



## 2023–2024 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Archives**

No report submitted

### **Awards Committee**

This year's recipients:

Rohan – no one

Albert O. Brecht Lifetime Achievement

- Laura Cadra
- Lawrence R. Meyer
- Michael Saint-Onge

Vendor Service Award – Steve Roses, HeinOnline

### **Budget & Finance Committee**

No report submitted

### **Bylaws Committee**

**Members:** David McFadden (chair).

The committee is continuing to work on an amendment to the Bylaws. The proposal would amend Article V, Section 3 to delete reference to specific months for Regular Meetings. SCALL has been consistently violating those provisions with our January Holiday party. The Bylaws are ignored for other meetings as well. In addition, the meetings have been held virtually and in hybrid form especially since the pandemic. Article V, Section 1 needs to be amended to validate these practices.

The chair discussed the need for the first amendment briefly with the President in February. Text has been drafted but needs to be forwarded to the President for Board consideration.

Submitted by David McFadden, SCALL Bylaws Committee Chair  
20 June 2024

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

2023-2024 has been another year of increasing the visibility for the Community Youth Internship Experience and the work our committee has been doing. We published an article in the Winter 2023 edition of the SCALL Newsletter providing an update about our 2023 summer interns. Shortly after, two of our committee members published “The Transformative Power of Youth Internship Programs in Law Libraries” in the January/February 2024 issue of AALL Spectrum. Additionally, five of our committee members will be presenting a program entitled, “Diverse and Inclusive Recruiting for the Future: Early Recruitment into Law Librarianship” this summer in Chicago at AALL. Our hope is to raise awareness of the positive impact that this program can have on our community, our libraries, and our profession.

One of the challenges we faced this year was the substantial increase in minimum wage for fast food workers in California. This impacted the hourly pay for our interns and increased our efforts to raise funds to support this program. Thanks to the support of the entire SCALL membership, we were able to raise \$2290. 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 and the board’s matching funds, we will be able to provide three deserving high school students with 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, and USC 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 Skinne

### **Government Relations Committee**

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

The GRC continues to monitor legislation. The main focus this year was on the 30 or so AI bills that were proposed in California. No action was recommended.

We haven't posted much recently from a national perspective as well because Emily Feltren left AALL and AALL hasn't filled the position yet. The AALL GRC has monthly reports on various topics related to its legislative priorities but these haven't been forwarded to SCALL.

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

The Chair met and communicated with Diane Rodriguez, the NOCALL GRC chair to discuss possible collaboration between the two GRCs. There may be some activity later in 2024 during the next SCALL year.

David McFadden joined the Council of California County Law Librarians in Sacramento on Wednesday, 3 April 2024 for their legislative day to once again ask for county law library funding to be added to this year's budget. David McFadden assisted the new Los Angeles Law Library Executive Director Katherine Chew. L.A. county is too big with too many legislators for one person to cover it all in one day. This was Kathy Chew's first legislative day and David McFadden helped her with the process.

Submitted by David McFadden, SCALL GRC Chair  
20 June 2024

### **Grants Committee**

Co-Chairs: Amber Kennedy Madole and Diane Ellis

Members: Holly Gale and Jennifer Argueta

Dear Members,

During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the Grants Committee successfully distributed six grants:

1. WestPac Grant: This award supported one SCALL librarian's attendance at WestPac this year.
  - a. Awardee:
    - i. Val Riley, Branch Librarian, US Courts Library
2. SCALL Institute Grant: This award supported two SCALL librarians in attending the SCALL Institute.
  - a. Awardees:

- i. Cindy Guyer, O'Melveny & Myers
  - ii. Elizabeth Roche, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation
3. AALL Attendance Grant: We facilitated the participation of three SCALL members at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, including the incoming BLL-SIS chair and a presenter at an AALL program.
  - a. Awardees:
    - i. Erica Jones Miller, Jones Day
    - ii. Daisy De Anda, Sheppard Mullin
    - iii. Sarah Martin, LA Law Library

Each grantee has contributed or will contribute an article to the SCALL newsletter, sharing their insights and experiences with our community.

As custodians of the Grants Committee, we aim to support the professional development and educational advancement of our SCALL members. We strive to minimize financial obstacles for our members attending conferences and encourage your suggestions for our future efforts.

Sincerely,  
Amber Kennedy Madole  
Co-Chair, Grants Committee 2023-2024

### **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

Budget: \$2,000.00, \$20.99 expended.

IT Committee Expenses:

- Renewal of: SCALLNET.ORG domain
- 1 year term
- Expires: 12/11/2024

- Total expenses: \$20.99

## **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.

- WordPress 6.5.5 running Hydrogen theme.
- Server running PHP version: 7.4.33.
- MySQL version: 5.7.23-23.

There are 23 active plugins installed. All plugins that have been tested with the latest version of our WP installation have been updated.

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.

In the 2023-2024 year, the committee created 6 new posts on the website, primarily the publication of the Newsletter. Six events were also posted to the events calendar. Additionally, it published 8 new pages for the SCALL Institute.

## **Listserv**

SCALL maintains a listserv on Google Groups. Our listserv address is [scall@googlegroups.com](mailto:scall@googlegroups.com). At present, we have 234 active members on the listserv, which is a decrease of 17 accounts as compared to last year. This is due to an audit conducted in the fall to remove the accounts of inactive members. Listserv access is a benefit of membership, and all new accounts are checked against the membership directory in Wild Apricot to confirm active status. Over the last year, 44 accounts were added or updated. The 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. The IT Chair works with the Membership co-chairs to annually purge any non-active members from the listserv.

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 and Diana Jaque.

**Institute Committee**

The 52st SCALL Institute was held on Friday and Saturday, February 23-24, 2024, at Mar Monte Hotel in Santa Barbara, CA. The theme was “AI Unleashed: Practical and Ethical Applications.”

Attendees: 88 registered attendees (1 VIP, 2 non-SCALL-member speakers), and 17 exhibitor representatives.

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

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

Major Exhibitors: Bloomberg Law, CEB—Continuing Education of the Bar, vLex, Wolters Kluwer

Exhibitors: American Associate of Law Libraries, Courtroom Insight, Edward Elgar Publishing Inc., Golden Arrow Publishing, HeinOnline, Legislative Intent Service, Inc., ProQuest, part of Clarivate, Trellis Research Inc.

Breakdown of revenue and expenses:

Total Revenue

Registration fees, Exhibitor registration fees, and Sponsorships total \$31,485

Total Expenses

Speaker travel, Equipment rental, Set up and service charges, Audio Visual, Food

(banquet invoices) total \$30,548.75

Topics and Speakers:

AI Awareness for Law Librarians: Navigating the Impact and Key Issues – June Liebert, Emily Florio, Victor Chavez, Amy Atchison

AI: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: 30 (or so) Sites in 30 Minutes – Michael Saint-Onge

AALL Update – Anna Russell

AI Showcase: How Does Legal GenAI Stack Up? – Eli Edwards, Tanya Livshits

Practical Prompt Engineering – Cara Johnson

Committee Members:

51st Annual Institute Committee Chair: Tanya Livshits

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

Local Arrangements: Joy Schoemaker, Laura Cadra, Sherry Leysen

Publicity: Daisy De Anda, Cara Johnson, Yun So, Sofia Vazquez-Duran

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

Speakers: Alina Kelly, Chair, Elyse Meyers, Mark Gediman, Karen Skinner, Ramon Barajas

Special Advisors: Jennifer Berman, Diana Jaque

Sponsors: Jennifer Berman, Chair

Technology Support: Suzie Shatarevyan, 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 or residing 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. The Committee also emailed the SCALL email list to publicize the

mentorship program. This year, there were three requests for mentors, from students in the UCLA MLIS program, the USC MMLIS program, and the University of Washington's Law Librarianship MLIS Program, respectively. The students resided in Echo Park, Santa Monica, and Arcadia. All students were paired with mentors.

- The mentors answered questions about the profession and provided career advice by corresponding via Zoom, email, phone or meeting in person with their mentee.
- This can be compared to last year when four students requested a mentor, and the previous year when we had two requests.

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

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(4) The Committee also continued the SCALL Scholarship program. In February the Committee chair posted the application for the 2024 SCALL Scholarship on the SCALL website and advertised the scholarship on the SCALL email list, 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 3/25/24. This year, three 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 all three applicants met the scholarship requirements by demonstrating a commitment to pursue a career in law librarianship, and in May, 2024 the Committee announced its decision to award scholarships to all three applicants. We awarded SCALL scholarships to the following applicants:

- Rhian Aguas (La Jolla) – San José State University
- Evelyn Goessling (Irvine) – San José State University
- Sasha Nuñez (San Diego) – San José State University

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Anayah, Chair

2023 - 2024 Library School Liaison Committee

## **Membership Committee**

### ***Membership Statistics:***

<b>2023-24</b>		<b>2022-23</b>	
<b>312 members</b>		<b>354 members</b>	
<u>Type of Membership</u>		<u>Type of Membership</u>	
247	Active	279	Active
12	Associates	16	Associates
34	Life	34	Life
19	Student	25	Student
<u>Type of Organization</u>		<u>Type of Organization</u>	
124	Academic	135	Academic
102	Firm	119	Firm
58	Government	65	Government
4	Library Consultant	5	Library Consultant
15	Vendor	19	Vendor
9	No affiliation stated	11	No affiliation stated

### ***Changes to the Committee***

Since Christina Boydston joined the committee on May 10, 2023, Araceli Argueta, Yun Ji (Angie) So, and Christina Boydston have been working together as a three-co-chair team. No other changes since.

### ***Membership Numbers***

The 2024–2025 membership renewal season is underway, and we are receiving a high volume of renewals. Thus far, 151 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 2024–25 year.
- We provided a list of eligible voters to the SCALL Secretary, for this year's election.
- We send out an annual notice requesting members send information and nominate those who are retiring by the time of SCALL's annual business meeting, to be considered for SCALL's Lifetime Membership.
- 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 21, 2024*

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

### **Newsletter Committee**

#### **Committee**

The 2023-2024 SCALL Newsletter Committee included:

#### **Writers**

- Derek Antler, University of San Diego
- Sherry L. Leysen, UCLA School of Law
- Serena Thomas, Cornerstone Research
- Patrick Lavey, UCLA Law Library
- Victoria Tokar, 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
- Divya Seth, UCI Law Library – Acting Compiler (Summer 2024 issue)

- Miguel Guzman, Legal Research Professional – Business Manager

Webmaster and Listserv

- Suzie Shatarevyan, Loyola Law Library

### Publications

Four issues were published for Volume 51 in 2023-2024:

- Fall 2023 – Volume 51, Issue 1
- Winter 2023 – Volume 51, Issue 2
- Spring 2024 – Volume 51, Issue 3
- Summer 2024 – Volume 51, Issue 4

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 2023 (51.1) issue, along with Jessica Whytock, one of the Co-Editors, and three law librarians from the SCALL community contributing four articles, for a total of six AALL Meeting-related articles. Two SCALL Institute grantees contributed articles for the Spring 2024 (51.3) issue, with another grantee planning to contribute an article for the upcoming Fall 2024 (52.1) issue. We also received another article from the SCALL community for the Spring 2024 (51.3) issue.

The Community Youth Internship Experience Committee (CYIE) submitted an article for the Winter 2023 (51.2) issue, and we received a community article contribution for the Summer 2024 (51.4) issue.

### Advertising

Two vendors, Retrieve It and Trellis, placed advertisements in all four issues of Volume 51.

Our new Business Manager this year, Miguel Guzman, was able to secure a new vendor, The Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), that started to place advertisements with the Spring 2024 (51.3) issue and will continue through the Winter 2024 (52.2) issue for a total of four issues of advertisement placement.

Total advertising revenue was \$1,258.00 for the 2023-2024 year.

### Next Year

We have already lined up one new committee member, Eric Chapman of the Ninth Circuit Library. Jessica Whytock, one of the Co-Editors, has resigned from her position on the Newsletter Committee due to moving outside of the Southern California area, and we thank her for her dedicated service to the Newsletter Committee for many years.

We continue to welcome new committee members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy K. Davis  
Christina Tsou  
Jessica Whytock

### **Nominations Committee**

The 2023-24 Nominations Committee was charged and worked diligently to secure an outstanding, well-qualified slate of candidates for the positions of Vice President/President-elect, Secretary, and Board Member.

A call for nominations was emailed to the membership around January 9, 2024. The Chair received 1 nomination. In addition to a general call for nominations, the Chair solicited nominations from SCALL Executive Board Members, committee chairs, and other prominent members. Nominations Committee members carefully reviewed the SCALL bylaws for candidate qualifications and also offered nominations.

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

- Alina Kelly (Mitchell Silberberg Knupp LLP)

Secretary

- Julianne Odin (Pardee Legal Research Center, USD Law School)
- Michelle Gorospe (Paul Hastings LLP)

Board Member

- Elyse Meyers (UCLA Law Library)
- Cara Henley Johnson (O'Melveny Myers LLP)

#### **For the 2024-25 Association year, returning SCALL officers are:**

- President: Tanya Livshits (DLA Piper)
- Treasurer: Sangeeta Pal (UCLA)
- Immediate Past President: Joy Shoemaker (Ninth Circuit Library)

A heartfelt thank you to committee members Erik Adams and Ramon Barajas and to all the candidates for their willingness to serve.

## **2023-2024 SCALL Nominations Committee**

Erik Adams (Sidley Austin LLP), Chair

Judy K. Davis (USC)

Margaret Hall (Southwestern)

Mark Gediman (Alston 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 9, 2023 and June 24, 2024, the committee received ads for approximately 49 open positions, down from 68 positions posted in 2022-2023. 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 listed in the newsletter when permission was given by the contact, or if the job was no longer listed on the employer’s jobs page.

There are currently 10 jobs posted: 2 from Los Angeles County, 1 from Orange County, 1 from Arizona, 1 from firms with offices in multiple cities; 2 hybrid virtual & on-site, , and 3 fully 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 24, 2024

Don Buffaloe  
Chair, SCALL Placement Committee 2023/2024

## **Professional Development Committee**

Nothing to report this year

## **Programs Committee**

The Programs Committee hosted their spring event on May 30 via Zoom. There were 76 registrants and 44 attendees. Inspired by AALL's Coffee Chat format, the event was an informal discussion about new hires and institutional memory. The committee members developed discussion prompts and facilitated the spirited and informative conversation amongst all the attendees. Some attendees expressed enthusiasm for the new format, so it will be something for the Programs Committee to consider for future events.

Committee member Serena Thomas also helped explore and implement food options for the in-person portion of today's Business Meeting.

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

The PALI Committee is working with the Riverside County Law Library to set a date in late summer/early fall 2024 for the PALI Committee to provide a class on Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians for Riverside area public librarians. In addition, the Committee welcomed a new member in June 2024.

## **Public Relations Committee**

Committee Members:

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

Cara Johnson (Co-Chair), [cjohnson@omm.com](mailto:cjohnson@omm.com)

Angie So (Member)

Review of 2023-2024 Activities:

The Public Relations Committee 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
- Work with Institute Committee to provide regular updates and advertisements leading up to the day of the Institute.
- Help direct questions coming from SCALL members about the Institute

### **Relations with Vendors Committee**

CRIV can safely say we have little to report. Most of the action this year has been assisting various County Law Libraries in connecting with the appropriate personnel at different vendors to work with them on their various needs/concerns.