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From the President

By Sherry Leysen
Reference Librarian
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I am very pleased to welcome you to the Fall Issue of Volume 54 of the SCALL Newsletter! I hope you all enjoyed the summer months and found some time for adventure, rest, professional endeavors, and personal enrichment. I am honored to be serving as your President this year alongside such a fabulous team.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new 2026-27 board members: Ryan Metheny, Vice President; Yun Ji (Angie) So, Secretary; and Victoria Ferroni, Member at Large. I am so looking forward to working with each of you this year, along with our continuing, hard-working board members: Alina Kelly, Immediate Past President; Michele Gorospe, Treasurer; and Cara Johnson, Member at Large. Finally, I wish to recognize the three outgoing board members who recently completed their terms: Tanya Livshits, Elyse Meyers, and Julianne Odin. Thank you for your initiative, sound judgment, and dedication.

As announced at the Annual Business Meeting in June, I would like to acknowledge SCALL's highly deserving Award recipients. Peggy Ross of LexisNexis received the Vendor Service Award. Victoria Williamson, Riverside County Law Library, and Suzanne Smith, CEB (who recently retired after two decades of service!) received the Albert O. Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations to you all, and thank you for your support of SCALL. Immediately following the Business Meeting, members also enjoyed a lively game of virtual trivia organized and hosted by the Programs Committee (and kudos for preparing such a challenging slate of questions).

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I hope many of you attended the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Cleveland. SCALL was well represented at this year's AALL Annual Meeting. True to the conference theme, Leading with Aloha, you could find SCALL members serving in leadership positions, participating in AALL committees, and sharing their expertise with colleagues as moderators and speakers on many important topics. Behind the scenes, Julianne Odin graciously represented SCALL at the CONELL marketplace tabling event, and our creative Public Relations Committee also ensured SCALL was represented within the Exhibit Hall's Activities Area with an engaging display board that highlighted our organization and its various programs.

Thank you to everyone for coming out to the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception (despite the early evening rain showers). Sincere thanks to Jennifer Berman for help and guidance with organizing the event, and to CEB for generously sponsoring the reception for the Pacific Chapters (LLOPS, NOCALL, SCALL, and WestPac) and providing generous hospitality. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with colleagues, visit with friends, meet new people, and enjoy conversation while sharing a meal (especially pretzels and pierogies) in a unique Cleveland location.

I invite you to review the Treasurer's Report included within this issue. We are in a position this year to allocate a larger share of SCALL's budget to support our organization's important programs: the Community Youth Internship Experience, Grants, and Library School Liaison. We are grateful for the stellar work and continuing guidance of the Budget and Finance Committee, chaired by Caitlin Hunter, and the commitment of prior Boards and the current



Board to ensure SCALL is meeting its financial goals and its finances remain stable.

Looking ahead, planning for the 55th Annual SCALL Institute is well underway by our Institute Chair, Ryan Metheny. I know we are all looking forward to gathering next year at this annual networking and education event, which will be tremendous under Ryan's leadership. Details about the Institute will be announced in the coming months.

To SCALL's committee chairs and committee members: I am in awe of your enthusiasm and expertise. Thank you for volunteering your time to ensure our organization runs so smoothly. If you are a SCALL member that would like to become more involved, or learn where you can help, please contact me or any Board member, or use the committee volunteer form (<https://scall.wildapricot.org/Sys/Poll/35988>) to submit your name and interest.

Wishing you a smooth transition to the fall season, and please see [page 4](#) for details regarding SCALL's Fall Program. Hope to see you there or at another event soon.

Tips & Tricks for Tackling Federal Appropriations Research

By Caitlin Hunter
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Even for experienced legislative history researchers, the federal budget process can be intimidating. That's why I was excited to see that AALL's schedule included the program "Budgie Bills and Byrd Baths: Understanding, Tracking, and Researching Federal Appropriations," featuring Jason Zarin (Senior Reference Librarian, Law Library of Congress) and Olivia Kane-Cruz (Legal Reference Librarian, Law Library of Congress). Jason and Olivia delivered a practical and enthusiastically bird-themed walkthrough of how the Congressional budget process works and where to research it.

Where Does Our Money Go?

Jason quipped that the US is "an insurance company with an army." About 60% of the budget goes to mandatory (entitlement) spending on programs like Social Security, Medicare, SNAP, and federal retirement benefits. This spending is set through permanent laws, like the Social Security Act, and doesn't have to be reauthorized each year.

About 25% of the budget goes to discretionary spending, set through annual appropriations acts. Congress must appropriate discretionary spending by October 1 each year, or programs that rely on it shut down. Almost half of discretionary spending goes to defense. The other half funds things like federal agencies, national parks, and law enforcement.

The remaining 15% of the budget goes to paying interest on the national debt.

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The Budget Process, Part 1: The President's Proposed Budget

The budget process is controlled by the Congressional Budget Act (CBA), 2 U.S.C. § 621, et seq.

The process kicks off when the president submits a proposed budget. GovInfo provides the [president's proposed budget](#) from 1922 forward. Each budget has three parts:

- The Budget of the U.S. Government explains the president's overall priorities and summarizes total spending.
- Analytical Perspectives provides economic and other technical analysis of the budget.
- The Appendix provides ultra-detailed breakdowns of what each agency spent the previous year and requests for next year.

Since 2021, agencies have been required to post even more detailed "Congressional Justifications" of their spending on their websites, describing their priorities, performance goals, and progress towards previous performance goals.

[Usaspending.gov/explorer/agency](https://usaspending.gov/explorer/agency) links to the Congressional Justifications on each agency's website.

In theory, the CBA says that all these materials should be posted in February but, in practice, they're often posted a month or two later.

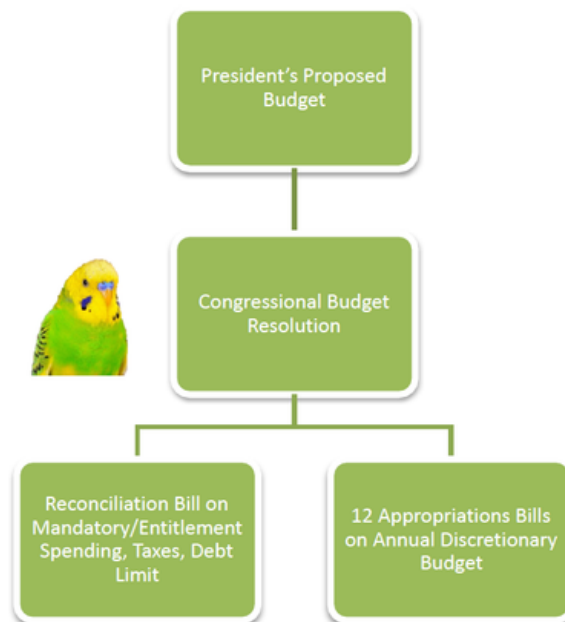
The Budget Process, Part 2: Congress's Concurrent Budget Resolution

On the Congressional side, the House or Senate introduces a concurrent resolution proposing a budget for at least the next five years. Because the resolution covers multiple years, the House and Senate don't have to pass a new resolution every year, although they're free to do so if legislative priorities change. Concurrent resolutions don't need the president's signature but do have to be adopted by both the House and Senate.

The target date for the concurrent resolution is April 15 but, like the president's proposed budget, Congress's concurrent budget resolution is often late.

Once passed, the resolution is implemented through two types of bills:

- **Appropriations bills**, which are heard by the House and Senate appropriations committees and set discretionary spending, and
- **Reconciliation bills**, which are heard by the House and Senate standing committees and impact mandatory spending, revenues, and the debt limit.



The "Budget Budgie" walks attendees through the appropriations process (Screenshot from presentation slides by Jason Zarin and Olivia Kane-Cruz, 2026 AALL Annual Meeting)

The Budget Process, Part 3: Appropriations Bills

For discretionary spending to continue past September 30, Congress must pass yearly appropriations bills. Currently, Congress introduces twelve bills, one for each of the House and Senate appropriations committees' subcommittees. [CRS Report R40858](#) lets you look up an agency or program and see which bill covers it. The [CRS Appropriations Status Tables](#) page lets you trace the history of each appropriations bill, from 1999 to the present.

The status tables are vital because most appropriations bills have complicated histories. Congress typically bundles the twelve bills that were introduced into larger omnibus bills or smaller minibus bills. To create vehicles for these bundles, Congress will often gut-and-amend unrelated bills. The status tables and their notes identify and explain the relationships between all the different bills in play.

One last quirk to watch for is the plus-minus amendment, which subtracts money from an agency or program, then immediately adds it back, with no financial impact. These amendments give House members an excuse to talk about an agency's programs on the floor and offer their opinion on how the agency should be spending its money. To understand the intent of these amendments, check the Congressional Record.

The Budget Process, Part 4: Reconciliation (Optional)

Optionally, Congress can include a clause in its concurrent resolution directing Congress' standing committees to draft a reconciliation bill. Theoretically, the CBA allows Congress to pass three reconciliation

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bills per year, one on mandatory spending, one on revenue/taxes, and one on the debt limit. Realistically, spending and revenue are so closely connected that they're always combined into a single bill. Reconciliation bills are easier to pass than ordinary bills, because Senate rules prohibit filibustering them and cap total debate at 30 hours. These rules have two unintended consequences:

- First, senators try to sneak in non-budget-related policy amendments that would otherwise be blocked by filibusters. The Byrd Rule (2 U.S.C. §644) prohibits non-budget-related policy amendments, as determined by the Senate parliamentarian. Discussions with the parliamentarian are private, but triumphant or aggrieved senators sometimes describe them later on the Senate floor or in the press.
- Second, once the time for debate runs out, senators engage in "vote-a-rama," presenting amendments without debate for immediate vote. Vote-a-rama amendments usually highlight the minority party's complaints about the bill and force politically costly votes.

From the president's February wish list to the Senate's final vote-a-rama, the budget process can be complicated, but Jason and Olivia's presentation provided the tools and jargon to navigate it confidently.

My First AALL Summit: Learning, Presenting, and Building Momentum for Competitive Intelligence

By Jennifer Morley

Manager of Competitive Intelligence and Research Services
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At the 2026 AALL Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, I experienced two firsts: attending the Summit and presenting at a conference. I am grateful to both SCALL and the PLLIP-SIS for awarding me grants that made these opportunities possible. Thanks to this support, I was able to not only serve as a first-time speaker but also to help expand conference programming focused on Competitive Intelligence.

For those newer to AALL or unfamiliar with the Summit, as I was prior to attending, it takes place the day before the official conference begins. This year's Summit, *Turn It Up! Amplify Your Practical Skills & Processes*, kicked off with breakfast, followed by a keynote speaker who emphasized the importance of advocating for ourselves and communicating our impact to firm leadership.

The morning session included an interactive discussion focused on capturing, sharing, and preserving organizational knowledge to retain expertise, improve consistency, and support continuity as roles evolve. After lunch, attendees chose from three tracks featuring concurrent sessions: Competitive Intelligence, Research, and Strategy & Operations. Each track included two sessions with practical takeaways and actionable strategies.

This year's Summit was particularly noteworthy because it marked the first time in many years that Competitive Intelligence had dedicated programming, including a session I had the opportunity to present.

The first session in the Competitive Intelligence track, *Designing CI Deliverables for Maximum Impact*, focused on turning research and analysis into clear, actionable deliverables. The presenters emphasized that effective CI reports are both a science and an art: gathering accurate information and applying creativity and skill in interpreting and communicating it so it helps attorneys understand key issues and make informed decisions. The session highlighted the value of standardized templates for consistency and efficiency, using examples that ranged from quicker turnaround requests, such as emerging company and lateral attorney profiles, to more extensive projects, including regional and industry market reports. The presenters also discussed opportunities to incorporate AI into the research process, and issues to consider.

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SCALL Fall Meeting

October 29, 2026

12:00 PM PDT

Mental Health in the Law Library

Please join the SCALL Programs Committee for an informal discussion on mental health in the law library. We'll be discussing resources, programs, and other ways to support both our patrons and ourselves. Come share ideas, learn about resources, and brainstorm ways to build community to support mental health!

Contact Julianne Odin (jodin@sandiego.edu) with any questions.

Zoom:

<https://sandiego.zoom.us/j/96996757661?jst=2>

Register Here:

<https://scall.wildapricot.org/event-6860442>

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The second session, *Getting the Picture: Litigation Analytics & Data Visualization Best Practices*, was the session I had the opportunity to present. We explored how to evaluate litigation databases and discussed key issues when conducting litigation analytics research, including differences in court coverage, limitations in case type classifications, law firm misattribution in federal dockets, and the importance of consulting multiple databases to develop a more complete picture. We then presented three scenarios, discussing the thought process behind each and sharing practical tips for navigating common research challenges. We also examined how to synthesize data from multiple sources and transform it into compelling visualizations. Through pivot tables, charts, and graphs, we demonstrated how to tell a clear story with data and help attorneys quickly identify meaningful trends and insights.

The Competitive Intelligence sessions were well attended and generated significant interest. Although I did not count attendees, every table was filled during the litigation analytics session I presented, and the questions and conversations, both during the session and afterward, demonstrated these topics resonate with many conference attendees. That enthusiasm was particularly

encouraging because Competitive Intelligence has historically been underrepresented in AALL programming, despite being an established and growing function within many law firms. Today, most Am Law 100 firms, and many Am Law 200 firms, have dedicated CI professionals or researchers who perform CI work. As firms place greater emphasis on client development, market intelligence, and strategic growth, the demand for these skills continues to increase. The success of this year's Competitive Intelligence programming highlights the value of these topics and will hopefully lead to even greater representation of Competitive Intelligence at future AALL conferences, encouraging CI professionals who may not have attended in the past due to limited programming to become more involved.

As a first-time conference speaker, I can say the experience was well worth stepping outside my comfort zone for. Preparing for and presenting a session not only allowed me to share my knowledge, but also helped me refine my own skills and connect with others in the profession. If you have considered speaking but have been hesitant, consider this your sign to try it! And if you work in Competitive Intelligence, I hope you will help build on this year's momentum by submitting program proposals and joining us next year in Philadelphia.

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Fighting to Preserve Legal Texts at the AALL Annual Meeting

By Ashley Newton

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The AALL Annual Meeting held in July featured a program titled “The Fight to Preserve Legal Texts.” The program focused on the efforts of librarians and organizations to ensure the long-term preservation of and access to legal materials, as publishers continue to transition from print to digital formats. Moderated by Jacob Sayward (University of Minnesota Law Library), the panel featured speakers Sarah Jaramillo (New York University Law Library), Michelle Trumbo (NELLCO), and Caroline Walters (Harvard Law School Library). The panelists discussed the ongoing work being done by various organizations and groups to maintain access to legal publications at a time when libraries are increasingly losing perpetual access to legal texts, including superseded editions of treatises.

The panel also underscored that digital preservation presents challenges beyond simply maintaining an electronic copy. Long-term preservation can involve issues such as link rot, changing file formats, metadata, licensing restrictions, vendor dependence, and the infrastructure needed to maintain authentic and accessible files over time. The following highlights three of the organizations and groups discussed during the program.

Northeast Foreign Law Libraries Cooperative Group (NEFLLCG)

Sarah Jaramillo started the panel off by highlighting the work of the Northeast Foreign Law Libraries Cooperative Group (NEFLLCG). Founded in 1989, NEFLLCG includes several institutions that collaborate to preserve legal materials spanning over fifty foreign jurisdictions. Member institutions include Columbia, Cornell, Fordham, Georgetown, Harvard, New York University, University of Pennsylvania, and Yale, with the Library of Congress serving as an observer. The group operates without a memorandum of understanding, which affords each institution a certain amount of flexibility in determining what to collect. This flexibility also enables member institutions to more readily modify collection development strategies based on factors including available space, changes to their budget, and the specific needs of each jurisdiction. While the group has been largely successful in preserving foreign legal materials, Sarah acknowledged that the group has encountered challenges, such as difficulties arising from a lack of succession planning.



**As more legal materials become digital every day, preservation is more important than ever
(Image generated by Judy K. Davis using ChatGPT)**

NELLCO Print-to-Electronic Standing Committee (PTESC)

Sarah and Caroline Walters both spoke about this committee, which was established in 2022 to engage stakeholders involved in the transition of legal materials from print to electronic formats. Among the committee's key charges is the creation of a Speakers Bureau, with the goal of disseminating information related to the preservation, discovery, and accessibility of legal materials. In 2023, the committee conducted a survey of the legal community to gather perspectives on the ongoing transition to electronic formats. Key takeaways from the survey included the finding that libraries remain highly interdependent in their efforts to meet patron needs, often relying heavily on interlibrary loan. The majority of respondents also indicated that the shift to electronic formats has had a negative impact on the preservation of legal materials, with proposed solutions emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts between libraries and vendors. The findings of the survey ultimately informed the development of a [White Paper](#), published in 2025.

NELLCO and LIPA

Michelle Trumbo then discussed the July 1, 2026 merger of NELLCO and Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA), noting that the consolidation is intended to reduce duplicative preservation efforts and strengthen the organizations' collective impact. LIPA, which was founded in 2007, has several programs, including a collaborative archive of both print and digitized legal materials, and a project dedicated to archiving online law reviews. Prior to the merger, LIPA conducted a survey of academic law libraries to assess the current state of preservation efforts, gathering data on the prevalence of preservation work

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and the types and formats of materials being preserved. Among other findings, the survey revealed that 63% of respondents maintain special collections within their library. Two-thirds of respondents reported spending less than \$5,000 annually on preservation. Proposed solutions to address these challenges included the development of shared infrastructure, policy templates, and on-demand trainings. A paper presenting the findings of the survey is anticipated to be published in 2027.

One of the broader themes of the program was that preservation does not necessarily require every library to maintain the same

materials locally. Shared print repositories and collaborative digital archives can help preserve long-term access to materials that individual libraries may no longer be able to maintain independently. Initiatives such as PALMPrint and the Legal Information Archive demonstrate how libraries can share responsibility for preservation rather than attempting to maintain comprehensive collections independently.

While there is much that remains to be done—and the presenters encouraged attendees to engage however they are able—this program showed that meaningful progress is being made in the effort to preserve legal materials.

Hot Topic: Adapting to SSRN's Changes to the Legal Scholarly Communications System

By Caitlin Hunter
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UCLA Law Library

For over two decades, SSRN has been a mainstay of legal scholarship, providing a forum for law school faculty to share their work (and compete over their [rankings](#).) In 2016, SSRN was purchased by the for-profit publisher Elsevier, [stoking fears](#) about the future of the service. However, SSRN continued to operate as normal – until this year. In June, SSRN announced major changes that sparked [significant backlash](#).

At this year's AALL Annual Meeting, Sarah Fancher (Head of Content Process, SSRN) spoke with law librarians to address the controversy and explain the changes to SSRN. Librarians Ben Keele (Scholarly Services Librarian, University of Minnesota Law School) and Karen Shephard (Information Services Librarian, University of Pittsburgh - School of Law) moderated.

Sarah explained how SSRN got here. Over the past ten years, SSRN had not scaled as Elsevier had hoped. Although its content and disciplines have expanded, this has not led to a corresponding increase in paying customers or name recognition. Instead, SSRN has received an overwhelming number of submissions, without the increase in income and staff necessary to manage them. SSRN staff must sort through over 500 manually submitted papers per day, many of them low-quality work by independent scholars. They must also manage automatic submissions by researchers who publish in Elsevier journals, who can opt into posting their preprints on SSRN.

Sarah explained that, going forward, Elsevier will no longer treat SSRN as a revenue generating enterprise and will eliminate all premium services by December 31. Instead, Elsevier is committed to making SSRN a trusted partner and world class preprint server that is routinely mentioned in think pieces, along with prominent preprint servers like arXiv. However, when pressed during Q&A, Sarah acknowledged that SSRN has been given 16 to 18 months to turn things around and demonstrate value add, and that SSRN may eventually be phased out if it does not achieve this.

In the meantime, here is what is changing, and what is not:

- Law schools will no longer be able to create institutional landing pages or send out email alerts about their faculty's scholarship. This ability will end when the law school's contract expires, or December 31, whichever is sooner. If law schools would like to develop their own email alerts, SSRN is happy to add language to its alerts, encouraging subscribers to sign up for the law school's email alerts and providing information on how to do so. However, for privacy reasons, SSRN cannot provide law schools with the emails of current subscribers to the school's SSRN alerts. Although SSRN is ending school-specific alerts, SSRN will continue to allow readers to sign up for free, topic-based alerts. Additionally, Sarah noted that most traffic to SSRN does not come from email alerts but from search engines like Google Scholar, and SSRN will continue to be accessible through web search.
- Rankings have been removed as of early July. Maintaining rankings required significant technical resources to deal with issues like duplicate records. It is possible (but not guaranteed) that rankings will return in 2028 or later. Internal metrics dashboards will also be phased out, shortly after each school's contract expires and by December 31 at the latest. Law schools that want to preserve these metrics should save them now.
- Law library staff and law school administrative staff will continue to be able to submit papers on behalf of their faculty. SSRN's June announcement had proposed eliminating this feature, but SSRN has decided to retain it after significant pushback from law schools.

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- Authors will have the option to apply Creative Commons licenses to their work but will not be required to do so. SSRN's June announcement made some faculty worried that authors would be required to apply a CC-BY license. Sarah emphasized that this was never SSRN's intention. Instead, SSRN's goal is to accommodate authors in the sciences whose grants often require them to release their work under a CC license.
- To increase transparency, authors will no longer be able to overwrite already submitted PDF files. Instead, SSRN will support versioning, where authors can upload a new version of a file, with the entry clearly showing the previous versions.
- To reduce the volume of submissions, SSRN will require verified email addresses and will generally reject abstract-only submissions and slides.

- SSRN will no longer accept paid ads for jobs, calls for papers, and other announcements.

The mood was dispirited, but supportive. Sarah thanked the law library community for its kindness and willingness to engage in dialogue. An audience member thanked Sarah for coming into the lion's den, prompting a round of applause for Sarah. Ultimately, Ben emphasized that the changes to SSRN are an opportunity for librarians to step in and think about our role and to reinforce the need for parallel scholarship repositories through the library.

Membership News

By Angie So & Araceli Argueta & Christina Boydston

Welcome, new member(s) of SCALL!

- Andrew Pirijanian (student) – UCLA
- Mario Paredes – Latham & Watkins LLP
- Brock Bjorn – Latham & Watkins LLP
- Shady Habibian

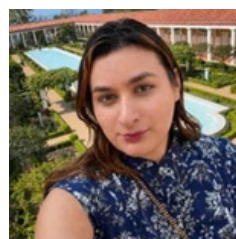
Congratulations to the 2026 SCALL Scholarship Winners!

The SCALL Library School Liaison Committee is pleased to announce that the following library school students have been awarded 2026 SCALL Scholarships:



Candice Caufield (San Diego) –
San José State University MLIS

Jeffrey Mattison (Cerritos) –
San José State University MLIS



Jane Montañez (Santa Monica) –
UCLA MLIS

Andrew Pirijanian (Encino) –
UCLA MLIS



Congratulations to these talented and ambitious MLIS candidates who have demonstrated a vested interest in law librarianship as a career! We look forward to their future contributions to our profession.

Other membership news:

At the UC Irvine School of Law Library, **Christina Tsou** has assumed the position of Associate Director for Public Services and **Ellen Augustiniak** has assumed the position of Associate Director for Collection Services. Christina and Ellen have both been with UC Irvine Law since the beginning, and previously held the positions of Head of Public Services and Head of Collection Services, respectively. They are excited about their new roles and continuing their contributions in this new capacity.

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Cindy Guyer joined the law firm Foley & Lardner LLP as a practice innovation attorney in July. She was also featured as an AALL Leader In You where she shared her insights on leadership, resilience, and the importance of professional networks.



Judy Davis is now the Director of the Law Library at USC.



Steve Roses of HeinOnline visited Melbourne Australia for the ALLA conference in August. While there he visited the historic lane ways of Melbourne.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE MEMBERS LISTED ABOVE!

Any corrections, changes, or additions to your membership information, as well as any announcements for Membership News, should be sent to:

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Career Opportunities

Date Posted	Job Title	Location
September 29	Sr Knowledge & Research Analyst; O'Melveny	Fully Remote
September 28	Reference Librarian; San Francisco Law Library	San Francisco
September 16	Senior Research Analyst; Gibson Dunn	Los Angeles
August 31	Senior Legal Research Analyst; Paul Hastings	Los Angeles; Remote
August 25	Research Services Senior Analyst; Latham & Watkins	Los Angeles; Hybrid
August 18	Legal Research Training Analyst; Arnold & Porter	West Coast Offices
July 28	Director; Access Services; Collection Development & Digital Literacy; LA Law Library	Los Angeles
June 10	Reference Librarian; Western State College of Law	Tustin

By Don Buffaloe
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View complete job descriptions at scallnet.org/career-opportunities/

SCALL Executive Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, April 29, 2026

By Julianne Odin

A virtual meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on April 29, 2026, via Zoom. A quorum being present, President Alina Kelly began the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

In attendance were:

President: Alina Kelly

Vice President: Sherry Leysen

Treasurer: Michelle Gorospe

Secretary: Julianne Odin

Executive Board Members: Elyse Meyers and Cara Henley Johnson

1. Approval of minutes from Executive Board Meeting on February 11, 2026.

a. Julianne Odin distributed the minutes of the February 11, 2026, Executive Board Minutes in advance of the meeting for review.

b. Michelle Gorospe moved to approve the minutes. Sherry Leysen seconded. Motion carried and minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

a. Michelle Gorospe provided the Treasurer's Report.

b. SCALL Balances as of April 29, 2026

i. Bank Balance: \$45,162.09

ii. Paypal Balance: \$38.71

iii. Petty Cash Balance: \$84.75

iv. Total Balance: \$45,285.55

c. Expected income

i. \$7,000 from CEB for AALL joint reception

ii. Unknown amount – checks from the SCALL Institute

d. Upcoming expenses

i. \$150 to AALL for election hosting

ii. \$1,663.20 for annual Wild Apricot renewal

e. This year's SCALL Institute was profitable.

f. Julianne moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elyse Meyers seconded. Motion carried and Treasurer's report is approved.

3. Secretary's Report

a. Julianne Odin provided the Secretary's Report.

b. The SCALL Wilshire Mailbox account has a forwarding credit of \$101.76 from the most recent receipt, and mail forwarding is running smoothly.

c. The SCALL elections are set to be held from May 18, 2026 to June 10, 2026. AALL's Election Portal is in place and a list of eligible voters has been submitted. Voters will receive log in information when the polls open. The candidates have submitted photos and statements for inclusion on both the election platform and in the Summer Issue of the Newsletter. The following candidates are running for uncontested SCALL board positions this cycle:

i. Vice-President / President Elect: Ryan Metheny

ii. Secretary: Yun Ji "Angie" So

iii. Member of the Board: Victoria Ferroni

d. Alina Kelly moved to approve the Secretary's report. Michelle seconded. Motion carried and the Secretary's report is approved.

4. Vice President's Report

a. Sherry Leysen provided the Vice President's Report.

b. AALL grant money for SCALL Institute has arrived and included the full cost of AV, including costs discovered on site.

c. The Institute Committee report will be ready for annual business meeting.

d. Alina moved to approve the Vice President's Report. Elyse seconded. Motion carried and the Vice President's report is approved.

5. President's Report

a. Alina Kelly provided the President's Report.

b. Alina has still been recruiting volunteers for committees. Alina has received two volunteers to serve on the Institute special committee and will be recruiting some current board members.

c. Michelle moved to approve the President's Report. Julianne seconded. Motion carried and the President's report is approved.

6. Committee Updates

a. Library School Liaison

i. In the fall, the Liaison committee concluded their mentorship program, matching 4 library school students with law librarian mentors.

ii. The Liaison Committee is currently in the process of evaluating the 2026 SCALL Scholarship applications. They are asking for an increase to their budget from \$2,000 to the \$6,000 they had previously in light of increased costs for students (housing, tuition, food, etc.). The Board will request advice from the Finance Committee on this budget request and will discuss the request at the next board meeting in June.

b. Membership

i. The Membership Committee reached out to ask if the board was aware of anyone retiring that would be eligible for Life Membership status. The Board is not aware of any regular members retiring and will suggest Membership reach out to the SCALL listserv.

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c. Programs

i. The SCALL Spring Program will be held on May 20 at noon via Zoom. The Programs Committee will be facilitating an informal conversation on 21st Century Law Library Collections.

ii. Up next, the Programs Committee is planning a game for the social portion of the annual business meeting on June 17 at noon via Zoom.

d. Board members will ask for committees to submit annual reports before annual meeting on June 17.

7. Old Business

a. No old business to discuss

8. New Business

a. SCALL Presence at AALL

i. Tabling at CONELL

1. Tabling will be 11:15-12pm on May 18.

2. The board will send out a request for volunteers to sit at the table closer to AALL.

ii. Activities Area Display Board

1. Julianne received a memo about displaying information about SCALL on a poster board at AALL. Julianne will forward the information to the PR Committee and ask whether they have the capacity to produce any materials. The Board unanimously approved a \$50 budget for materials (printing, candy, etc.). The Board will ensure the materials can make it to Cleveland and that some SCALL chip clips are available to be given away.

iii. Pacific Chapters Joint Reception

1. CEB will be sponsoring the reception again this year. Alina will investigate how much food will be covered by the sponsorship.

The meeting concluded at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julianne Odin

SCALL Secretary, 2024-2026

SCALL Annual Business Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, June 18, 2025

By Julianne Odin

A regular Annual Business meeting of SCALL was held virtually on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. A quorum being present, President Tanya Livshits called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes from 2024 Business Meeting

a. The 2024 business meeting minutes were sent to all members via the listserv in advance of the meeting for review.

b. Ian Kipnes moved to suspend the reading of the minutes. Paul Moorman seconded. Motion carried and minutes are approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

a. Sangeeta Pal reported that as of June 17, 2025, the SCALL bank has a balance of \$29,252.36, PayPal balance of \$38.71, and Petty Cash Balance of \$84.75, for a total balance of \$29,375.82.

b. Tanya Livshits moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Michelle Gorospe seconded. Motion carried and the Treasurer's report is approved.

3. Secretary's Report

a. Julianne Odin reported that a contested board election ran from Monday, May 19, 2025 through Wednesday, June 11, 2025. The AALL online election portal was used to send notifications via email to all eligible voters containing their election login information. The President will announce the election results and new board members.

b. The SCALL Wilshire Mailbox account has a forwarding credit of \$116.76 and mail forwarding is running smoothly.

c. Sangeeta Pal moved to accept the Secretary's report. Daisy De Anda seconded. Motion carried and the Secretary's report is approved.

Vice President's (Institute) Report

a. Alina Kelly presented the Vice President's report.

b. The 2025 SCALL Institute, AI: Beyond the Hype, was held February 6-7 in San Diego. There were 84 attendees of various types, and 11 exhibitors. Erik Adams ably led the speakers committee, who selected and planned the speakers for the event, and Diana Jacque and Jennifer Berman handled the advisory committee superbly. The closing luncheon was a buffet style luncheon in a departure from the usual plated meal. Attendees, though surprised by the change, seemed to enjoy the more casual nature of the event and the fact that it sped up service. c. Tanya Livshits moved to approve the Vice President's report. Suzie Shatarevyan seconded. Motion carried and the Vice President's report is approved.

5. President's Report

a. Tanya Livshits presented the President's report.

b. Tanya welcomed the new members of the board.

c. Tanya has received potential committee volunteers who received SCALL grants this year. She will be reaching out to those individuals and making committee assignments next week.

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- d. The Joint Chapters reception at AALL will be held on Saturday instead of Sunday this year to avoid conflicts with other events. NOCALL took the lead on organizing after LLOPS needed to drop out.
- e. Tanya will be following in Joy Shoemaker's footsteps as Chair of the AALL Council of Chapter Presidents.
- f. Julianne Odin moved to approve the President's Report. Ian Kipnes seconded. Motion carried and the President's report is approved.

6. Committee Reports

- a. All the committee chairs have been solicited for their annual reports and we will get them posted on the website.

7. Awards Ceremony

- a. As board liaison to the Awards Committee, Alina Kelly announced this year's award winners.
- b. The Rohan Chapter Service Award was awarded to Caitlin Hunter for her work with the Budget and Finance Committee.
- c. The Vendor Service Award was awarded to Jenny Lillge.
- d. Having no nominations, there is no winner of the Albert O Brecht Lifetime Achievement Award. Relatedly, there are no nominations for lifetime membership.

8. New Business

- a. Bylaws amendment
 - i. Proposed technical amendments related to time and method of SCALL meetings.
 - ii. Rationale: In recent years, the December meeting has been held in January and other meetings have been held in months other than those listed in the current Bylaws. These amendments keep the same number of regular meetings per year and state explicitly that the SCALL Institute may count towards that number. These simple changes will give flexibility to the Board and the Programs Committee to set meetings. It also explicitly validates the current practices involving virtual and hybrid meetings in addition to traditional in-person events.
 - iii. Brendan Starky and Ian Kipnes voiced agreement based on the current circumstances in which meetings are held and the practices of other professional groups.
 - iv. A vote was held on the amendments and passed with 98% of votes in favor. The amendment is adopted and will be added to the bylaws.
- b. The Joint Chapters Reception will take place on July 19 at Kex Portland, put together by NOCALL and sponsored by CEB.
- c. SCALL Members Presenting at AALL
 - i. Tanya Livshits is Coordinating a Pre-Conference Workshop called Legal AI Mastery, Ramon Barajas is also coordinating and the AMPC Liaison, June Liebert, Erik Adams and Mark Gediman are speaking.

- ii. Eli Edwards is speaking at the Teaching the Tech Trainers – AI Edition pre-conference workshop
- iii. Erica Miller is teaching Zumba
- iv. Eric Chapman is Coordinating Copyright Law Essentials in 60 minutes
- v. Sarah Martin is speaking on ¡Bienvenidos a la Biblioteca!: Welcoming Spanish-Speaking Patrons to Your Law Library
- vi. Joy Shoemaker is speaking on Institutional Knowledge Management and Succession Planning: Best Practices and Where to Start; History at the High Court: Lessons from the Court's Use of Historical Sources and Tips for Using and Teaching Historical Sources; and To Boldly Go Where Everyone Else Has Gone Before: Generative AI, Policy, and Practice in Government Libraries
- vii. Cindy Guyer is speaking on AI in Legal Research: Measuring What Matters with Benchmarks and Rubrics
- viii. Erik Adams is speaking on Service Design, Knowledge Management, and Workflows: How Libraries and IT Departments Work Better Together
- ix. Brendan Starkey is speaking on To Boldly Go Where Everyone Else Has Gone Before: Generative AI, Policy, and Practice in Government Libraries
- x. Caitlin Hunter is speaking on Hot Topic: Preserving Government Information in Changing Times: Preparing for the Unknown

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

- a. We are pleased to announce our new board members.
- i. Sherry Leysen is the new SCALL Vice President/President Elect.
- ii. Michelle Gorospe is the new Treasurer.
- iii. Cara Henley Johnson is the new Member-at-Large.
- b. Tanya Livshits passed the gavel to Alina Kelly.

10. Adjournment

- a. Alina Kelly thanked Tanya for work on budget and other issues this year. Alina also extended thanks to Joy Shoemaker and Sangeeta Pal for their work as they cycle off the board. Alina also extended a welcome to the new members of the board.
- b. Tanya Livshits made a motion to adjourn. Paul Moorman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Julianne Odin
 SCALL Secretary
 2024-2026

Treasurer's Report

By Michelle Gorospe, Manager, Practice Resources, Paul Hastings LLP

SCALL Balances

Bank Balance as of Sept. 1, 2026	\$48,712.54
PayPal as of Sept. 1, 2026	\$38.71
Petty Cash as of Sept. 1, 2026	\$84.75
Total Balance as of Sept. 1, 2026	\$48,836.00

Committee Income and Expenses as of September 1, 2026

Committee	Budget	Carry Over	Income	Expenses	Budget Balance
Admin	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$522.61	\$3,977.39
Awards	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Board	\$500.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,620.00	\$1,880.00
CYIE	\$7,000.00	\$1,378.85	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$8,408.85
Grants	\$7,000.00	\$21.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$7,051.00
Institute	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liaison	\$7,000.00	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,016.00
Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00	\$50.00	\$1,500.00
Newsletter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$635.00	\$0.00	\$635.00
Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$26,500.00	\$8,415.85	\$2,245.00	\$6,192.61	\$30,968.24

This simplified table, created by the Budget and Finance Committee, includes only the committees that have expected income or expenses.

*The Admin category includes SCALL's current administrative expenses, including, but not limited to: WildApricot Membership, taxes, credit card processing fees, mailbox fees, software, etc.

**At the May 7, 2025 Executive Board Meeting a motion to roll over any unspent, allocated funds for Internships, Scholarships, and Grants to the next fiscal year was adopted.

***The Board category includes sponsorship funds for the AALL Joint Reception, which arrived in fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. The funds were carried over to the current fiscal year due to the timing of the venue payment.

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