Springtime/Easter/Passover Greetings to all.

It is indeed a time of new beginnings. Our very venerable San Diego County Public Law Library has a new director. The Board chose locally, so to speak, and has named John Adkins as the new director.

There is much to do. If only to prove through word and deeds the importance of such a practical research institution in the legal economy of San Diego county. I remember well how Jason Griffey, the keynote speaker at the Fall workshop, related in dinner conversation that the law library for Chattanooga county was closed and the contents donated to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Final decision; no debate … merci beaucoup!

Two weeks ago, there was an interview on CNN with Pat McGuire, President of Trinity Washington University in DC. She related how in 1989 when she was chosen to be president of the then Trinity College the nuns on the board of trustees told her to “fix it or close it.” They had even changed the by-laws of the college so that the assets would revert back to Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame de Namur! The Trinity board of trustees evidently chose the right person.

Our situation here is not as dire but…it is clear that John’s appointment is part of SDCPLL board of trustee’s broader vision of revitalizing the law library system to make it a more vital, relevant part of the San Diego community for both the legal community and the general public.

This library has great potential but most people don’t know the library exists. Those that do are not clear about how relevant it is to them. Yet nothing could be further from the truth.

1) It is the only source of complete legal information that is available to the general public. This includes self represented litigants, but it also includes every day people who – particularly during the economic recovery – may need help on issues relating to employment rights, taxes, credit/debt relief etc.

2) For the legal community the library offers complete legal resources, including free Westlaw and Lexis. This is particularly valuable to solo and small firm practitioners.

3) It has some of the highest quality, most cost effective legal training programs in the county.

John’s hiring comes as the SDCPLL is finalizing plans for a renovation of the downtown library branch. The renovation will bring it up to code and provide a
more comfortable and inviting location. This is to promote the library as a community center where people come to find answers, conduct business and collaborate with each other on legal issues.

The board’s hiring of John indicates they see the need to be better partners with the legal community and the general public. A significant part of John’s job will be to strengthen existing relationships and build new relationships with legal, business and service organizations throughout the county.

As John brings a new day to county, he leaves a bright legacy with SANDALL. Both he and Betsy Chessler have been collaborating about some wonderful ideas and projects for the future. Here are a few:

- make all SANDALL meetings more accessible via Ustream (or alternate livestream technology);
- complete and implement SANDALL social media policy and monitor sites for timely upkeep;
- possibly organize a NOCALL/SCALL/SANDALL joint institute in March 2011;
- investigate and, if appropriate implement regular indexing of San Diego Municipal Code.

Again, Springtime/Easter/Passover Greetings to all…

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“Reading Faces” — Presented by Leigh Inman, reviewed by Saad Ali

Thank you for those who attended our SANDALL event on Friday, February 19, 2010 at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. The main subject of the gathering was to listen to a subject matter that we all are familiar with, but never bother to deal with it. “Reading Faces” presentation by Leigh Inman was very interesting. In her presentation, Leigh addressed the unspoken words. Facial expression or body language can send a mixed signal to the person you are talking to. Knowingly or unintentionally most of us do it. It is something we can all relate to.

As Leigh put it:

“Even in today’s electronically connected world, librarians participate in face-to-face interactions every day, whether in the library or at the corner grocery store. Whenever we are dealing with that problem patron, the difficult coworker or even that person that is always a delight to be around, we are sending out and receiving signals through nonverbal communication. In fact, research has shown that at least 60% of meaning is communicated nonverbally.”

That is true. We are so cocooned into our electronic world, we are starting to lose the human connection. Hopefully, we will utilize what we learned from the presentation and implement it into our daily life.

The event was followed by a Happy Hour at Café Coyote in historic Old Town. It is a nice place. I am sorry for those who could not make it. We all had margaritas and shared delicious potato and fish tacos. This could be a great venue for our next holiday party!
**Officer Slate for 2010 SANDALL Elections**

The SANDALL Nominations Committee would like to present the following slate of officers for 2010/2011:

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**Candidate for President:**

**Betsy Chessler**

Betsy Chessler is senior associate librarian with the law firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP. She is currently serving her second term as SANDALL’s Vice President and chair of programs. She is also a member of the San Diego chapter of the Special Libraries Association, and has coordinated many activities with our sister organization. Before moving to San Diego, she was a law librarian at Perkins Coie in Seattle. She has always been involved in AALL activities, and was a member of the Internet committee and programs committee for LLOPS (Law Librarians of Puget Sound) before joining SANDALL in 2004. She never says no to a presentation, and has given talks on Google, eBooks, public records, PubMed, Second Life, and librarian job trends, among other topics. She has published articles in AALL Spectrum and AALL's PLL Newsletter. Betsy previously worked as an academic librarian at the University of Washington and as a geek and Internet trainer at one of the earliest Internet Service Providers in the nation, NorthWestNet. She also worked as a paralegal for a number of years, doing primarily insurance defense work, with a little bit of municipal code enforcement work thrown in. She earned both her B.A. and Master of Librarianship at the University of Washington.

**Candidate for Vice-President:**

**Jane Larrington**

Jane Larrington is a Reference Librarian and Adjunct Professor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. She teaches Advanced Legal Research, provides research and reference services to faculty and students, manages the library’s social media presence, and serves as an editor for LRSQ. Jane received her M.A in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona, her J.D. from the University of Michigan, and her B.A. from Carleton College. During library school, Jane was a Fellow at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law Library where she provided research, reference, and circulation services. Before library
school, Jane spent several years authoring, coordinating, and presenting CLE seminars on domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Jane looks forward to putting her skills with conference scheduling, catering menus, and a/v troubleshooting to good use in service to SANDALL.

**CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY:**

**Saad Ali**

Saad Ali has been working (off and on) at California Western School of Law for about 20 years, the last seven years in Technical Services. Saad has a degree in Physics, is the lead tutor for K-12 after school programs, and has been a licensed real estate agent for Century 21 Award for more than 4 years. Saad is married, has a son, and his hobby is soccer, which he loves to play. Saad has attended many SANDALL events, and has been a member for 5 years.

**CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER:**

**Benita Ghura**

Education:
J.D. in Law, Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, May 2005.

Benita Ghura has nine years experience in the legal field in the area of immigration law, securities litigation and patent law as well as four years experience as a reference librarian for the San Diego County Public Law Library. Benita is an active member in AALL and SANDALL. Benita currently serves on the SANDALL Board as SANDALL Treasurer for the 2009-2010 term and is active in SANDALL's Social Responsibility Committee. “I would be honored to serve for a second term on the SANDALL Board.”

Respectfully submitted,
The Nominations Committee
  Brent Bernau, Co-Chair
  Chris Pickford, Co-Chair
  Luz Villalobos
Informavore:  human behavior in the modern information society

SANDALL/SLA Spring Workshop 2010
Saturday, April 24, 2010
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
University of San Diego
Legal Research Center, Room 132
5998 Alcala Park
San Diego, CA  92110
For directions visit:  http://www.sandiego.edu/about/directions/
Free parking is available at the conference site.

Registration and breakfast are from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Registration includes breakfast and lunch.

Registration:  http://sandallslaspring2010.eventbrite.com/
Or for printed form, please visit:
http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sandall/calendarSpringWorkshop2010RegistrationForm.pdf

Informavore: an organism that consumes information.

Social media is changing society. Facebook is due to hit 600m users this year, and more than 4 million people access Twitter on their mobile phones, a jump of 347% over last year. * Join us at the beautiful USD campus for a Saturday morning of questions and answers about the social, ethical and legal issues of this new form of information consumption. Our featured speaker, Dr. Michael Kalichman, Director of USCD’s Research Ethics Program, will discuss issues of privacy and personal control in relation to social media and search engines. Who is doing the filtering and creating the algorithms? Who is watching us? To what extent does the individual or company have control over what is viewed by the public? What rights and responsibilities do individuals and companies have regarding the use of social media?

We’ll follow Dr. Kalichman’s talk with a presentation on the terms and conditions of social media by Associate Professor of Law Julie Cromer-Young, Director for the Center for Law, Technology and Communications at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. We’ll also discuss the legal issues of social media in the workplace from the perspective of corporate counsel. We’ll finish with a panel discussion of current issues of social media as it affects librarians and information professionals.

* 1 - Facebook growth to drive social network marketing, claims research by Andrew McDonald, StrategyEye.com, Tue Feb 23 2010  http://digitalmedia.strategyeye.com/article/NdsCQVDFqI/2010/02/23/facebook_growth_to_drive_social_network_marketing_claims_res/?nsid=5C9aM9eEP6hC  [accessed 3/4/10]


Food Drive at the SANDALL Spring Workshop

Sandallians: bring a donation of canned or boxed non-perishable food to the SANDALL Spring Workshop and receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our fabulous SANDALL tee shirts!

Donations will benefit the San Diego Food Bank. For a list of most-needed items please visit: http://www.sandiegofoodbank.org/support/food/need/
Living in San Diego, I tell my kids not to “drain the Colorado River” when they take a shower. That’s because Southern California, which consumes up to 75% of the water supply of the state, produces almost none of it. The world’s finite water supply is intricately redistributed and transported all over California, and from as far away as British Columbia, causing all kinds of problems. Battle weary attorneys, an engineer, a contractor and water department manager, tried to explain it all to us over the course of the 38th Annual SCALL meeting in Ventura, California. A tiny silver fish, called the delta smelt, had a big role, as did a series of construction projects stretching back to the 1930s. Along the way, we also learned about attempts by the Los Angeles Water and Power Department to phase out “dirty” energy such as coal and fossil fuel, and learned what we can do as librarians to be a little greener.

California Delta Woes
The California Delta, a marshy area fed by the Sacramento River that stretches from Sacramento to Stockton in Northern California, has been altered for nearly 100 years. It irrigates farm land in the Central Valley, provides water to Northern and Southern California, and it is increasingly salty and polluted. It also drying out, as we are in the midst of a three year drought. Nonetheless, it still provides drinking water for 25 million people and irrigates 4 million acres of farmland statewide. In the 1940s, the Central Valley Project (CVP), a New Deal project, built over 20 dams and reservoirs in the delta. In the 1950s, the State Water Project (SWP) added over 30 reservoirs and set up contracts for water delivery. In November 2010, the voters of California will be asked to vote on a $11 billion bond to further fix the Delta, via the newly formed Delta Governance Agency. The speakers seemed cautiously optimistic that the latest “fix” might work. In the meantime, less water is available statewide, in part due to drought, and in part to protect endangered species such as the delta smelt.

Greenhouse Gases and Green Buildings
The federal government up until now has not been very active in controlling greenhouse gases, but state and local governments have been busy, particularly in California. California is part of the Western Climate Initiative, and over 900 mayors have signed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Action Protections Agreement. CalGreen, a series of green building standards, has now been adopted in California, the first such state-mandated requirements in the nation. CalGreen will take effect January 1, 2011 and will affect all new building construction, both private and commercial. CalGreen covers planning, design, conservation, and energy and water efficiency. It is predicted CalGreen will reduce greenhouse gases by 3 million metric tons by 2020. Many local governments have already adopted CalGreen-type standards, so the transition will not be as difficult as expected. California currently has the most LEED certified buildings in the nation. (LEED stands for Leadership in Environmental Design, and is a system for certifying environmentally sustainable buildings.)

Los Angeles and Renewable Energy
What about alternative clean energy? Robert Hodel, a mechanical engineer with the L.A. Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the largest municipal utility in the U.S., serving 3.7 million customers, talked about the present and future delivery of electricity to the greater Los Angeles area. Right now, most energy (43%) is provided by coal. LADWP hopes to provide 40% of electricity from renewable energy (solar, geothermal, wind) and eliminate all coal use by 2020. California Assembly Bill 32 also mandates utilities decrease carbon emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Wind and solar power are available only as the sun shines and the wind blows, so have to be carefully balanced so energy is constantly available. Geothermal power is very reliable, but there are few sources of such energy. Biomass fuel, derived from wood, waste, landfill gas, and other sources is still developing. All renewable energy is more expensive, but is expected to cost less as technology improves. Coal is 7-8 ¢ per kw/hr, while wind and solar power are still twice as expensive, at 14 – 16 ¢ per kw/hr.

Librarian Green Initiatives
While ClimateGate has raised questions about the scientific process that determined there is man-made global warming, sensible (Continued on page 7)
programs to pollute less and reduce energy use have always made sense. Richard Hulser discussed “librarian green initiatives”, and I am certain many of us are well ahead of the curve in making small, but significant changes, to go green in the workplace. As librarians, we are the original recyclers as we loan books! We also have many e-content subscriptions, saving paper and processing time. We try to print less, and when we do, we print in duplex. We have server-based centralized content file sharing. We have recycle bins in every office. We conduct virtual meetings and training. We could reduce or eliminate vendor print catalogs (my favorite idea – most of the ones I receive end up in the recycle bin). Perhaps at some point we will also transmit content directly to patrons’ ebooks.

Further Reading
For further reading, and an excellent bibliography, visit the SCALL Institute website at [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/institute2010/bibliography.htm](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/institute2010/bibliography.htm). And if you can, visit the amazing demonstration house/office/gardens of the Frontier Project, located in Rancho Cucamonga. This is what sustainable living is all about. A virtual tour is available at their Website at [http://www.frontierproject.com](http://www.frontierproject.com).

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Renew Your AALL Membership Early for a Chance to Win a Free 2010 AALL Annual Meeting Registration

In March, AALL dues invoices for 2010-2011 will mail out to all library directors for their institutionally paid memberships and to all other individual members. The deadline for membership renewal is May 31.

This year, when you renew early—by May 1—you will be entered in a drawing for a free 2010 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference registration. If you renew on time—by May 31—you’ll be entered in a drawing for a free AALL webinar of your choice in 2010-2011. Following is the 2010 membership renewal schedule:

- **March:** First dues invoices mailed out.
- **May:** Second dues invoices mailed out.
- **June:** Final dues invoices mailed out.
- **July:** Expiration notices e-mailed to all members—individuals and those paid by institutions.

**August 1:** Expired members deleted from the AALL membership database and access to the AALLNET Members Only Section and Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum subscriptions discontinued.

For more information or to renew your membership online, view the [application form](http://www.aallnet.org) on AALLNET. If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at [membership@aall.org](mailto:membership@aall.org) or 312/205-8022.

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**AALL2go Pick of the Month**

AALL’s Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [Libraries of Hope: When Professional Competencies and Social Responsibility Connect](http://www.aallnet.org).

As librarians, how do we best put information into the hands of the world? Librarians Without Borders (LWB) have developed guidelines for providing sustainable information that is tailored to each community's language and culture. Sandra Hodgson describes sending health-related materials to Angola and the continuing efforts of LWB, including advising those who want to send books to other countries. Jane Kenny Meyers developed similar relevancy guidelines when opening a library for street kids in Zambia. The children found a safe haven where they had the opportunity to improve their English language literacy to the point that they could seek acceptance to secondary schools where they received room and board.

Find this and more than 60 other free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on [AALL2go](http://www.aallnet.org)!
B³ Discussion Group Making Waves, by John Adkins

Breakfast, Blogs, & Beyond breakfast group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month to discuss the structure and progress of SANDALL’s social media projects.

SANDALL’s social media presence is really one about strategically enhancing SANDALL’s visibility and longevity in the local, state, and national legal and library communities, not just about jumping on a popular bandwagon. Although there will be the usual mundane creation and updating tasks, our focus should be on how we as a chapter will use this technology for the greater good of the association and help secure our future as innovators and leaders in information technology.

How many hours do teenagers spend on electronic media per week? 53! This is a direct quote from NPR. These are our future colleagues. To remain credible and relevant, how can we not pursue the latest in information technology when that is our very business?

To this end, a new discussion group to allow for a free form dialogue on best practices, policies, procedures, and options for social media is being formed. B³ stands for Breakfast, Blogs, & Beyond. The idea is to meet for breakfast on the third Sunday of each month to discuss the structure and progress of SANDALL’s social media projects, learn about how to use social media from each other, and share social media tips, ideas, and concepts – everything from Google Wave to blogging to Ustream to you name it.

One major topic of discussion: the creation of the SANDALL blog. The Social Media Summit was unanimous in its support of having a blog, which in many ways can serve as a dynamic updating resource for SANDALL members beyond our web page and in conjunction with the newsletter. So many ideas are floating around, we need to capture them and organize them in a strategic way before the blog turns into a massive BLOB. Because we are an association (and not a news or discussion blog), we can have a variety of ongoing/returning sections, such as Volunteer Classified Ads where Chairs or whomever post tasks/projects they would like help on -- Member milestones and events -- Chapter Milestones too! As the blog begins to take shape, we could use sections/links/archives for the following (that can either be taken from the web page or point to the web page):

MEMBERSHIP: How to become a member? What comes with membership? What is law librarianship? What is SANDALL all about (mission/vision) What is SANDALL? New member pages and FAQs. Member updates and Where are they now? Member milestones…transitions (for retirements, those leaving)…

LIBRARY & INFO SCHOOLS: What they teach. What you can do with these degrees? Mentor program – sign up for a SANDALL buddy.

PROGRAMS: Upcoming, online, in-person, special events, past programs, summit meetings…what ideas do you have for programs? Share! And posting on the SANDALL Datebook Collaboration Calendar!

PROJECTS: Bylaws revisions/drafts, opinion polls, election reform, identity crises in the library profession, volunteer opportunities, recruitment

PUBLICATIONS: Link to SANDALL Newsletter archive, long range plans, the leadership Google Site, and each committee can have its own page and clickable link…

Please join in! The first meeting of B³ will be at the Studio Diner at 4701 Ruffin Road, [www.studiodiner.com](http://www.studiodiner.com) 858-715-6400 on Sunday, April 18 at 8:30. If you know you are coming, let me know so I can reserve a table big enough for all of us. If you feel like dropping in at the last minute, that is fine too. Email me at adkins9b@gmail.com.

Join the discussion, bring your brainpower to the table. As Uncle Sam says, *We need you!*
SANDALL Board Votes to Extending and Staggering Executive Board Terms for Secretary and Treasurer – Vote to Come!

PURPOSE: To bring more stability and consistency to the SANDALL executive board, the Long Range Planning Committee was requested to survey AALL chapter bylaws on terms of office for the posts of secretary and treasurer. Specifically, which chapters may have staggered 2 year terms for these executive board posts.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Out of 31 chapters, 11 (or roughly 28%) maintained staggered board terms for Secretary and Treasurer; 6 (or about 20%) chapters maintained 2 year non-staggered terms for Secretary and Treasurer; and 3 (or about 10%) chapters maintained 2 year terms for Treasurer only.

FINDINGS: Almost half of all AALL chapters have 2 year terms for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. In California, SCALL uses this elective system; NOCALL has 1 year terms for every officer (except VP-President Elect). In the Pac5 chapters, WestPAC bylaws provide for staggered 2 year terms, as does LLOPS.

RECOMMENDATION: To amend the SANDALL bylaws as follows:

ARTICLE 5. OFFICERS

Section 2. Terms of Office

c) The Secretary and the Treasurer. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall each assume office at the close of the annual meeting following their respective elections and shall each serve a term of one (1) [two (2) year[s] except as otherwise provided for by these Bylaws. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected in alternate years. The Secretary of the Association shall be elected in even numbered years, and the Treasurer of the Association shall be elected in odd numbered years. ** *

This would mean that the candidate for SANDALL Treasurer in 2011 would run for a 2 year term, finishing in 2013; in 2012, the Secretary would run for a 2 year term to finish in 2014, and so forth thereafter.

At the February 24th board meeting, there was a unanimous vote to enact this change and send it to the membership for a vote. Bylaws may be amended with the following procedure:

Article 10, SECTION 1.

…proposed amendments, along with a summary of the purpose of the amendment, must be filed with the Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting. Notice setting forth purpose and the wording of the proposed amendments shall be sent by the Secretary to all members no later than thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting. The Secretary shall publish this information electronically by sending information via the SANDALL listserv and posting the information on the SANDALL web site.

SECTION 2.

Two weeks prior to the meeting, the Secretary will send e-mail ballots to all members. Members may then cast their vote in person at the meeting, or via e-mail, fax or regular mail to the Secretary. The voting period for votes not cast in person at the meeting shall end at 5 p.m. local time the day before the regularly scheduled meeting. The Secretary shall determine the date and time to count the votes and announce it to the membership.

SECTION 3.

At the meeting the Secretary shall call for all members who have yet to cast a ballot to vote by secret paper ballot. All votes on the amendment shall be counted by the Secretary at the determined time. If two-thirds of all the members’ votes counted are in favor of the amendment proposed, it shall stand adopted. The Secretary shall inform the membership of the vote result via the listserv, website and SANDALL Newsletter.

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SECTION 4.

A vote shall stand valid only when ballots are received from a proper quorum of voting SANDALL members, which is 50% + 1. Thus, passage of a bylaw amendment requires 2/3 of that quorum's approval.

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So talk to your colleagues, board members, and friends: does this make sense to you? Are you in favor or against? Why? We can have a discussion on our Facebook page! Let’s connect!

(An Appendix containing a review of all AALL chapters and their terms of office for Secretary and Treasurer is on file with the Long Range Planning Committee and anyone interested can request a copy from John Adkins.)

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Celebrating Our Own Lives!

Monthly COOL Award Highlights Professional and Personal Accomplishments

The SANDALL COOL Award is given monthly to randomly selected members to highlight their contributions to the profession and their colleagues’ daily lives.

Thus far, congratulations have gone to: **CHRIS PICKFORD**, San Diego County Public Law Library (September); **SHARON WILL**, Cooley Godward Kronish (October); **TINA JAGERSON**, SDCPLL (November); Prom Queen **KARLA CASTETTER**, Thomas Jefferson School of Law (December); **SANDRA DAWSON**, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary (January); and **CAROL HYNE**, Qualcomm (February).

*WILL YOU BE NEXT?*

In the last newsletter of this term, we will print a comprehensive article with the collected accolades of all our COOL winners.
PATRIOT Act Provisions Get 1-Year Extension

President Obama signed a one-year extension of the USA PATRIOT Act, including Section 215 (the “library provision”), on February 27th. The new sunset date for these provisions is now February 28, 2011. As a result, the numerous bills that had been introduced into the Senate and House and any significant changes that may have gone along with them will be postponed until then.

Congress initially approved a 60-day extension for the three expiring provisions last December. They were supposed to expire by December 31, 2009, but this first extension gave them until February 28th to reconcile the Act. Congress was unable to hold any significant debates on the subject and approved the one-year extension.

AALL supported House Resolution 3845, the USA Patriot Amendments Act of 2009, and Senate Bill 1686, the Judicious Use of Surveillance Tools In Counterterrorism Efforts (JUSTICE) Act of 2009. Both bills would have raised the standard for issuing Section 215 orders and National Security Letters to better protect library users and added reporting and oversight requirements to ensure greater accountability.

For further details, please read AALL’s Issue Brief, “2009-2010 Reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act.”

Online Transparency Translates Into Increased Public Trust of Government

In January 2009, President Obama issued a memorandum entitled Transparency and Open Government in which he stressed that “openness will strengthen our democracy and promote efficiency and effectiveness in government.” In response to this directive, ForeSee Results, a market research firm, conducted a study of more than 36,000 U.S. citizens who visited federal websites in the fourth quarter of 2009. They set out to measure how citizens view e-government transparency, participation and collaboration as highlighted as vitally important at the federal level by the Obama Administration.

Using the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) methodology to analyze satisfaction with 14 agency Web sites, including NARA’s, ForeSee found in a new report that “the study provides evidence that online transparency is a key driver of online satisfaction. Satisfaction with federal websites, in turn, drives increased trust in government, as well as future participation and collaboration.”

More Open Government:
News, Deadlines & Comments, Oh My!

Web Pages Deadline:
President Obama’s Open Government Directive requires federal agencies to create new Open Government Web pages by (Continued on page 12)
February 6, 2010. This milestone deadline is one of many in the timeline that the Executive Branch must achieve in transparency, collaboration, and participation. Many agencies have already developed their pages, including the Department of Homeland Security and the Small Business Administration. You can monitor the federal government’s progress and find more details under “Evaluating our Progress” from each agency’s Web page, which will ultimately lead to their full Open Government Plan.

Comments Welcome:
The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announced a call for public comment on the development of its Open Government Plan. NARA is asking for suggestions on how it can conduct its work more openly and increase public engagement. AALL is working with other open government and library organizations to draft comments, which are due by March 19, 2010.

Electronic Records Management:
The DOJ claims they have “lost” emails belonging to former DOJ attorneys John Yoo and Patrick Philbin related to the CIA’s use of “enhanced interrogation techniques,” while the White House describes it new archiving system to prevent lost emails. Read AALL’s detailed articles about the Senate Judiciary Committee’s hearing on February 26 about the lost emails and the White House’s decision to require the Executive Office of the President (EOP) to provide a public description of the system it uses to manage and preserve its electronic records.

Classification of Information Policies
AALL’s Government Relations Office and Government Relations Committee released a new Issue Brief on classification policy, including an analysis of President Obama’s Executive Order (E.O. 13526) on Classified National Security Information. The issue brief also reviewed the recommendations of the Presidential Task Force on Controlled Unclassified Information. President Obama’s Executive Order would establish a National Declassification Center within the National Archives and Records Administration that will be charged with reducing the backlog of declassified records.

The House also approved an amendment to the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (H.R. 2701) to require the Inspector General (IG) of the Intelligence Community to prepare a report on the problem of over-classification. Although AALL joined in a letter of support for the House bill, they prefer President Obama’s requirements because those “direct agencies to start taking real action to address over-classification.”

CRS Report: Resolving Legislative Differences
The CRS provided an analysis of the two formal options Congress has to resolve differences on House and Senate versions of legislation: conference committee and amendment exchange in their new report Amendments Between the Houses: Procedural Options and Effects. Apparently, the use of conference committees, where selected members negotiate a compromise that is then reported back for consideration by each chamber, has decreased in recent years.

Where to Find FOIA Information & Analyses
A Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) blog run by Scott Hodes, a solo practitioner in Washington, D.C, follows news related to the FOIA and access to government information. The National Security Archive has a great series with

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excellent FOIA tips on their blog if you’d like more information about real-world uses of FOIA and how to develop effective FOIA requests.

**Nixon Library Releases New Materials**

Thousands of new documents and audio-visual materials were released by the Nixon Library in January 2010, including some “5,500 pages declassified, in whole or in part, as the result of mandatory review requests from individual researchers.” The new documents are from the White House Special Files, Staff Member & Office Files; White House Central Files, Staff Member & Office Files; and the National Security Council File series, including the Henry A. Kissinger Telephone Conversation Transcripts (Telcons). Their Virtual Library page includes scans of nearly one hundred documents that represent the variety of new materials available.

For more information on any of the above stories, check out the AALL Government Relations site. If you have any questions or comments, please don’t hesitate to contact me: tjagerson@sdcpll.org, or call 619-498-2506.

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**Get a Free Year of AALL Membership with Nonmember Annual Meeting Registration**

New this year AALL is offering nonmembers a complimentary one-year membership when they register for the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, to be held July 10-13 in Denver. The membership includes:

- Career resources, such as the online AALL Career Center and continuing education to help you learn new skills to advance in your career
- Access to specialized information created just for law librarians, such as the AALL Biennial Salary Survey and the AALL Price Index for Legal Publications
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