

Northern California Association of Law Libraries
2015-16 Annual Report

The NOCALL officers for 2015-16 were Tara Crabtree, President; Tara's successor, Ellen Platt, President; Michael Ginsborg, Vice President/ President-Elect; Michele Finerty, Immediate Past President; Mary Pinard Johnson, Secretary; Rachael Smith, Treasurer; Rachael's successor, Coral Henning, Treasurer; and Jackie Grossman and Emily Bergfield, Members-at-Large. Newly elected officers for 2016-17 are Michael Ginsborg, President; Ramona Martinez, Vice President/President-Elect; Ellen Platt, Immediate Past President; Mary Pinard Johnson, Secretary; Coral Henning, Co-Treasurer; Rachael Samberg, Co-Treasurer; and Leslie Hesdorfer and Jessica Brasch, Members-at-Large.

We held our annual Spring Institute on March 18, 2016, at Santa Clara University. The theme of the Institute was "New Challenges, New Opportunities." Melanie D. Heller, Esq. , Vice-President & General Manager, Bloomberg Law, provided a keynote speech to open the program. She addressed the challenges and opportunities for our profession of big data and automation. The Institute offered programs on a variety of topics, such as the impact of automation on case law research, the benefits of digital design innovations for delivery of legal services, and new means of demonstrating value in traditional and non-traditional careers.

Planning continues for our educational programs in 2016-17. Ramona leads our Spring Institute Committee. Our next Spring Institute will take place at the University of California, Davis. AALL Past President Holly Riccio chairs our Education Committee, and she is leading our preparations for a half-day Fall Workshop at the California Judicial Council Conference Center, in San Francisco.

To honor their exemplary dedication and service, NOCALL gave Marlene Harmon and Les Forrester our Advocacy and Professional Achievement Awards, respectively. Marlene has had a distinguished career of advocacy for increased access to legal information and government documents. For over 30 years, Les has been inspiring NOCALLers her many contributions, including her initiative to develop imaginative themes and popular giveaways at AALL Annual Meetings.

This year our standing Committees added to their record of accomplishment. Together with SLA SF Bay Region Chapter, our Government Relations Committee (GRC) hosted a Sunshine Week workshop on "Delivering Data For Open Government." Our GRC joined the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and a coalition of sister-chapter GRCs, to successfully oppose overreaching copyright legislation. As amended, California Assembly Bill 2880 would have allowed California's state government to impose copyright restrictions on a wide range of public records, in conflict with the California Public Records Act. In addition, our Membership and Technology Committees collaborated on introducing a less expensive system for online membership renewals and meeting registrations. Finally, our Audit & Budget Committee Chair, Jean Willis, worked with Coral to achieve increased accuracy in tracking - and increased ease of use in reporting - NOCALL's income and expenses.

We increased our net income by over \$15,000 - the result of sustained efforts to reduce costs and raise funding. We will continue to focus on advocacy and innovative, cost-saving ways to offer our members valuable educational and networking opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ginsborg
2016-17 President