Memberships for Recently Retired Members were decided by online poll.

i. A motion to grant Esther Eastman Lifetime Membership passed.

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

a. Secretary Daisy De Anda introduced and welcomed the new Board for the incoming 2022-2023 year:

i. Caitlin Hunter will be the new President.

ii. Joy Shoemaker will be the new Vice President/President Elect.

iii. Sangeeta Pal will continue to serve as Treasurer.

iv. Suzie Shatarevyan will be the new Secretary.

v. Sherry Leysen will be the new Member-at-Large.

vi. Patrick Sullivan will serve as Immediate Past President.

vii. Tanya Livshits will continue to serve as Member-at-Large.

b. Caitlin Hunter thanked Maggie Hall, Ryan Metheny, and Daisy De Anda for their contributions as SCALL officers.

c. Patrick Sullivan passed the gavel to new president Caitlin Hunter.

d. Caitlin Hunter encouraged all members to attend the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception on Sunday, July 17, 2022 from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm at the Appaloosa Wright Room Grill, a five minute walk from the Colorado Convention Center. The event will be a buffet dinner that includes vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options and a cash bar. Members are welcome to stay for the full two hours or to drop in and grab dinner as they have time between other events.

e. Caitlin Hunter also encouraged members to volunteer for SCALL
Treasurer’s Report
By Sangeeta Pal, Access Services Librarian, UCLA School of Law

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