



## **2022 – 2023 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Archives Committee**

No report received for 2022-2023.

### **Awards Committee**

Having no nominations there are no winners of the Vendor Service and Rohan Chapter awards. The recipient of the Albert O. Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award is Michael Bernier.

Respectfully submitted,  
2022-2023 Awards Committee  
Jennifer Berman  
Larry Meyer  
Diana Jaque

### **Budget & Finance Committee**

The Budget & Finance Committee consists of an experienced member who advises the treasurer. The Budget & Finance Committee chair for this year was Jessica Whytock.

### **Bylaws Committee**

No report received for 2022-2023. Bylaws Committee chair Laura Fouladi stepped down and David McFadden agreed to take over as chair.

### **Community Youth Internship Experience Committee**

2022-2023 proved to be a very exciting year for the Community Youth Internship Experience Committee. Our committee membership increased, and we now have a total of six committee members. With the increase in minimum wage, our committee spent much of our efforts this year in fundraising to maintain our ability to subsidize four interns without diminishing the number of hours for each internship.

This year, we were also able to increase our committee's visibility by tabling at the SCALL Institute. We had many opportunities to talk with members, discuss the work of our committee and generate interest in growing the internship program to areas outside of Los Angeles and San Bernardino in the coming years.

Thanks to the support of the entire SCALL membership, we were able to raise just over \$1500. We would especially like to thank the SCALL executive board and their generosity in matching funds in the amount of \$1500 in addition to our committee’s annual budget. With these donations, the board’s matching funds, and a generous anonymous donation of \$2000 directly to LAEP, we will be able to provide five deserving high school students with rich internship experiences this summer. (See full funding information below). This year’s internship host sites are California Court of Appeal, Law Library for San Bernardino County, LA Law Library, Loyola Law Library, and UCLA Law Library.

The committee thanks SCALL for their continued financial support of these internships. Without SCALL’s significant financial support, we would be unable to offer these wonderful experiences and expose local students to law libraries and librarianship.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Diana Jaque (Co-Chair) and Sangeeta Pal (Co-Chair)

2022-2023 Community Youth Internship Experience Committee  
 Diana Jaque, Co-Chair  
 Sangeeta Pal, Co-Chair  
 Daisy De Anda  
 Judy Lee  
 Stephanie Osorio  
 Karen Skinner

**2022-2023 CYIE Funding**

\$6000	Community Youth Internship Experience 2022-2023 Budgeted Funds
\$1570	Individual SCALL member donations to CYIE Committee
\$1500	Donation Matching funds from the SCALL Executive Board
\$2000	Anonymous donation direct to LAEP for SCALL Internships
\$11,070	Total Funding for 2023 Summer Internships

**2023 Summer Internship Costs**

\$16.78/hr.	Minimum Wage
\$3.36/hr.	Administrative Charges paid to LAEP for managing recruitment and payroll of interns
\$2215.40	110 hours of internship, including orientation/training and debrief/closing meetings
\$11,077	Five subsidized internships

**Government Relations Committee**

**Members:** David McFadden (chair), Rachel Green, Larry Meyer, and Lu Nguyen.

The GRC continues to monitor legislation and re-post AALL GRC and AALL Government Relations Office postings when relevant. 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.

There was no call to action for legislation or administrative activity during the SCALL year.

The Chair 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.

David McFadden 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 David McFadden was able to join Sandi Levin of the Los Angeles Law Library on CCCLL legislative day. L.A. county is too big with too many legislators for one person to cover it all in one day.

The Chair needs to set up a succession plan for SCALL GRC.

Submitted by David McFadden, SCALL GRC Chair  
13 June 2023

### **Grants Committee**

**Chair:** Amber Kennedy Madole

**Members:** Diane Ellis and Esther Eastman

Dear Members,

In the fiscal year 2022-2023, our Grants Committee awarded two grants:

1. SCALL Institute Grant: \$400 was awarded for a candidate's educational development at the Southern California Association of Law Libraries Institute.
2. AALL Attendance Grant: \$1500 granted for a candidate's participation at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting.

Each of the grant attendees will or have contributed an article to the SCALL newsletter.

As stewards of the grants committee, we hope to continue to promote continuing education and professional growth in the legal information community. We aim to reduce financial hurdles for conference attendance for our members and invite your feedback for our future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Amber Kennedy Madole  
Chair, Grants Committee 2022-2023

## **Information Technology Committee**

The SCALL IT Committee is tasked with maintaining the SCALL website, scallnet.org, as well as the association listserv on Google Groups.

**Report prepared by:** Suzie Shatarevyan, IT Committee Chair

**Additional committee members:** Adam Cash

**Board Liaison:** Suzie Shatarevyan

**Budget:** \$2,000.00, \$19.99 expended.

**IT Committee Expenses:**

- Domain Name Registration: scallnet.org (12-month term) 12/12/22-12/12/23 \$19.99

**Total expenses:** \$19.99

### **Website**

The committee maintains the SCALL website at the scallnet.org domain. Our dedicated IP address is 162.144.185.122. The website is powered by WordPress and hosted by Bluehost. The website has been updated to run on the latest version of WordPress, 6.2.2. It is running Hydrogen theme by RocketTheme. The server is running PHP version: 7.4.33 and MySQL version: 5.7.23-23. The PHP version was recently updated to meet the minimum requirements and is currently supported.

In 2022, Bluehost announced that they would stop supporting older version of PHP and recommended we upgrade our web installation to a supported version of PHP. Last year, an attempt was made to update, however, the website was relying on an older theme (Audacity) and group of plugins that hadn't been updated by their original developers in years, and the upgrade caused a critical error and therefore had to be reverted.

In May, a couple of our web editors started experiencing issues with editing privileges in WordPress. Digging in, it became evident that the issue was the outdated plugins and theme powering the site. As a result, I had to quickly bring the site down, use the opportunity to contact the host and request an update to the PHP (knowing this would fully break the site) and then worked two consecutive nights to dump all the non-functional plugins and theme and rebuild the site. As a result of the new theme and plugins, the site is running much faster and we're no longer plagued by unexplainable errors. All the content on the site is accessible and editors are able to make updates to their pages. All the plugins are up to date, including the ones that were previously incompatible with the former version of PHP, such as the Max Buttons and the events calendar plugin.

In the 2022-2023 year, the committee created 7 new posts on the website, primarily the publication of the Newsletter. Additionally, it published 8 new pages for the SCALL Institute. Routine updates were made to pages that change year over year. We're now also able to post events to the calendar, and two new events were recently posted.

## **Listserv**

SCALL maintains a listserv on Google Groups. Our listserv address is [scall@googlegroups.com](mailto:scall@googlegroups.com). At present, we have 251 active members on the listserv, which is an increase of 62 new accounts, mostly coming from the SANDALL merger. This listserv is not tied in with the Membership Directory, therefore any changes in membership are not automatically reflected in the listserv. Members must take an additional step to request listserv access or profile update. In an effort to keep the listserv membership reflective of actual active SCALL Membership, the IT Chair works with the Membership co-chairs to annually purge any non-active members from the listserv. Getting added to the listserv is a benefit of membership and all new requests are checked against the SCALL membership directory.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzie Shatarevyan

## **Institute Advisory Committee**

The Institute Advisory Committee consists of experienced members who advise the Vice President on planning the Institute. The Institute Advisory Committee members this year were Jennifer Berman, Diana Jaque, and Paul Moorman.

## **Institute Committee**

The 51st SCALL Institute was held on Friday and Saturday, February 24-25, 2023, at The Mission Inn, Riverside. The theme was “Pipelines to Success: Creating essential connections to people, resources, and expertise.”

Attendees: 69 registered attendees (1 VIP, 2 non-SCALL-member speakers), 2 guest of attendees, and 10 exhibitor representatives.

Major Sponsors: CEB—Continuing Education of the Bar, Docket Navigator, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters

Sponsors: Courthouse News Service, LIPA—Legal Information Preservation Alliance, LRI History LLC, Questel, RETRIEV-IT

Major Exhibitors: Bloomberg Industry, CEB—Continuing Education of the Bar, Fastcase  
Exhibitors: CourtAlert, HeinOnline, Legislative Intent Service, Inc., LexisNexis, ProQuest, Trellis Research Inc.

Breakdown of revenue and expenses:

Total Revenue

Registration fees, Exhibitor registration fees, and Sponsorships total \$24,069.65

Total Expenses

Speaker travel, Equipment rental, Set up and service charges, Audio Visual, Food (banquet invoices) total \$17,206.20

Topics and Speakers:

Flipping the Data API Coin: Balancing Data Vendors and Library Needs—Erik Y. Adams, Mark Torchiana

Making Hybrid Work: Keeping the Library Humming and the Clients Happy—Daisy De Anda

30 Essential Connections in 30 Minutes—Michael Saint-Onge

AALL Update—Diane Rodriguez

Building the Opportunity Pipeline—Andre Davison

Reach Out and Connect with Someone—Loyd Auerbach, Patrick Sullivan

**Committee Members:**

51st Annual Institute Committee Chair: Joy Shoemaker

Exhibitors: Diana Jaque, Co-chair, Judy Davis, Co-chair

Local Arrangements: Andrea Valencia, Chair

Publicity: Daisy De Anda, Chair

Registration: Caitlin Hunter, Co-chair, Amber Madole, Co-chair

Speakers: Elyse Meyers, Chair, Mark Gediman, Karen Skinner, Cornell H. Winston

Special Advisors: Jennifer Berman, Diana Jaque, Paul Moorman

Sponsors: Jennifer Berman, Chair

Technology Support: Paul Moorman, Chair

Website: Suzie Shatarevyan, Chair

**Library School Liaison Committee**

The SCALL Library School Liaison Committee's charge is to establish and foster professional relationships with students enrolled in library school programs in Southern California.

(1) The Committee had eight members this year, including the Committee Chair.

(2) The Committee continued its mentoring program for library school students living in southern California.

- The Committee sent emails to local library school students through the UCLA library school listserv, IS-NETWORK, and the SJSU library school list serv, ISCHOOL-SHARE, and geographical SLIS alert inviting responses from library students wanting a law librarian mentor. Additionally, the Committee chair reached out to the Coordinator of Student Services for the Master of Management in Library & Information Science program (MMLIS) at USC. This year, there were four requests for mentors, from three students in the UCLA MLIS program, and one student in the San Jose State University MLIS program. The UCLA MLIS students all reside in Los Angeles, and the SJSU student resides in La Cañada Flintridge. All students were paired with mentors.
- The mentors answered questions about the profession and provided career advice by corresponding via Zoom, email, or phone with their mentee.
- This can be compared to last year when two students requested a mentor, and the previous year when we had ten requests.

(3) This year, the Committee's budget was \$6,000.

(4) The Committee also continued the SCALL Scholarship program. In February the Committee chair posted the application for the 2023 SCALL Scholarship on the SCALL website and advertised the scholarship on the SCALL listserv, the UCLA library school listserv, and the SJSU listserv and geographical SLIS alert. Additionally, the Committee chair contacted the USC Coordinator of Student Services for the USC MMLIS program. Applications were due on 3/27/23. This year, two applications were received. All eight committee members participated in proposing award amounts for those applicants deserving of awards, and the Committee chair circulated proposed final award amounts which were agreed upon by the committee members. The majority of the Committee determined that both applicants met the scholarship requirements by demonstrating a commitment to pursue a career in law librarianship, and in May, 2023 the Committee announced its decision to award scholarships to these two applicants. We awarded SCALL scholarships to the following applicants:

- Araceli Argueta (Los Angeles) – San José State University
- Linnea Schuster (San Diego) – San José State University

A total of \$6,000.00 was awarded to the two scholarship recipients.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Stephanie Anayah, Chair  
 2022 - 2023 Library School Liaison Committee

**Membership Committee**

**Membership Statistics:**

2022-23	2021-22
354 members	315 members
<u>Type of Membership</u>	<u>Type of Membership</u>
279 Active	243 Active
16 Associates	13 Associates
34 Life	34 Life
25 Student	25 Student
<u>Type of Organization</u>	<u>Type of Organization</u>
135 Academic	124 Academic
119 Firm	104 Firm
65 Government	59 Government
5 Library Consultant	4 Library Consultant
19 Vendor	16 Vendor
11 No affiliation stated	8 No affiliation stated

## **Changes to the Committee**

After David Isom left his position as co-chair on August 10, 2022, the committee welcomed Araceli Argueta as a new member. By September 2022, Annie Mellot had made the decision to leave her position as co-chair. That same month, Yun (Angie) So was recruited as a new member. October 5, 2022, Annie Mellott left her position as co-chair, and Araceli Argueta and Yun (Angie) So became the new co-chairs. May 10, 2023, Christina Boydston joined the committee and became the third co-chair.

## **Membership Numbers**

The 2023–2024 membership renewal season is underway, and we have received a high volume of renewals. Thus far, 150 members have renewed or joined for the coming year. The Committee reminds all members to renew their membership as soon as possible.

## **Newsletter Column**

The committee continues to author the Membership News column in the SCALL Newsletter. Columns provide standard updates about new members and returning members, as well as important information about SCALL members, such as retirements, awards received, and significant personal and professional events. The Membership Committee encourages members to continue sending us items and photos for inclusion in the column.

## **Other Committee Activities**

We continue to perform our regular committee functions:

- The Membership Committee has been keeping members' information and registration current in the database/directory.
- We sent renewal notices in June to all members for the 2023–24 year.
- We provided a list of eligible voters to the SCALL Secretary, for this year's election.
- We cleared long-delinquent accounts from the membership database, and Suzie Shatarevyan updated the Google Groups listserv accordingly. This resulted in a few more renewed memberships. We continue to work closely with Suzie Shatarevyan to ensure the listserv includes only current SCALL members in order to encourage members to keep their dues current.

*Submitted June 9, 2023*

*Co-Chairs: Yun (Angie) Ji So & Araceli Argueta & Christina Boydston*



## Newsletter Committee

### Committee

The 2022-2023 SCALL Newsletter Committee included:

#### Writers

- Derek Antler, University of San Diego
- Sherry L. Leysen, UCLA School of Law
- Serena Thomas, Cornerstone Research
- Lisa Schultz, Loyola Law Library

#### Editors

- Judy K. Davis, USC Law Library
- Christina Tsou, UCI Law Library
- Jessica Whytock, UCI Law Library

#### Compiler and Business Manager

- Ashley Newton, UCI Law Library – Compiler
- Christina Tsou, UCI Law Library – Business Manager

#### Webmaster and Listserv

- Suzie Shatarevyan, Loyola Law Library

### Publications

Four issues were published for Volume 50:

- Fall 2022 – Volume 50, Issue 1
- Winter 2022 – Volume 50, Issue 2
- Spring 2023 – Volume 50, Issue 3
- Summer 2023 – Volume 50, Issue 4

Because this was Volume 50 and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SCALL Newsletter, there was a special logo created for use in all four issues in Volume 50:



We continued the practice of asking grant recipients to write an article for the Newsletter. For this volume, one AALL Annual Meeting grantee contributed an article for the Fall 2022 issue,

along with all three SCALL Newsletter co-editors. One SCALL Institute grantee also contributed an article for the Spring 2023 issue.

In addition, all four issues of Volume 50 included a “Looking Back: SCALL Newsletter Archive” article wherein committee member Lisa Schultz combed through the SCALL Archives to find previously published articles that proved to be still timely for today.

### **Advertising**

Two vendors, Retrieve It and Trellis, placed advertisements in all four issues of Volume 50. Advertising revenue was \$1,003.00 for Volume 50.

### **Programming**

The SCALL Newsletter Committee participated in the Spring 2023 SCALL Spring Program, “Getting to Know Committees.”

### **Next Year**

We have already lined up three new committee members, Victoria Tokar of Loyola Law Library, Patrick Lavey of UCLA Law Library, and Miguel Guzman of LA Law Library. In addition, Miguel Guzman has agreed to take over as Business Manager for Christina Tsou.

We continue to welcome new committee members.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy K. Davis  
Christina Tsou  
Jessica Whytock

### **Nominations Committee**

The 2022-23 Nominations Committee was charged and worked diligently to secure an outstanding, well-qualified slate of candidates for the position of Vice President/President-elect, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large.

A call for nominations was emailed to the membership on January 18, 2023. The Chair received 2 nominations. In addition to a general call for nominations, the Chair solicited nominations from SCALL Executive Board Members. Nominations Committee members carefully reviewed the SCALL bylaws for candidate qualifications and also invited members to run. The Committee compiled and reviewed a list of 5 possible candidates.

The Committee also takes into consideration the make-up of the board and tries to have a balance of type of library (private, academic, government) and we try to be mindful to have a diverse group of candidates, if possible.

The Nominations Committee presented the following slate of candidates:

- Vice President/President-Elect
  - Tanya Livshits (DLA Piper)
- Treasurer
  - Sangeeta Pal (UCLA Law Library)
- Member at Large
  - Karen Skinner (USC Law Library)

For the 2022-23 Association year, returning SCALL officers are:

- President: Joy Shoemaker (Ninth Circuit Library)
- Secretary: Suzie Shatarevyan (Loyola Law School)
- Immediate Past President Caitlin Hunter (UCLA Law Library)
- Board Member: Sherry Leysen (UCLA School of Law)

A heartfelt thank you to committee members Margaret Hall, Judy Davis, and Mark Gediman, and to all the candidates for their willingness to serve.

2022-2023 SCALL Nominations Committee

Erik Adams (Sidley Austin LLP), Chair

Margaret Hall (Southwestern Law School Library)

Judy Davis (USC Law Library)

Mark Gediman (Alton & Bird)

### **Placement Committee**

The Placement Committee maintains a listing of job openings for the benefit of the SCALL membership and the legal community. Between June 28, 2022 and June 8, 2023, the committee received ads for approximately 68 open positions, down from 87 positions posted in 2021-2022. Each job announcement was posted by Placement Committee members to both the SCALL listserv and to the SCALL “Career Opportunities” web page. In addition, links to current job descriptions on the SCALL Placement web page are provided in the electronic edition of the SCALL Newsletter.

In order to keep the job listings current, inquiries were periodically sent to the contacts of job postings. Each contact was asked whether the ad should continue to be listed on the SCALL Placement web page. The contacts were also asked whether the ad should be included in the next SCALL Newsletter issue. Positions were only listed in the newsletter when express permission was given by the contact.

There are currently 15 jobs posted: 6 from Los Angeles County, 2 from Orange County, 1 from Riverside County; 3 from San Francisco County; 1 from Yolo County; 1 from firms with offices in multiple cities; and 1 virtual.

The members of the Placement Committee are Don Buffaloe (Chair) and Kerstin Leistner.

I would also like to thank SCALL for giving me the opportunity to work on this committee. Both Kerstin and I would like to continue to serve on the Placement committee. This is adequate staffing given the current workload of the Placement committee, and we do not need additional committee members. If there are SCALL members who volunteer to be on the Placement committee, then we would consider adding one member.

Respectfully Submitted June 8, 2023

Don Buffaloe  
Chair, SCALL Placement Committee 2022/2023

### **Professional Development Committee**

No report received for 2022-2023.

### **Programs Committee**

Fall meeting was held on October 27, 2022 at noon via Zoom. The theme was “Getting to Know SCALL + SANDALL,” which entailed a short presentation from SCALL President, Caitlin Hunter, followed by a round of trivia hosted by Past President, Patrick Sullivan. 94 attendees registered for this event.

Winter meeting was held on January 21, 2023 at 3pm at Jimmy’s Famous American Tavern in Dana Point. It was the first in person holiday event since the pandemic. 35 attendees registered for this event. Various prizes and gift cards donated by vendors were raffled off.

Spring meeting was held on April 27, 2023 at noon via Zoom. The theme was “Getting to Know SCALL Committees,” which involved the chairs from 9 SCALL committees giving brief overviews of their work and opportunities to volunteer. 90 attendees registered for this event.

Summer meeting will be held on June 15, 2023 at 11am via Zoom. This will be the Annual Business Meeting, hosted by the Board. There are currently 61 attendees registered for this event.

In addition to the four meetings held this year, Committee is developing guidelines for SCALL members to host informal local meet-ups. The first local meet-up is scheduled on June 22, 2023 at 5:30pm at Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens in San Diego. There are currently 8 attendees registered for this event.

Alina Kelly and Michelle Gorospe  
SCALL Programs Committee Co-chairs

### **Public Access to Legal Information Committee**

No report received for 2022-2023.

## **Public Relations Committee**

### Committee Members:

Sofia E. Vazquez-Duran (Co-Chair), sofia.vazquez-duran@lls.edu

Cara Johnson (Co-Chair), cjohnson@omm.com

Angie So, (Member)

### Review of 2022-2023 Activities:

The Public Relations Committee welcomed a new member, Angie So, who has been a great contributor to the committee. Together we have worked with our board liaison and other section leadership to support SCALL with projects involving advertisements and announcements for members such as:

- Design logo for the SCALL Institute 2023 in collaboration with the Institute committee
- Advertisement and reminders for the SCALL Holiday Party
- Fliers to provide information about the CYIE internship

### Future Projects:

- Discuss a central location where we can maintain templates of previous fliers, announcements, and logo designs in order to make it easy for members to build on previous work.
- Create documentation of what we can provide for the SCALL Institute Committee in terms of logos and advertising so that incoming committee members can easily ask for what they need.
- Create updated free promotional products to hand out at CONELL, AALL, and other events.

## **Relations with Vendors Committee**

The SCALL CRIV reports another fairly quiet year. During the year, the Committee corresponded with SCALL members who requested vendor contact information. Those requests were fulfilled. Additionally, in conjunction with the CRIV of the Council of California County Law Libraries (CCCLL) the CRIV worked on issues involving the updating of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). At this point, the issue remains unresolved.

It should also be noted that the CRIV had informal discussions with the SCALL leadership regarding the possibility of having a single CRIV for the three main Law Library groups in California (SCALL, CCCLL and NOCALL).

Respectfully submitted by Larry Meyer, (Chair) and Laurel Moran.