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**From the President**

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I am pleased to write my first column as SCALL President in the 52nd Volume of the SCALL Newsletter. As summer transitions into Fall, I hope you had a fruitful season and participated in the hybrid SCALL business meeting in June and the wonderfully fun Pacific Chapters Joint Reception during the AALL Annual Meeting at Harry Caray’s Italian Steakhouse in Chicago. Thank you, CEB, for sponsoring this great event! Seeing many of you at these events was wonderful, both online and in person. I look forward to connecting with more of you this year during my term as SCALL President.

As the new Board year begins, I would like to welcome our new Board members: Alina Kelly as Vice President, Julianne Odin as Secretary, and Elyse Meyers as Member-at-Large. Sadly for us but happily for her, Karen Skinner accepted an amazing new job opportunity in Colorado and resigned from the Board mid-term. The Board appointed Michelle Gorospe to fill the remainder of the term. Thank you to Michelle for agreeing!

I would also be remiss not to acknowledge and thank the members of the Board whose terms have ended: Immediate Past President Caitlin Hunter, Secretary Suzie Shatarevyan and Members-at-Large Sherry Leysen and Karen Skinner. And, of course, thank you to our continuing Board members, Immediate Past President Joy Shoemaker

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and Treasurer Sangeeta Pal for all your hard work. I look forward to working with the Board as we enter what may be a challenging year for everyone.

I would also like to congratulate this year's Albert O. Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award recipients: Laura Cadra, Lawrence R. Meyer, and Michael Saint-Onge. Thank you for your service and many outstanding contributions to SCALL. Congratulations on your retirement!

One goal I have as President is to carefully analyze the budget to ensure SCALL's ongoing financial health. Costs have increased, and we need to adjust our spending and revenue streams to meet expenses. The Executive Board looked closely at our income and expenses over the last 2-3 years compared with the pre-COVID years and determined we must decrease our spending and increase our revenue to maintain financial health.

The SCALL Board has assessed the budget. We are using the Budget & Finance Committee to actively explore new and increased revenue streams. After examining the practices and policies of other local chapters, the Board is considering:

- increasing Institute registration and exhibitor fees;
- increasing annual membership dues; and

- charging for job placement posts on the SCALL Listserv and in the Newsletter.



The full membership will vote on any increase in membership dues, and we will actively consult the membership on the other proposed revenue increase policies. To start the conversation, we will be holding a virtual Town Hall meeting as the SCALL Fall Program on October 24, 2024 at noon.

In looking for areas to reduce expenses, the Board used SCALL's values and principles to guide our budget decision-making. Our primary purpose is to support the professional development of our members with networking and educational opportunities. We emphasized keeping the maximum funding for those activities that directly help support this purpose. We reduced committee budgets while remembering the core principles. The Board also reduced its allocated budget significantly to cover only the SCALL contribution to the annual Join

Chapters Reception.

The three current major expenditures for SCALL are Grants, Scholarships, and Internships. Given our primary purpose, we allocated the most funds to Grants and only reduced that budget by 15%. We are restructuring how we award grants and will keep them at a flat amount. The Grants Committee will announce more information on changes to the Grants program later. While we also value the pipeline to the profession, we feel it is prudent to make deeper cuts to Scholarships and Internships.

These changes may be difficult, and we want to assure you that our goal is to keep SCALL financially healthy. These measures will keep us on track and give us more flexibility in the coming years. To help us achieve this goal, the Budget & Finance Committee is actively meeting to explore options for increasing revenue and reducing expenses going forward. The committee is chaired by Caitlin Hunter and includes Larry Meyer, Diana Jaque, and Karen Sanchez, with Jessica Whytock serving as a special advisor. Sangeeta Pal, our Treasurer, and I, as the President, are also taking an active role. The committee brings years of institutional knowledge and experience to help guide through this process.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work towards a brighter future for our organization. We look forward to you joining us at the upcoming October 24, 2024 Town Hall.

## SCALL Fall Meeting 2024

### Town Hall

## Balancing the Books: Discussing SCALL's Financial Health

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 12pm

<https://sandiego.zoom.us/j/98859867565>

Register here: <https://scall.wildapricot.org/event-5866402>



# From Barbie Blazers to Friendship Bracelets: How AALL Sparked Genuine Connections

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As a first-generation Latina legal professional with two decades of experience, attending my second AALL conference was a valuable opportunity to connect, learn, and grow with colleagues. The timing was perfect, as just a month prior, I co-presented "[The Networking Toolkit: Leveraging LinkedIn, Mentoring, and Your Mental Rolodex](#)" at the PLLIP Virtual Summit with Lindsey Carpino, Legal Content Services Manager at Baker Hostetler. Our presentation focused on building a personal networking strategy, utilizing tools like LinkedIn, mentorship, and existing connections to empower legal professionals. This groundwork laid the stage for one of the most impactful AALL conferences yet.

Fast forward to the AALL conference in Chicago. Determined to practice what I preached, I spotted a woman in a pink blazer at the opening session and sat beside her. I complimented her outfit, joking, "We can be the #AALLBarbies!" She laughed when she noticed my matching pink blazer, and soon we were exchanging names, work details, taking selfies, and connecting on LinkedIn. To my surprise, she recognized me from the Summit, sharing how it inspired her to update her LinkedIn profile and boost her networking efforts as a first-time AALL attendee. I was humbled and excited to hear that our program had empowered someone to jumpstart their networking journey.

The opening session set the tone for the rest of the conference. AALL president June Liebert encouraged attendees to "meet five new people." She highlighted first-time attendee Andrea Valencia, User Experience Librarian at the Riverside County Law Library, who distributed homemade friendship bracelets with QR codes linking to their public library website—a creative twist on a Swiftie trend combined with technology. After this encouraging start, the rest of the conference felt like a series of opportunities to learn something new, whether it was about the evolving role of law librarianship, the latest generative AI tools, or simply someone's passion for their work.

**Beyond Business Cards: The Power of Personal Connections**  
 Reflecting on the AALL conference, I realized the true value of



*Every encounter is a chance to exchange information, learn about someone's career passions, and make a lifelong colleague (Image courtesy of Canva.com and Judy Davis)*

in-person networking. I finally met online connections face-to-face and made new friends from across the field, eager to share their unique perspectives and stories. These conversations went beyond surface-level introductions or even adding LinkedIn connections. People spoke with pride about their work, shared innovative ideas, and expressed a strong desire to collaborate. This experience renewed my appreciation for personal interactions and left me motivated to nurture these relationships into lasting professional bonds.

## **Don't Be Demure and Cutesy: Be Bold and Confident**

Networking is a skill you develop over time. Here are some practical tips that have worked for me and for those I've encouraged to build their own networking toolkits:

1. **Set Bite-Size, Achievable Goals:** Networking can feel overwhelming, especially at large events. To make it more manageable, set small, achievable goals. For example, commit to meeting at least two new people during the day. Sit at a different table during lunch or breakfast, introduce yourself to someone you don't know, and exchange business cards (or follow someone new on LinkedIn). Start small, and you'll find that the more you do it, the easier it gets.
2. **In a World of Butterflies, Be the Bee:** It's natural to stick with people you know, but the best connections often come from stepping outside your comfort zone. Look for those from different organizations, practice areas, or geographical regions. I made it a point to sit with someone new at every session or event—something as simple as complimenting an outfit sparked great conversations. At the Latinx Caucus dinner, I connected with the Acquisitions Librarian at the University of Puerto Rico Law Library, and we set up a date to tour the "Chicago Bean" a few days later. Every new person you

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meet is an opportunity to learn, grow, and expand your reach.

3. **Elevate Your Elevator Pitch:** Don't hesitate to share about yourself. When asked what you do, offer more than just a title—share who you are, where you work, and what fuels your passion. Make it personal to leave a lasting impression. Be clear and confident about what sets you apart, whether it's your role, organization, or a unique project. The more you practice, the more confident you'll become, and the more memorable you'll be, encouraging others to open up and connect with you.
4. **Come Prepared:** Vendor-sponsored events are fantastic opportunities to meet people outside your organization. Be ready to exchange your LinkedIn profile, business card, or tap your digital business card. Don't hesitate to follow up with a post-conference coffee chat to keep the networking momentum going and continue building those relationships.

### From Clicks to Connections

The 2024 AALL Annual Conference underscored the power of networking and making meaningful connections.

Reconnecting with colleagues and making new friends left me energized and inspired to build a virtual community spanning from Puerto Rico to Hawaii. Networking is more than just hitting "connect"; it's about forming genuine, lasting relationships that enrich your career.

So next time you find yourself in a new space, feeling hesitant to introduce yourself or shy away from making a connection, remember: set small goals, venture beyond your comfort zone, and practice sharing your story. You never know where that next introduction might lead—perhaps even to Puerto Rico! *No se—piensalo* (I don't know—think about it)!



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## Adventures at AALL Chicago

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The AALL Annual Meeting and Conference took place in Chicago on July 20-23, 2024. I attended thanks to a grant from SCALL. This was my second year attending the AALL Annual Meeting and there was a lot to see and do, from interacting with vendors and attending informative sessions, to hearing from inspiring leaders and speakers, and socializing with fellow AALL members. I came away feeling grateful for the time spent with so many of my fellow law librarians.



Erica at the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference  
(Image courtesy of Erica Jones Miller)

The theme for the 117th Annual Meeting and Conference was “Lead-Innovate-Transform,” and the conference keynote address came from Corey Doctorow, whose message about legal technology was dynamic. He taught us a new word – “enshittification” – which describes the deterioration or decay of internet platforms. He brilliantly used Facebook as an example. We were primed for learning after Corey’s presentation. I attended a couple of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Belonging sessions. The first, *Partnerships to Increase Access to the Profession*, provided valuable insights and perspectives from professionals at law and library schools, and government law libraries on how to increase the number of qualified information professionals from underrepresented communities through grants, internships, and fellowships. Thank you, Daisy De Anda, for spotlighting SCALL’s CYIE during that session’s

Q&A. You are a shining example of success! I also attended the Diversity & Inclusion Committee Symposium, in which the discussion centered on how libraries can continue their DEI work despite local restrictions.

I viewed my Jones Day colleagues in action during their presentations, *State Court Dockets: Demystifying Online Access and Coverage* and *Deep Dive Electronic Resource Management: A Collaborative Approach to Discovering New Skills and Knowledge*. It was impressive to watch my coworkers share their knowledge (that I benefit from every day) with other conference attendees, and I was grateful that I could be there in support. As the (newly installed) Chair of the Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section, I had the pleasure of watching our section members present on bias in AI and plotting an academic career. Although I am a firm librarian, it was interesting to view how academic librarians navigate professionally. I also took in a discussion den. The session entitled *Librarian Imposter Syndrome: How to Banish Self-Doubt and Build Confidence* led me to think about how mantras can be useful in building self-confidence. I appreciate that many sessions were recorded, so I can later view some of the ones I missed.

The Exhibit Hall was a great place to interact with vendors, both familiar and unfamiliar, who displayed their latest tools. Many featured Generative AI. Swag was plentiful, there was a mini Build-a-Bear Workshop, and I even won an iPad! Thank you, Thomson Reuters! This was a good opportunity to talk to the vendor representatives, ask specific questions, and view product demonstrations. The posters from the local chapters and SISs were creative and informative.

Shortly after my arrival in Chicago, I attended the Virtual Leadership Training Debrief for Special Interest Sections. Being among other SIS leaders provided an opportunity to share experiences and ask SIS-related questions of AALL Executive Board members. The PLLIP-SIS Business Meeting offered the chance to connect with other members of the Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals Special Interest Section and hear a recap of the year’s accomplishments from the executive board and committee chairs. The Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to hear from current and future leaders. This made me want to lean into leadership, and I felt excited and motivated for the year ahead as a SIS Chair. Thank you to SCALL’s own June Liebert and Cornell Winston for your leadership.

Networking and socializing are equally as important as learning about the latest tools. Gathering to celebrate and socialize, whether at an offsite dinner or party, or just greeting your colleagues as they pass by on the way to the next session, gives one a sense of camaraderie. It was great to see so many

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familiar faces from my CONELL class and from the Leadership Academy. Just as important was meeting new law librarians from all over (hey Marilyn from the U.K.!). I enjoyed seeing so many fellow BLL-SIS and PLLIP-SIS members in person and putting faces to names. Attending AALL brings awareness to our members' strengths, as we get to see each other in action, and we will later recall how knowledgeable someone is on a particular subject. We may even get



*Cloud Gate ("The Bean") by Anish Kapoor in Millennium Park  
(Image courtesy of Erica Jones Miller)*

to discover the hidden talents among us, such as dancing or karaoke! All said, if you have the chance to attend an AALL Annual Meeting in the future, take advantage of it. It is worth your while.

Once again, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the SCALL Grants Committee for the Annual Meeting grant I received to attend. Without it, I would have missed so much. I hope to see you in Portland next year!

## International Criminal Law Presentation at the AALL FCIL Pre-Conference

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The Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Pre-Conference at AALL 2024 was organized by Jean Wenger, Director of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Library, and former Head of Public Services and Government Documents/Foreign and International Law Librarian at the Cook County Law Library. The session hosted several compelling speakers, including Adam Weber, an international war crimes attorney with extensive experience working as a prosecutor with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Weber's expertise sheds light on the complexities and evolution of international criminal law.

Weber first discussed the significance of the ICTY, established in 2008, as the first ad hoc international tribunal since the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg and Subsequent Nuremberg Proceedings. The ICTY was largely comprised of the legal team who played a crucial role in the Slobodan Milošević war crimes trial, setting a precedent for prosecuting "Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law," the official UN term for this type of law. This term, defined in the Genocide Convention and Rome Statute Article 2, distinguishes various types of international crimes from human rights matters.

Developing international criminal law has been shaped by landmark cases and tribunals. The Einsatzgruppen case, prosecuted by Ben Ferencz, was one case tried at the post-Holocaust Subsequent Nuremberg Proceedings. This case was the first legal circumstance in which the term "genocide" was introduced. Prior to World War I, the Hague and Geneva Conventions created the norms for war crimes, and the criteria was elaborated in customary law for a "grave breach" of these agreements, although States mainly honored each other's sovereignty. The ensuing jurisprudence tried these grounds at ad hoc tribunals, including the trials of the Armenian genocide, which further defined the criteria for "Crimes Against Humanity."

Weber highlighted the distinction between Jus ad Bellum (the law governing conflict initiation) and Jus in Bello (the law governing conduct during conflict). The "Crime of Aggression" is outlined in UN Charter Article 2(4), with criteria dependent on the conflict's initiation (Jus ad Bellum), prohibiting the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state. "Crimes Against Humanity" encompasses genocide, war crimes, and other atrocities committed during conflict or against a state's own population.

The post-World War II era saw a significant shift in trying war crimes, with the Nuremberg trials being considered the beginning of international criminal law. The early 1990s saw the establishment of Ad Hoc tribunals, including the ICTY and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), which prosecuted the Rwandan genocide of the Tutsi. These tribunals had temporal and territorial limitations, imposed by the UN Security Council, and faced significant expenses. In the late 1990s and

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early 2000s, the International Criminal Court (ICC) was established to address the limitations of Ad Hoc tribunals.

Despite its efforts, the ICC faces challenges in capturing perpetrators, relying on national law enforcement and diplomatic measures. The case law of the ICTR and ICTY still constitutes a significant portion of international criminal jurisprudence. Trials take extended periods, resulting in many perpetrators dying before facing justice. Tribunals lack law enforcement capabilities, relying on national authorities for detention. Capturing perpetrators is still the longest part of the trial process.

International courts have limited capacity, necessitating the involvement of the national courts of member States. Coordination between international prosecutors and national courts can be complex, as states act through leaders and their forces. Recently, an arrest warrant was issued for Vladimir Putin for crimes against humanity related to the trafficking of Ukrainian children.

Legal precedent and other primary laws are still not entirely well-developed. Primary sources of international criminal law include statutes and cases of international tribunals, such as the ICC, ICTY, and ICTR, and cases of national and international courts and tribunals. Secondary sources, like the Federal Rules of Evidence, state that "anything relevant and reliable is admissible," although exceptions apply. Law journal articles provide valuable theoretical insights. Weber cited the following key primary sources of international criminal law:

- IMT Judgement at Nuremberg: <https://www.legal-tools.org/doc/45f18e/pdf/>
- *Prosecutor v. Tadić* (ICTY)
  - Trial Judgment: <https://www.icty.org/x/cases/tadic/tjug/en/tad-tsj70507JT2-e.pdf>
  - Appeal Judgment: <https://www.refworld.org/jurisprudence/caselaw/icty/1999/en/40180>
- *Prosecutor v. Akayesu* (ICTR)
  - Trial Judgment: <https://ucr.irmct.org/scasedocs/case/ICTR-96-04#eng>
  - Appeal Judgment: <https://www.refworld.org/jurisprudence/caselaw/icty/2001/en/38868>
- *Prosecutor v. Mladić* Appeal Judgment (ICTY)
  - [https://www.irmct.org/sites/default/files/case\\_documents/210608-appeal-judgement-JUD285R0000638396-mladic-13-56-en.pdf](https://www.irmct.org/sites/default/files/case_documents/210608-appeal-judgement-JUD285R0000638396-mladic-13-56-en.pdf)
- *Bosnia v. Serbia* (ICJ): <https://www.ici-cij.org/case/91/judgments>


In conclusion, international criminal law provides a framework for holding individuals accountable for heinous crimes that shock the conscience of humanity. At its core, this body of law recognizes that genocide requires a specific intent to destroy a protected group in whole or substantial part, underscoring the gravity of such atrocities. War crimes, meanwhile, are inextricably linked to the context of armed conflict, highlighting the need to regulate the conduct of hostilities. Notably, Crimes Against Humanity can occur in peacetime, as exemplified by the subjugation of Uighurs in China, emphasizing that such abuses will not be tolerated regardless of the circumstances. As the international community continues to grapple with these complex issues, a deep understanding of these key principles is essential for promoting justice, accountability, and human dignity.

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# Ethical Guidelines for the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Law Practice

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Throughout legal history, evolving technology has affected the development and practice of law, with generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) being the latest example. With knowledge of the full impact of this technology on legal practice incomplete, it is impossible to conceive of how generative AI will reshape how lawyers undertake their work. The impact of generative AI in several aspects of practice is, however, already being felt. Such fields as legal research, analysis of information, preparation of client materials, and communication with clients have been dramatically transformed. It must be remembered, however, that while generative AI can assist a lawyer in the practice of law, it cannot serve as a substitute for a lawyer's professional competence and judgment. In November 2023, the California State Bar's Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility & Conduct issued the first of its kind practical guidance on generative AI to ensure that the benefits of this technology in legal practice are not overshadowed by its shortcomings.

Of note, these guidelines caution that while generative AI is revolutionizing the field of legal research, it remains necessary for lawyers to supervise the research conducted by these applications, and to confirm the results they produce. While AI tools have the potential to decrease the time lawyers spend researching a particular matter to a fraction of what it traditionally might have been, the California State Bar notes that lawyers cannot simply rely on the results AI queries return. Instances abound of lawyers obtaining hallucinating results from generative AI which cite non-existent cases imagined into being by the AI applications, rendering them and the conclusions drawn from them worthless. Following receipt of AI-generated outputs, lawyers and law students must take the time to analyze the information they have received, to ensure its accuracy and to draw their own conclusions regarding its meaning and usefulness.

The guidelines also clarify that care must be taken when conducting legal research using generative AI that a client's personal information is protected through anonymization, under Rule 1.6 of the California Rules of Professional Conduct. Any information which could identify the client must be kept out of the AI query, so it could not be used in a way which would allow their identity to be revealed. AI platforms often

save information associated with the tasks they are asked to perform, so they can use it to better train for future responses. Many AI applications open to the public also state that their work product remains the property of the application following its creation, increasing the possibility that information which could identify a particular client matter could inadvertently become the property of the owners of the AI platform. One must input no confidential client information into any generative AI technology that lacks adequate confidentiality and security provisions. Prior to using a generative AI application for research, the California State Bar's guidelines clarify that a legal practitioner should examine their terms of use, to ensure that the application will not save any material which could be connected to a particular client. The California State Bar notes that rather than relying upon AI tools open to the public, those conducting legal research should use generative AI applications custom built to their needs or those tailored specifically for law firm usage.

The guidelines also note that instances of bias have been detected in the outputs generated by AI applications, often towards members of minority communities. AI is not value neutral, but reflects the biases (racial, gender, class, etc.) embedded in the larger society. "Some generative AI is trained on biased information, and a lawyer should be aware of possible biases and the risks they may create when using generative AI (e.g., to screen potential clients or employees)." (The State Bar of California, Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, Practical Guidance for the Use of Generative AI in the Practice of Law, 2023) Results generated by AI must be examined to determine if they are prejudicial prior to being used by a lawyer. The impact of AI on client billing and communicating with clients must also be considered. While any time spent using generative AI applications and analyzing the results they produce can be billed, the guidelines mandate that any time saved because of utilizing AI in a client matter cannot be charged to the client. Fee agreements with clients must delineate how billing will be computed if generative AI is to be used in a matter. Clients must also be informed on what role AI will take in generating communications associated with their cases. Those utilizing generative AI in legal practice must remember that like all tools, these applications cannot substitute for the professional competence and judgment that only a trained human can bring to a legal matter. It must always be the job of the lawyer, not generative AI, to make final decisions based on information about how a client's matter will be pursued.



## In Memoriam: Jennifer Argueta (1982–2024)



*Jennifer Argueta*  
(Photo courtesy of the University of La Verne)

The law library community mourns the passing of Jennifer Argueta on August 17, 2024. Jennifer, a SCALL member, dedicated librarian, and colleague, was taken too soon in a car accident, along with her ten-year-old daughter Sabrina. She is survived by her husband, Raymundo, and his 23-year-old son, Raymundo II.

Jennifer's career in law librarianship spanned nearly two decades. Beginning at the LA Law Library in 2005, she steadily rose through the ranks, starting as a library clerk and eventually becoming a Cataloging Librarian. She brought her expertise to Azusa Pacific University in 2016, serving as their Special Collections Cataloging Librarian. Finally, in 2018, she joined the University of La Verne Law Library as the Assistant

Director for Collections. When the Law Library became part of the university library system in 2020, Jennifer took on the role of Manager of the Law Collection.

Those who knew Jennifer remember her not only for her exceptional professional skills, but also for her kind and caring nature. She was an excellent supervisor and staff trainer, always willing to go the extra mile for her colleagues. Her positive attitude and unwavering support were an inspiration to those who worked with her.

Jennifer's passion for librarianship was evident in her recent promotion at La Verne. Just five days before the accident, she shared her excitement about joining the faculty senate and taking on new responsibilities. Her dedication to the profession was remarkable.

A celebration of life for Jennifer will be held at the University of La Verne on Wednesday, October 2nd at 11:00 am in the [Ludwick Center Sacred Space](#).

We extend our deepest condolences to Jennifer's family and loved ones during this difficult time. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. We also extend our thanks to Kenneth Rudolf, retired director of La Verne and SCALL Life Member, for sharing this sad news.

### **Additional Information:**

- News reports of the accident:

[ABC7](#)

[San Gabriel Valley Tribune](#)

- GoFundMe page to support Jennifer's family: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/celebrate-the-lives-of-jennifer-and-sabrina>

## Membership News

By Angie So, Araceli Argueta, and Christina Boydston

### Welcome, new members of SCALL!

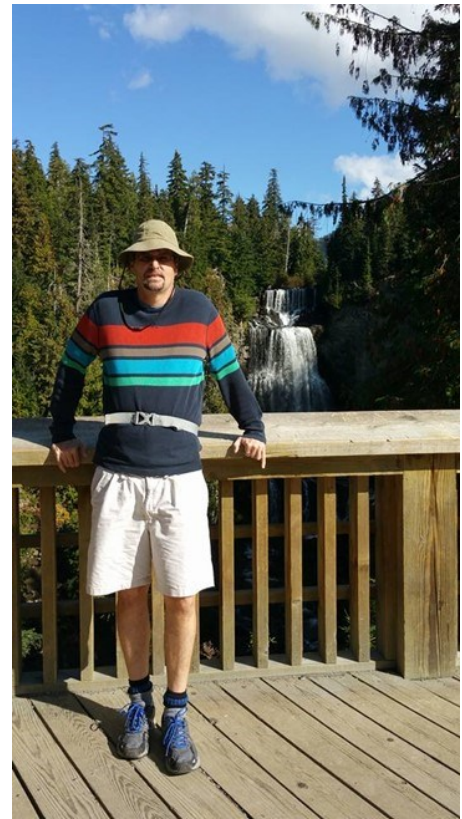
- **Timothy Straus** – Chapman University, Hugh & Hazel Darling Library
- **Elena Smith** – California State Library
- **Ann-Marie Lariccia** – Buchalter
- **Jane Montañez** (student) UCLA
- **Robert Wickman** – San Diego Law Library
- **Chandara Khun** (student) SJSU – Corona Public Library
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- **Michael Swarz** – Trellis: Legal Intelligence

### Other membership news:

- **Steve Roses** has much to celebrate! He not only received this year's Vendor Service Award from SCALL but is also celebrating his 15<sup>th</sup> year at William S. Hein, and his 30<sup>th</sup> year in the legal publishing industry. Aside from work-related celebrations, he and his wife are also celebrating their 25-year anniversary!



- **Chris Pickford** was promoted to Senior Librarian at San Diego Law Library, last March. Part of the consideration for promotion involved a presentation for library staff. Since Chris is primarily the cataloger and archivist for the San Diego Law Library, the topic of his presentation was – Decolonizing the Library Cataloging: Problematic Language in Library Classification and Subject Headings. Dave Whelan, the director at the time, opened a new promotional path for librarians and Chris was the first to be promoted to the new senior librarian rank.



- **Ryan Metheny** welcomed a new member of the family in August named Spaghetti. Spaghetti has wasted no time adapting to her new home, and quickly developed special interests in the areas of chasing, ambushing, lurking, and squeezing into small spaces. Her pastimes include napping and watching birds out the window. Ryan and family look forward to her growing up and becoming slightly less of an agent of chaos. Any SCALL members with advice on training, orientation, and discipline of new cats should feel free to reach out.



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- **Annie Mellott** welcomed a new member to the family in August. Meet Matilda! She is settling in nicely as a little sister to big sister Marigold, but also keeping Annie and family busy but full of love and excitement.



**\* CONGRATULATIONS Steve R., Ryan M., Chris P., & Annie M.! \***

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Date Posted	Job Title	Location
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# Executive Board Meeting Minutes — April 29, 2024

By Suzie Shatarevyan

A virtual meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on April 29, 2024, via MS Teams Meeting. A quorum being present, President Joy Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

In attendance were:

*Immediate Past President:* Caitlin Hunter  
*President:* Joy Shoemaker  
*Vice President:* Tanya Livshits  
*Secretary:* Suzie Shatarevyan  
*Executive Board Members:* Sherry Leysen and Karen Skinner

1. Approval of minutes from Executive Board Meeting on March 8, 2024.
  - a. Suzie Shatarevyan distributed the minutes of the March 8, 2024, Executive Board Minutes in advance of the meeting for review.
  - b. Caitlin Hunter moved to approve the minutes. Tanya Livshits seconded. Motion carried and minutes were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Sangeeta Pal was not present to provide the Treasurer's Report, however, she sent the bank balances. The balances as of April 29, 2024 are the following:
    - i. Bank Balance is \$25,166.39
    - ii. PayPal Balance is \$0.00
    - iii. Petty Cash Balance is \$84.75
    - iv. Total Balance is \$25,251.14
  - b. The SCALL membership has donated \$1290 to CYIE and one member donated \$1000 anonymously directly to LAEP, so the Board has matched funds for a total of \$1500. These matching funds do not show in our bank balances, but will show in the committee breakdown that Sangeeta will report for the newsletter publication.
3. Secretary's Report
  - a. Suzie Shatarevyan reported that Candidates for the SCALL Board Election submitted their statements and photos. These have been forwarded to the Newsletter compiler for the Summer Issue of the Newsletter.
  - b. The following candidates will be running for SCALL board positions this election cycle:
    - i. Alina Kelly for Vice President/ President Elect (uncontested).
    - ii. Julianne Odin and Michelle Gorospe for the position of Secretary
    - iii. Elyse Meyers and Cara Henley Johnson for the position of Board Member
  - c. Election dates are set for May 13 through June 4. The AALL Election Portal has been set up with ballot information and voter list. An announcement about the upcoming election is scheduled to go to Membership on Monday, May 6. AALL will send out login and pin when the polls open.
  - d. The SCALL Wilshire Mailbox has a forwarding credit of \$49.26 as of 04-29-2024 and mail forwarding is running smoothly.
  - e. Joy Shoemaker moved to approve the Secretary's report. Karen Skinner seconded. Motion carried and the Secretary's report is approved.
4. Vice President's Report
  - a. Tanya Livshits reported that she has received proposals for the next SCALL Institute.
  - b. Joy Shoemaker moved to approve the Vice President's report. Sherry Leysen seconded. Motion carried and the Vice President's report is approved.
5. President's Report
  - a. Joy Shoemaker reported that upcoming on Thursday there's a Council of Chapter Presidents meeting. Joy had sent a poll to gauge interest in a hybrid Annual Business Meeting and received 33 respondents, 12 of whom said there is interest in a hybrid meeting. Joy will set a date for the annual business meeting, most likely June 25 or 26.
  - b. Caitlin Hunter moved to approve the President's report. Karen Skinner seconded. Motion carried and the President's report is approved.
6. Committee Updates
  - a. Information Technology:
    - i. Website – In early March, the website started experiencing issues, where certain pages didn't load. These were immediately reported to the web host. Server updates pushed by the web host was the culprit. Changes were reversed and site became functional once more.
    - ii. Listserv – Since the Winter Board meeting, 6 members have been subscribed to the listserv. The listserv currently has 230 subscribed members.
  - b. Public Relations:
    - i. Finished project: SCALL Institute 2024 in collaboration with the Institute committee.
      1. Design Institute logo.
      2. Work with the Institute committee to design and send visually appealing save-the-dates, registrations reminders & deadlines, invitation, guidelines, etc. leading up to day of event.
    - ii. Request: Distributing SCALL PR items at AALL
      1. There are SCALL clips that we would like to have available for distribution at AALL, for example at CONELL or the chapter boards, and are looking for someone who is going to AALL and can hand them out.
      2. If someone is available to distribute the clips, we would like to purchase more items to hand out at future events.
7. Old Business
  - a. No Old Business

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8. New Business
  - a. This is Karen Skinner's last board meeting as Board Member. She will be leaving California for a new position at University of Colorado, Boulder. Her last day with USC is May 3.
  - i. Per the bylaws, the Executive Board has power to fill the vacancy of a board member. The person elected by the board will serve the unexpired term.
  - b. Joy Shoemaker is the incoming chair of Council of Chapter Presidents.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Suzie Shatarevyan  
 SCALL Secretary  
 2022-2024

## SCALL Annual Business Meeting Minutes — June 15, 2023

*By Suzie Shatarevyan*

Via Zoom at 11 am.

A regular Annual Business meeting of SCALL was held virtually on Wednesday, June 15, 2023. A quorum being present, Vice-President Joy Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 11:04am.

1. Approval of Minutes from 2022 Business Meeting
  - a. The 2022 business meeting minutes were sent to all members in advance of the meeting for review.
  - b. Larry Meyer moved to suspend the reading of the minutes. Tanya Livshits seconded. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Sangeeta Pal reported that the SCALL bank has a balance of \$41,071.20, zero balance in the PayPal account, and Petty Cash balance of \$84.75 for a total balance of \$41,155.95.
  - b. Victoria Williamson moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Larry Meyer seconded. Motion carried.
3. Secretary's Report
  - a. Suzie Shatarevyan reported that the SCALL Wilshire Mailbox account has a forwarding credit of \$225.26 and that mail forwarding is running smoothly.
  - b. Suzie Shatarevyan also reported that a non-contested election ran from May 8th through May 31st. As in previous years, the AALL online election system was used to run elections. The President will announce the election results and new board members.
  - c. Larry Meyer made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Victoria Williamson seconded. Motion carried.
4. President's Report
  - a. Joy Shoemaker reported on behalf of Caitlin Hunter, who was unable to attend the Business Meeting. Caitlin Hunter encouraged members attending AALL to join Southern California Association of Law Libraries SCALL, WestPac, NOCALL, and LLOPS for the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception, at Rochambeau on Sunday, July 16, from 7 to 9 pm.
  - b. Caitlin Hunter also encouraged members to attend WestPac's annual meeting, which will take place this year at the Doubletree San Diego-Hotel Circle from 9/28-9/30. SCALL will be offering grants for members to attend.
  - c. Caitlin Hunter thanked everyone who has volunteered for committees this year and encouraged members to volunteer for SCALL committees.
5. Vice President's (Institute) Report
  - a. The 51st SCALL Institute was held on Friday and Saturday, February 24-25, 2023, at The Mission Inn in Riverside. There were 69 registered attendees, 2 guests of attendees, and 10 exhibitor representatives. We had four Major Sponsors, five Sponsors, three Major Exhibitors, and six Exhibitors. The Total Income was \$24,069.65, and the Total Expenses were \$17,206.20. Many thanks to our eight speakers and thirteen committee members for helping to make the Institute a success.
  - b. Suzie Shatarevyan made a motion to accept the Vice President's report. Tanya Livshits seconded. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. All committee reports will be made available on the SCALL website at scallnet.org.
7. Awards Ceremony
  - a. Larry Meyer presented the award on behalf of the Awards Committee. The other awards committee members, Jennifer Berman and Diana Jaque, could not be here today.
    - i. There were no nominations for two of the awards.
    - ii. The Albert O. Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award was presented. Albert Brecht was a multi-decade director of the USC law library. He was always an active member. When SCALL had
- d. Larry Meyer asked if Caitlin Hunter can post the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception and WestPac's annual meeting information to the listserv.
- e. Patrick Sullivan made a motion to approve the President's report. Sherry Leysen seconded. Motion carried.

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- the 50th anniversary celebration at USC, he was instrumental in securing the location. The Awards Committee agreed that the best person to receive this award this year is none other than Michael Bernier. Michael is a recently retired law librarian for Bloomberg Law, and previously with BNA.
- iii. Michael's family is touring college campuses and he could not be in attendance. In lieu, Larry Meyer read his statement. A physical copy of the plaque will be given to Michael in Boston, possibly at the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception.
  - iv. On behalf of the awards committee and the SCALL members, Michael Bernier was congratulated.
8. New Business
- a. No submissions for Lifetime membership.
9. Introduction of the New Board/  
Passing of the Gavel
- a. Joy Shoemaker announced the election results and the new board members were installed:
    - i. Tanya Livshits as Vice President/  
President-Elect
    - ii. Sangeeta Pal as Treasurer
    - iii. Karen Skinner as Board Member
  - b. Joy Shoemaker thanked Patrick Sullivan for his service on the SCALL Board.
  - c. Joy Shoemaker received the gavel as the new president.
10. Adjournment
- a. Larry Meyer made motion to adjourn. Patrick Sullivan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:21am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Suzie Shatarevyan  
SCALL Secretary  
2022-2024



# Treasurer’s Report

By Sangeeta Pal, Director, Access and Information Services, UCLA School of Law

## SCALL Balances

Bank Balance as of August 30, 2024	\$18,856.61
Paypal Balance as of August 30, 2024	\$38.71
Petty Cash Balance as of August 30, 2024	\$84.75
Total Balance as of August 30, 2024	\$18,980.07

## Committee Income and Expenses since August 30, 2024

Committee	Budget	Income	Expenses	Budget Balance	Net Income
Awards	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Board	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$627.53	\$1,372.47	-\$627.53
CYIE	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,635.55	-\$4,635.55	-\$6,635.55
Grants	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,230.00	\$4,770.00	-\$1,230.00
Institute	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
IT	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Liaison	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Membership	\$2,000.00	\$2,406.00	\$121.02	\$4,284.98	\$2,284.98
Programs	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Public Relations	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
Secretary	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$50.00	-\$250.00
Treasurer	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$16,450.00	\$2,406.00	\$8,864.10	\$9,991.90	-\$6,458.10

The CYIE expenses reflect donations that were received in the last fiscal year, but were used in this fiscal year. The CYIE income reflects donations from the membership including the matching funds from the board.

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