



Presidents' Column-Kathy Carrick

POWER SHIFTS SMOOTHLY AS NEW ORALL PRESIDENT ASSUMES OFFICE

Unlike the epic space alien power struggles that blaze in our theaters and battle across our home computer screens, the ORALL responsibilities transferred smoothly at the Cincinnati conference. In best ORALLien fashion Jody Beal remains a vital force in ORALL, and was last seen admiring her appreciation gift clock and defending her ORALLien pinata from suggestions of a farewell salute swat.

Suddenly it is my turn to serve. The year will go fast; I cannot expect or hope to change the world or ORALL in that short period. I see my role as an expediter of ORALL's heritage and purpose as stated in our Bylaws:

...to further the development and usefulness of law libraries, the promotion of the growth, advancement and improvement

of the profession of law librarianship, and the stimulation of a spirit of mutual helpfulness and cooperation among law libraries of the Ohio Region. (Bylaw II).

I find my position set clearly by this statement and guided by your needs and interests. It is my duty to help our membership and our libraries by implementing opportunities for growth. But I need your help to direct my efforts along the most appropriate and productive pathways.

We started expanding skills development opportunities with the addition of training workshops this Fall. Melanie Putnam, Jim Hart and Judy Kaul did yeomen's duty in putting together sessions on legal resources on the Internet. The intent of these workshops was to have our members share and learn from this trio's experiences and talents. From the written reviews and

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comments I think we can call this initial effort an outstanding success. The basic purpose is to have knowledgeable volunteers - Melanie, Jim and Judy did not receive anything but a free lunch for their efforts - share their experiences and work with colleagues.

Such programs can benefit us all. ORALL can help us by sponsoring the time and place, but each of us has to take the first step - be it as a trainer or as a participant. Personally, I look to my colleagues in ORALL to learn more about the daily work environment faced by the outstanding firm, county and court law librarians who are my neighbors. We are blessed with great talent within this region and generous individuals who have much to share. I hope we will continue this intra regional program as "...the stimulation of a spirit of mutual helpfulness and cooperation among law libraries of the Ohio Region." So if you have an idea or a suggestion about programs or training, please share your ideas with me or Keith Blough--our V.P. and the person responsible for the annual conference program next Fall.

This Spring we will have another opportunity for growth in the evolutionary form of a Retreat.. The Retreat is "evolutionary" because although it is set for March, its form and agenda are still developing. Primarily planned to meet ORALL's administrative needs, the Retreat can provide an opportunity for Special Interest Groups to hold programs and to exchange ideas. The simplified format and informal setting should facilitate open discussions and promote exchanges that we - as a group or as individuals - cannot hope to experience elsewhere. I hope you will take time to participate in the development of this program.

Anaheim and the annual conference in Cleveland late next October will also offer special, if more traditional, ORALLien

activities - although some would call the phrase "traditional ORALLien" an oxymoron. Perhaps the most traditional characteristic of ORALL is its spirit of commitment to independent, progressive professionalism.

Please remember that ORALL is here to "further the development" and the "improvement of the profession of law librarianship". I am here to help expedite the efforts. I need your help, suggestions and assistance. Thanks. I also hope the year does not go so fast that we cannot have some fun to--we do Rock 'n Roll in Cleveland!

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WEB PAGE CONTINUES GROWTH

The ORALL home page has been recently updated and may be viewed at:
<http://www.uky.edu/Law/orall/index.htm>.

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President's Report to the Chapter, by Jody Beal

(presented to membership 10/24/97)

Did you ever get the feeling that someone was watching you? Even worse, could such vigilance come from an extraterrestrial being sprung from your own imagination? Hopefully not. It is not a comfortable feeling to find that your imaginary creature has developed a life of his own and is now e-mailing you from beyond. However, my year as leader of the ORALLiens took off with the velocity of a shuttle launch and was filled with visions which seemed to take on lives of their own.

In October of 1996 ORALL was quite fortunate to have been one of eleven chapters participating in the highly successful and equally lucrative Northeast Regional Conference of Law Libraries held in Toronto. Although time was short for the conducting of chapter business, the essentials were handled and my term was underway.

A tremendous amount of energy is generated by a chapter of our size which now totals 324 members. This is an increase over last year's total of 308. Due to the wide range of activities of our three-state chapter, the Executive Board has decided to make available the membership directory on diskette as well as in the traditional printed form. The database format provides the option of sorting membership information by various fields. Although specialized mailing lists and labels can be generated for members at the University of Dayton Law Library, the use of the diskette will obviate any "turnaround time." It is anticipated that the Chairs of the Chapter's Special Interest Groups as well as organizers of city gatherings will find this format particularly helpful.

ORALL's new web site looks great. Housed on the University of Kentucky's server and maintained by Newsletter Editor Shaun Esposito, the web site provides members with pertinent chapter information and has even transported ORALLiens to the AALL convention in Baltimore. Bookmark the URL <http://www.uky.edu/Law/orall> and visit often.

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In a businesslike move, this year the ORALL Executive Board designated a permanent address for the chapter. The home of the membership database, the University of Dayton was selected as the chapter's permanent mailing address. Hopefully this will ease the confusion that sometimes accompanies the change of officers, especially when dealing with related organizations and the business community. When in doubt, send it to UD.

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An ORALLien thank you is extended to Tom Hanley, Director of the Law Library at

the University of Dayton, for accepting this duty.

Visibility-wise, ORALLiens appeared to be in fine form during the past year. The publication and distribution of *Ohio Legal Resources* has been well-received. The joint venture with the Ohio Library Council agreed to in 1996 came to fruition in 1997. Approximately two hundred have been sold, with proceeds totaling nearly \$600.00 for ORALL.

In March of 1997 ORALL joined with OhioNet to sponsor a half-day workshop on "Legal Resources on the Internet." Presented by ORALL's Melanie Putnam, the content rich program was attended by a sellout crowd.

AALL's first Satellite Video Conference presented in March was held in ORALLien territory as the broadcast site was a local television station in Dayton, Ohio. Numerous libraries in the region were also registered viewing sites.

In-house, ORALL was pleased to present a \$500.00 scholarship to one of its members for the purpose of defraying the costs of attending the AALL Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. This year's recipient, Cheryl Garcia of the University of Akron, was introduced at the Annual ORALL/MichALL Breakfast held on Monday, July 21, at the Baltimore Convention Center.

A proud moment for ORALLiens was the announcement by the AALL Nominating Committee that two of our native "sons" have been selected as candidates for national offices. Al Podboy, Director of the Libraries of the prestigious firm of Baker & Hostetler, is a candidate for 1997-98 Office of Vice President/President-Elect. Janis Johnston, Associate Director of the preeminent Notre Dame Law Library, is a candidate for the 1997-1999 Office of Treasurer. Strong ORALLien support for both is assured.

In order that the activities and concerns of ORALL's four Special Interest Groups are adequately addressed, a Special Committee to Review the Structure of the SIGs has been created by the Executive Board. Under examination will be the overall structure of the Groups as well as financial support. An integral part of pinpoint programming, it is hoped that such a review will provide motivation for expanded SIG activities.

Throughout my term as ORALL President many doors were opened and several strings have been left untied. The Executive Board studied a diverse menu with plenty of food for thought. The chapter is preparing for its 50th Anniversary Meeting fueled for action by the energy of its members anxious to meet the continuing challenges of the "Information Age." There is no fear of cyberspace in the ORALLien heart, rather a thirst for conquest exists. My thanks are extended to the exceptional members of the Executive Board and to the galactic efforts and support of the staff of The Dayton Law Library Association who allow me to serve as their leader.



**ORALL'S FIRST SPRING RETREAT
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 6, 1998**
submitted by Jody Beal

"The Ohio Department of Natural Resources announced Tuesday that the state's park system has been recognized as the best in the nation by the National Recreation and Park Association and National Sporting Goods Association."
Gongwer News Service Ohio Report
Tuesday, November 4, 1997.

How fortuitous that this award should coincide with ORALL's preparation for the first ever Spring Retreat to be held at Mohican State Park in central Ohio on Friday, March 6, 1998.

As mentioned in the last *Newsletter* and discussed fully at the Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, the Spring Retreat has been designed to be a one-day, or slightly longer, event to provide continuing education opportunities in an informal atmosphere and to schedule ample time for professional networking and association business.

Throughout the day the educational programs will be provided by the chapter's Special Interest Groups. The four groups, the Academic Law Libraries, the County Law Libraries, the Indiana Law Libraries, and the Private Law Libraries, will have adequate time to conduct both a business meeting and a program. In addition, a dinner presentation will be made by ORALL's Richard Humphrey who is currently serving as the Editor of AALL's *CRIV Sheet* (Committee on Relations with Information Vendors). He will discuss the Committee's recent activities and plans. Attendees will then have the opportunity to exchange consumer ideas, problems, and solutions based on personal experience. Such viewpoints should be of interest to librarians

from all types of law libraries. A notepad and pencil will be a must. Also, there will be time for ORALL's committees to meet and for items of business to be discussed as a chapter. A block of rooms has been reserved for those who wish to schedule meetings on Saturday morning or simply enjoy the lodge and the park for another day.

When the registration form is received, please note that there will be **no registration fee** and that the activities have been compartmentalized to provide members with the option of attending only selected segments of the Retreat.

It is hoped that the Spring Retreat will respond to the need expressed by ORALL members to offer education opportunities that are specific to the particular types of libraries represented in the chapter, while still retaining our sense of inter-relatedness. Review the Retreat options when you receive them and plan to join your colleagues as we dispel the winter doldrums and replenish our depleted energies.



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Executive Board Meeting Minutes
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September 10, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 AM by President Joanne Beal. In attendance were Keith Blough (Vice President-Elect), Kathy Carrick (Vice President/President-Elect), Shaun Esposito (Newsletter Editor/Webmaster), Beth Langton, Paul Mitchell (Immediate Past President), Kyle Passmore (treasurer), Melanie Putnam and Jane Underwood (Secretary). Also present were Jill Williams (Chair, Internet Committee), Natalie Pitman (Member Recruitment and Directory), and Greg Laughlin (Internet Committee).

Review of Activities at AALL - Baltimore: Joanne Beal

Leadership training: Jody and Kathy attended the AALL training for Chapter Presidents in Baltimore. Keith and Kathy will attend in Anaheim. It was a worthwhile experience, especially for networking and learning about AALL procedures. Sally Holterhoff organized it. Many chapters have the same type of problems ORALL has. Although the OSU Law Library houses the archives of ORALL, and Melanie assumes she has a complete set of minutes, it is difficult to reconstruct the organization's corporate history. The Chapter Presidents are going to discuss this. The Chapter Leadership does not want to involve AALL in trying to solve these problems. There is consideration of a "Who has what and where is it located" program in Anaheim. There was a lot of camaraderie among the Chapter Council members. How strong this committee will become will impact on AALL and representation of Chapter membership issues before the AALL Executive Board.

Roundtable discussions: The roundtable discussions were held by AALL board members and prominent AALL staffers, discussing various topics. The attendance is good and the discussions usually worthwhile.

Finance Roundtable: Kyle Passmore attended this roundtable, which suggested ways to keep track of finances. She reported ORALL is set up well. As to the insurance issue discussed at previous executive board meetings, this is not a requirement. AALL feigned not knowing the letter sounded as if it were a mandatory requirement. Kathy Carrick felt it still may be an issue; when an outside group has a meeting at someone's workplace, who is responsible if something happens? The general discussion that followed came to the conclusion it was expensive and doesn't apply, as every place should have premises liability insurance. Kyle did get a handbook of recommended procedures from attending the roundtable. She asked if the older material in the box (many new officers inherit a box of material from the prior office holder) should go to the archives at OSU. A general discussion on records management followed. Jody suggested she call the chair of the roundtable at AALL and ask how long the chapter should keep the records.

Membership/Recruitment Roundtable: Jody reported that Roger Parent dodged the bullet as to the relevance of AALL to the chapters. Philadelphia and Chicago chapters were grumbling about secession. Roger wanted to know what the chapters were going to do to recruit members for AALL. AALL now has 5,000 members; Roger Parent's goal is a membership of 8,000. He wants to get money for AALL by selling the membership lists. Kate Kasprzyk is now the membership coordinator at headquarters. The goal of AALL membership coordination is to gain input from the chapters in order to cement a good relationship among all the functions in membership on the local level. A general discussion followed this statement. The Executive Board did not see recruitment for AALL as a focus of our meeting. Paul Mitchell suggested we put their literature out on display, or they could be a vendor in the space. We'd sell them the membership list. Keith Blough noted it is expensive to belong to AALL, and many who don't belong don't join because the employer won't pay the membership. ORALL makes a grant for a person to go to AALL's annual meeting. Kathy Carrick suggested a chapter could sponsor a program on evaluating training, which would be more than a locally based issue.

LLAGNY (Law Libraries Association of Greater New York) pilot project of AALL handling all of the membership list issues of mailing labels, directory listings, etc. is a six month project. If it works, AALL will offer it to all of the chapters. Paul asked what are they doing to show our professionalism to other groups, such as CLE credits for librarians?

Newsletter Editors Roundtable: Shaun Esposito reported on this roundtable. The focus was on soliciting and handling advertising for the newsletter. Jason Hinkle attended. The editor should seek out advertising. He explained the language that advertisers use, and Shaun now has a handbook of this information. Shaun felt it was a useful roundtable. He pointed out that we now have four advertisements in the current newsletter. The editor position should be the overall content person. The graphics and advertising should be delegated to someone else. Shaun was one of the longer serving editors there.

Public Relations Roundtable: Kathy Carrick was our representative. The PR roundtable was not well attended due to scheduling conflicts. They talked about the quality of the organization's handouts and brochures, looking to the purpose of the handout to determine the content. We shouldn't list the current executive board on the brochure, but advance reasons for joining and becoming active in the organization. There is a large investment of time and money in a professional looking brochure' The handouts are useful to get out to the public the organization's mission statement. There was some question as to whether ORALL has a membership brochure, and whether it is being used. Kyle thought Tom Hanley has it. Kathy mentioned there is also a type of mission statement in the bylaws. Kathy will talk to Tom Hanley to see what he actually has. Beth had a copy of the CALL brochure, a very professional product. Jody received an e-mail message from Michelle Schmidt as to why ORALL does not have a PR committee. Kathy mentioned there is now a listserv for the regional PR people. Melanie felt that PR might be one of the goals of the membership committee. Keith remembered there might have been a mandate from AALL, perhaps in October 1991. Paul thought there were two missions of such a committee: to promote the organization to non-librarians and to promote the activities of the members (such as Melanie and Sue's book). Jody is going to search out the mandate. Kathy will talk about this to both Frank Houdek and Tom Hanley.

Web Site/Homepage Management Roundtable: Greg Laughlin of Ohio Northern University and Shaun Esposito reported good attendance at this roundtable. AALL is offering space on their server, offering guidance etc. for chapter homepage. AALL claims the chapter would have complete control over the page and they do not yet plan to charge. They may be willing to help even if our page isn't on their site. There are limitations at Northern Kentucky as to the search engines to search the page. One issue is security for the ORALL's membership directory on the web. It is set up to not allow downloading a lot of members at one time; the entries must be downloaded one at a time. It would be useful to have this information available on the web. It wouldn't be difficult to do, if the membership wanted it. Would we want to give members an option not to have his or her membership information on the web. AALL never brought up the privacy issue. Keith mention he has received pro se requests due to the web site. Greg noted a lot of his students at Ohio Northern are not happy about their information being Internet accessible. Shaun said they did not discuss the option of a check off box in the roundtable. It was mentioned at the business meeting. The AALL directory information on the website is more than just name and address; it includes other biographical information. A discussion of the type of information that could be included in such an entry could include personal information one might not wish to be broadcast to the world, such as Paul Mitchell's nickname is "Bubbles."

Review of Options Regarding ORALL's Membership Directory: Natalie Pitman Electronic

Formats: Jody mentioned a disk in the back of the hard copy of the membership directory would be useful. Natalie reported when the blue forms were sent out with the dues statement requesting input on the format of such a disk, every possible format was requested. Adobe Acrobat/PDF format would probably be a good choice. Word processing seemed silly as a choice due to the limitations. She put the bylaws and materials such as that in word processing format and will give to Shaun for the website. She does have it in an electronic database on her computer. A disk was more work than it was worth.

Paul asked if we want a vendor to have access to the disk? We should give people the option to sort with it, such as sorting by SIG. That option would get rid of the problem of printing more directories, such as SIG member directories. Paul suggested a check for membership dues plus an additional \$1 to get the disk. Jody felt the SIG chairs should be involved in this decision. Kathy noted the directory the County Law Libraries SIG publishes is all 88 counties. There should be a disk for the Academic and Private Law Libraries SIGS. The format-nat should be picked and the disk given to the Chairs of the SIGS. Paul felt if someone needs it, they could just contact Natalie. She could keep statistics on requests and on need.

Jody noted the cost of printing the directory is \$550. Marian Shulick (spelling approximate) of West didn't understand why ORALL did not contact them to print the directory. Jody told her we needed to do cleanup of the database, and so the directory information is now ORALL'S. It will be printed in Montgomery County and taken to registration in Cincinnati. With the index, it would comprise more than one disk in an electronic format. It is currently a merge file. Jody is going to announce the availability of an electronic format at the business meeting, telling members to send the paper back in. Shaun has Adobe Capture, needed to produce it. Keith said it could be made an option on the dues renewal form. There is a problem with this, as the dues notices go out nine months before the update is available. Notices will be put in the paper directory and on the website. Greg thought there could be a password restriction on the website to download the membership. Melanie mentioned SLA's job line restriction has a password. Jody said there will be a discussion of this topic at the business meeting.

Inclusion on the Web Site: See discussion above under **Roundtable Discussions: Web Site/Homepage Management** for a thorough discussion of the issues involved in including the membership directory on the website.

Report on Sale of *Ohio Legal Resources*: Joanne Beal

There is a threshold of 137 copies sold before ORALL gets money for each copy sold. As of July 31, OLC sold 144. We get \$10 a book. We have to watch OLC on this issue. Kyle asked if we ever established a payment schedule. Last time OLC lost track of the number sold. The check might be sent to Jody.

Report on ORALL's participation on the Ohio Council of Library and Information Services: Melanie Putnam

Melanie reported on the OCLIS meeting she attended. Representatives of OhioNet, the Ohio Theological Library Association, NOLA and other consortia were present. It is a diverse membership that cuts across institutional lines. She thinks we should continue our membership, even though ORALL is in arrears on dues. She'll put in some of what she learned at the meeting in ORALL's newsletter. There is a statewide library conference next June, to look at the future of librarianship. It is an offshoot of the one held ten years ago. There is a planning meeting October 1st in Mansfield for all types of libraries. It could bring more people into the field of librarianship. Grants are to be issued by the Bicentennial Commission - 2003 for Ohio. Anyone who has ideas for web pages, programs, etc. may submit a grant proposal six to ten months from now. We could go anywhere with this--the Northwest Territory, the Ohio Constitution, etc.

Report on Formation of Special Committee to Review the Structure of ORALL's SIGS: Joanne Beal

There are four official SIGS: Indiana Law Libraries, Private Law Libraries, County Law Libraries, and Academic Law Libraries. The County SIG is the most active, due to the actions of the legislature. This SIG has requested a lot of financial support. In the 1994 Executive Board meeting, \$500 support for programming was held separate from the October meeting, in order to avoid SIG requests to vendors for additional support. It was determined by the Executive Board that program support existed in the bylaws. There is no standing resolution or guidelines as to what constitutes a program. Bylaw 16 mentions a membership vote for a standing resolution of an adoption of guidelines adopted by the Board. Is the County SIG entitled to the money? Should there be a budgeted amount? Can the SIG go over this budgeted amount? There have been a lot of requests by the County SIG due to the legislative activity this year.

It was decided that Jody would call the people who have served as SIG chairs (Mary Persyn, JoAnn Fisher, and Carol Suhre) to review the structure of the SIGS, the entitlement issue, and whether the money is a once a year only item. This is not a quick fix, but a way to get workable guidelines for the SIGS. Problems can crop up with other factions, and can fester within a chapter. Kyle thought next year's treasurer should be in on it. The format of the committee has to be approved by the board, and the issue should be resolved within one year. The dues portion of SIG membership caused problems in the D.C. chapter, so this is not an isolated dispute. Kathy thought it was a good time to look at the SIGS. The Private Law Libraries SIG has almost lapsed due to lack of leadership. The Academic Law Libraries SIG has been dominant due to ORCL and OhioLink.

There was a question concerning guidelines for asking for money. Kyle felt an expectation has been produced that this amount will be the same each year. Jody asked if we're going to pay \$500+ to print directories, are we then going to pay to print separate SIG directories? Keith asked what our financial resources are, and at what level should they be to maintain our status as a nonprofit organization? Paul asked if a SIG produced revenue above and beyond the \$500 seed money, where does the extra money go? Beth asked if it would be \$500 per year, or \$500+ for events? If we have more than one meeting a year, can the SIG ask for and get more money?

Jody said that in the D.C. chapter, the sub-group could not maintain separate funds. Possibly just having the committee and discussing these issues will generate more interest in SIGS. Kathy has talked to other directors about the role of ORCL and going on as a SIG. Jody said all the other county law librarians in smaller counties want membership in the SIG without membership in the larger organization. Since members go through ORALL, our membership increases. We would not want to encourage a category for a separate membership. It would fragment the group. A general discussion ensued, with the conclusion that ORALL's dues are considerably less than AALL dues. Jody felt it may take a year for a working draft on the SIG structure, and then another year for solid guidelines. Paul suggested involving the committee chair for the bylaws committee. Jody talked to Carol and said there was no budgeted amount, but to submit the expenses and we'd pay. This is because of the extraordinary

legislative activity this year. The SIG's activity will benefit the entire membership. Carol still has not submitted anything yet. Kyle noted since she'd been treasurer, there had been no denials of funding requests.

Discussion Regarding Proposal of ORALL Spring Retreat: Joanne Beal

We are one of two chapters out of thirty some that meets only once a year. This proposal is less formal less expensive, and has no formal agenda. All the SIGs could meet. We could have speakers. It should be handled by the Board and not by another local arrangements committee. It would also take care of time to answer AALL requests, surveys, etc. of the membership. It would also be another mini workshop for people's schedules. We will take this to the business meeting, as time and cost is a factor.

It would be Friday noon to Saturday noon. Lodging would be \$79-99 a night, and it would be someplace like Mohican State Park, so that side excursions could be made by the membership. Kathy had heard some dissension on this issue. The private law librarians may not be able to go. Kyle said that the county law librarians usually spend \$25 a day and don't spend the night. Beth wondered if the next board will assume this is a good idea and buy into it. Jody suggested a straw vote be taken from the membership at the business meeting.

There was a general discussion on why ORALL switched from two meetings to one annual meeting. It was a straw vote at the meeting and an executive board decision. The county law librarians were strong for a second meeting. There was a crossover of the county law librarians with the Ohio Bar Association meeting. Beth strongly suggested getting discussion from the members at the meeting. Jody pointed out every time you need to get anything together, it's another mailing. Melanie said that with ORALL having a three day meeting, twice a year, and then AALL, she would be unable to attend. She would have to choose, and it would be hard to have executive board meetings at the annual meeting. With a one day meeting, the SIGs can come. It would be a way for the membership to talk, and not worry about programs. Paul suggested we have an open board meeting. Melanie felt we needed to hear membership ideas and comments. Beth thought that if each SIG provided a speaker, then it would get people there. Keith mentioned that the OSBA has an annual meeting and quarterly board meetings. Jody pointed out if ORALL wants to join the multi-regional meetings, this will allow us to do something as a chapter. We have big things coming in the future, and this type of meeting doesn't have to be every year. The board can vote and also give an umbrella look at the SIG meetings.

Discussion Regarding the Viability of an ORALL Business Office: Joanne Beal

The idea of a business office came up because the invoices have nowhere to go. The officers change, so ORALL's mailing address changes. The invoices don't always catch up with the parties who incurred the expense and know to pay it. We should decide what is important to assign to a business office and what should stay with membership. Natalie mentioned hiring a part time person who would work twenty hours a month as opposed to a volunteer. We could also have AALL handle our business. (This was decided not to be a desirable option.) A business office would be very useful regarding the CLE Forms; there was a problem this year and all of the CLE forms went to AALL instead of to Jody.

Should a committee be formed? Paul thought we could just say that the board has decided this... Kyle thought we should get a PO box for the day to day stuff. Shaun would not be an appropriate choice as he is an outpost of ORALL. Most people in his area belong to SEALL. Beth thought most of this has been handled in the past by volunteers. As an Executive Board, we may want to discuss who and how. We can easily assign an institution or person to be the contact. Jody and Natalie have discussed being the address, but it depends on what's involved. It would be the prime drop off point for materials, including AALL materials. It would be more for general chapter materials. It would also be a place for OCLIS to send us material. There were questions as to whether the office should also function as the archives of the chapter, and should the organization have its own credit card. Beth asked if any other chapters have a business office. Kathy asked how much time is currently spent on this type of activity, and the answer was, a lot. It was suggested a note be posted on the Listserv to find out. It would be something to bring up at the Council of Chapter Presidents meeting. It would serve well for specific types of mailing, IRS forms, receipts, receiving and sending mail. Beth noted that Tom Hanley is the statutory agent, and perhaps he would be willing to do it. Jody will talk to Tom about this before the October meeting. Kathy pointed out if Tom is willing to do it, we won't have to vote on it.

It was asked if copies of the minutes were being sent to the archives. Due to the recent problems in reconstructing certain actions of the board, it was suggested by Jody that we may want to designate a President's Notebook for additional copies of the minutes.

Report on Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting: Paul Mitchell

The committee is in place. Paul is the chair. Dignitaries and past presidents to be invited include Roger Jacobs, Taylor Fitchett, Anita Shew, Paul Fu, Kathy Carrick, Carol Bredemeyer, Martha Cox, Ted Potter, Keith Blough, and Mike Slinger. Taylor Fitchett and Al Podboy have agreed to be on the local arrangements committee. The new president in 1999 will work with them. Venue and dates are still being considered. October in Columbus is an option, with the newer hotels of Adam's Mark and the Westin (formerly the Great Southern) being

considered. Kathy asked if we have a history of staying at one hotel in Columbus, but no one could name a particular hotel.

Paul feels we should have a particular logo for the fiftieth anniversary meeting, such as a pin. What kind of publicity should we have? We can talk it up at AALL in 1998. We should also do something in D.C. in 1999. Perhaps we could have a reception instead of a breakfast. We would invite MichALL due to our common history.

Kyle gave a short treasurer's report when the issue of money for the reception in D.C. was mentioned. We have \$18,077 in the checkbook. The CDs mature in November and in May. One is for \$1,000, one is \$6,000. \$10,000 - \$12,000 is the usual outlay on the hotel and directories. We take in \$3,000-\$4,000 in dues. NE96 made a return of \$2,063 on seed money of \$500. We did subsidize the ORALL/MichALL breakfast this year (although no one has yet received a bill).

Kyle will call Kathryn Gamash at Clark Hill concerning the breakfast bill.

Update on Cleveland Meeting: Kathy Carrick and Keith Blough

Kathy suggested the Cleveland Marriott Hotel downtown. The Renaissance would also be a good choice. We have committed for the Cleveland Marriott for October 28 - 30 in 1998. We have a 65 room commitment at \$129 for a single or double. As of November 1, we will be able to raise or lower our room numbers for Cleveland on the basis of the Cincinnati count. Paul pointed out we will have to consider the impact of AALL in Anaheim that year. People will have to pick one meeting to attend.

Keith discussed the programming. AALL has a forum on the future of the association. Maybe we should have a program on the management of communications, including managing and reading body language, negotiating contracts with vendors, and the dominance of technology/knowledge management issues. Paul suggested this be a combined program with SLA Northeast Chapter, or the ASIS Chapter. If so, we may want to expand the room commitment Kathy had a few comments about Cincinnati. Twenty-six people have signed up. The local arrangements committee of Carol Bredemeyer and Anne Abate have taken care of it. It costs \$14 a night to park at the Omni and other parking is available. Six have signed up for the first Internet workshop on Wednesday, two for the later Wednesday session, and two others for the Friday session.

It was decided the time and place of the Friday board meeting is Kathy's decision. Frank Houdek wants to come to the Wednesday Executive Board meeting. Friday's meeting is the business meeting.

Jody thanked Beth Langton and Buckingham Doolittle for the use of their lovely facility. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.



Cincinnati Cityscape from Scene of ORALL Annual Meeting, October 1997



Cincinnati Riverscape from Scene of ORALL Annual Meeting, October 1997

**County Law Libraries
Special Interest Group
Minutes- October 22, 1997**

The meeting of the Special Interest Group of County Law Libraries of ORALL was called to order by chairperson Carol Shure, Clermont County, on Wednesday, October 22, 1997 at 3:40. The meeting was held in the Cincinnati Law Library.

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Carol introduced and thanked Carolyn Dickerson from Anderson Publishing Company for providing refreshments for our county meeting

Billie Grey, Cincinnati Law Library, distributed discussion draft copies of the ORALL Biennial County Law Library Report. Any corrections should be noted to Billie ASAP. These reports will be helpful for any legislation that will be coming up.

Corliss Davis, Akron Law Library, distributed copies of the 1997 Ohio County Law Library Directory. Corrections were noted. Remaining copies will be mailed to all county law libraries not in attendance whether they are ORALL members or not.

Corliss also read two reports from Jan Novak, Cleveland Law Library. The first report concerned the Sentencing Commission report on the fine distribution. State Representative Ann Womer Benjamin has agreed to sponsor a bill that would present the 1992 proposal to revise the caps on the existing statutes to present day dollar value. This will be introduced in the legislature early next year. The OSBA Committee will also ask the Supreme Court to study the role of county law libraries in the judicial system as a part of the Access and Quality Task Force agenda of the Court's Future's Commission. The Sentencing Commission has also kept the proposal to fund county law libraries from mandatory court costs and filing fees but have also added language permitting courts and county law libraries to work out a separate fee agreement instead of the mandatory fees. The Committee finds this language unacceptable and are not pleased with the proposal in the amended form. This Committee will watch this funding issue closely. The OSBA is considering a membership fee and category for law librarians.

Jan's second report concerned the LSTA Advisory Council to the State Library of Ohio. LSTA stands for the federal Library Services and Technology Act and it makes federal money available through the state library for projects within the state. In the past, these funds were targeted for public libraries only, but the new act specifically names academic and special libraries as possible grant recipients as well. Jan will post the final grant program material on the ORALL listserv. Call Jan if there are any questions.

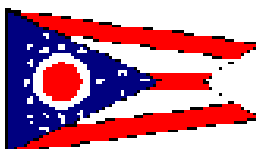
Incoming ORALL Vice President/President Elect Keith Bough, Columbus Law Library, reported that the 50th Anniversary of ORALL will be held in 1999. Plans for a historic celebration are in progress.

Outgoing ORALL President, Joanne Beal, Dayton Law Library, reported that the Committee will be reviewing the structure of the SIG'S, ORALL dues, a spring retreat, and a city law library SIG. We were reminded to pick up our new ORALL membership directories.

Carol reminded everyone that Sally A. Davis will be the chair of the County SIG for 1998. Sally mentioned that the spring meeting will be held in Medina unless the ORALL officers decide to have a spring retreat. More information will be available later.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sally A. Davis,
Medina County Law Library



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 TREASURER'S REPORT
 SEPTEMBER 30,1997

BALANCE ON HAND SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

Checking Account	\$13,979.78
CD	\$16,372.29

TOTAL
 \$30,352.07

INCOME

Dues	\$3,870.00
County SIG Meeting Registration	\$1,000.00
Indianapolis Meeting (Breakfast)	\$56.00
Toronto Meeting Proceeds	\$2,063.60
Cincinnati Meeting--Vendor Support	\$1,500.00

Interest earned	Checking Account	\$238.42
Interest earned	CD's	\$405.47

TOTAL INCOME
 \$ 9,133.49

EXPENSES

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Newsletter Costs	(\$1,964.51)	
Postage--Directories	(\$128.70)
Cincinnati Meeting	(\$59.38)
Toronto Meeting	(\$104.30)
Indianapolis Meeting (Breakfast)	(\$160.12)
County SIG Meeting--Hotel.	(\$785.29)
County SIG Meeting--speaker	(\$500.00)
County SIG Directory	(\$142.00)
Scholarships	(\$500.00)
Miscellaneous	(\$234.29)

TOTAL EXPENSES
 (\$ 4,653.59)

BALANCE ON HAND SEPTEMBER 30, 1997
 \$34,831.97

Checking Balance September 30, 1997	\$18,393.47
September Disbursements	(\$ 339.26)
CD Balance	\$16,777.76

\$34,831.97

SCANNING THE NEWSLETTERS

Items of interest from recent local and regional law library association newsletters, compiled by Shaun Esposito:

Anna Cherry, *The Internet Column*, MALL NEWSLETTER (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries) September/October 1997 at 10 (provides a list of web sites for state tax information).

Jean M. Wenger, *Internet Moment: Spinning the WEB: Training Presentations for Legal Researchers*, CALL BULLETIN (Chicago Association of Law Libraries) June 1997 at 13 (suggests various approaches for preparing and giving a presentation on Internet legal research sources).

Cheryl Rae Nyberg, *Recent Subject Compilations of State Laws Affecting Children*, LLOPS CITED (Law Librarians of Puget Sound) at 1 (provides references to law review articles and other sources of citations to state laws affecting children).

Anna Cherry, *The Internet Column*, MALL NEWSLETTER (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries) May/June 1997 at 8 (discusses the place of Internet resources in the legal research process).

Susan Lewis-Somers, *NetSense*, WESTPac NEWS (Western Pacific Chapter of AALL) September 1997) (provides information about finding and joining various listservs).

Katie Nachod, *Springtime in Washington*, NEW ORLEANS LAW LIBRARIAN, May 1997 at 4 (review of the April 1997 meeting of the Depository Library Council and Federal Depository Conference).

Susan Lewis-Somers, *NetSense*, WESTPac NEWS (Western Pacific Chapter of AALL) May 1997 at 4 (provides information about job listings available on the Internet and other web-related information).

Dittakavi Rao, *Hieros Gamos: One-Stop Shopping for Legal Research*: <http://www.hg.org>, WPLLA NEWSLETTER (Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association) May/June 1997 at 3 (provides an overview of the information available on this popular website).

Donald J. Dunn, *The Best of the Bad: Twelfth Annual Dunn-In Awards*, LLNE NEWS (Law Librarians of New England) Nos. 1 & 2, 1997 at 8 (a listing of bizarre law review article titles from the previous year).

Recent Kentucky Bar Association Ethics Opinions Now Available on the Web

The University of Kentucky College of Law Library in cooperation with the Kentucky Bar Association has made available on the web KBA ethics and unauthorized practice opinions commencing with KBA E-359 and KBA U-46. The page will be updated with new opinions as they are issued. Plans to place early opinions on the website are currently being considered.

The address for the KBA Ethics and Unauthorized Practice Opinions is <http://www.uky.edu/Law/kyethics/index..htm>

PROGRAM REVIEW:
Legal Issues of Information Technology
ORALL ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 1997
by Shaun Esposito

The recently concluded annual meeting in Cincinnati offered entertaining and informative speakers on the topics of copyright in the technological age and on first amendment issues in the information age. In addition, attendees had the opportunity to participate in basic and advanced training programs on searching the Internet for legal information.

On Thursday, October 23, Professor Kenneth Crews, from the Indiana University Schools of Law and Library and Information Science addressed copyright issues raised by the use of technology. Major topics covered by Prof. Crews included: Copyright Trends, Developments, and Issues; The Meaning and Perplexity of Fair Use; Copyright and the Worldwide Web; and Copyright and the Development of Multimedia Projects. To accompany his presentation, Prof. Crews provided an excellent handout outlining his major points and providing the text of relevant statutory provisions.

Prof. Crews emphasized that a librarian must assume that copyright protects nearly all works that come through the library. It is no longer necessary that works bear a copyright notice for them to be protected by copyright laws. Also, the fair use guidelines, such as CONTU, are not the law. Prof. Crews pointed out that the statute itself calls for a balancing of factors in determining whether a given use is a fair use, and the statute itself makes no mention of a bright line test such as the number of words copied.

The following day, Friday, October 24, provided those attending with an opportunity to consider first amendment issues on the Internet. Attorneys H. Louis Sirkin and Laura Abrams provided a listing of useful

websites and discussed issues raised in cases handled by the firm. Mr. Sirkin warned librarians of the possible dangers of anti-pornography and child pornography laws on libraries that allow the public to access their terminals. He cited the case of a tavern owner convicted and sentenced to jail because of child pornography downloaded by customers of his "cybercafe".

Those attending the two days of educational programs left with a great deal of helpful information as well as questions to ponder concerning the implication of this information for their own libraries. No sooner had the program ended than thoughts turned to next year's program in Cleveland, to be coordinated by Vice President/President-Elect Keith Blough. Anyone with ideas or suggestions for next year's educational program should contact him.

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1997/1998**

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HANNAH Online Goes on the Internet submitted by Jody Beal

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In addition, the Ohio Capitol Connection provides easy access to the Ohio Revised Code and the Administrative Code, opinions by the Auditor of the State, the U.S. and Ohio Supreme Courts, the Ohio Ethics Commission, the Joint Legislative Committee, the Board of Grievances and Discipline, and the Attorney General. There are also links to federal information contained in databases such as Thomas, Findlaw, the Federal Register, the Government Printing Office, the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, and numerous agencies and commissions.

The Ohio Capitol Connection is offered on a per year subscription basis with unlimited access time through a web browser. Anyone interested in viewing this new web site on a trial basis should contact either Linda Briggs or Emerson Gilbert at (614) 228-3113 for a username and password.



Calendar 1998-99

1998

January 6-10, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California

March 1-5, Computers in Libraries, '98, Arlington, Virginia

July 11-16 American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Anaheim, California

1999

January 6-10 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana

July 17-22 American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Newsletter Deadlines

February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15

OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Profile

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An annual conference is held in the Fall of each year. ORALL publishes or sponsors the following publications: *Core Legal Collection* [bibliographies for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan], ORALL Membership Directory, ORALL Newsletter, ORALL Union List of Serials, Ohio Legal Resources Annotated Bibliography & Guide 3rd.

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For Job Listings and further information, contact Katherine Malmquist, ORALL Placement Committee Chair, Cleveland State University Law Library, (216) 687-6873 (phone), (216) 687-5284, e-mail: katherine@zipmouse.csuohio.edu

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