



Presidents' Column-Keith Blough

ORALL TURNING 50

You are probably aware that the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next October in Columbus. I know that a number of our members have already begun working hard to ensure that the membership will gain a better appreciation of our history and accomplishments. Personally I have been kind of fascinated by the fact that this auspicious occasion is happening so close to the new millennium. I find it entirely appropriate because not only are we preoccupied with the usual concerns and predictions relating to end of the century, but this time, as if there was a last or another new millennium for us, we have to be concerned with the Y2K problem.

I recently received an interesting policyholder alert from the Library's insurance company. The publication outlines a proactive strategy for Year 2000 business survival. There have been numerous warnings relating to Y2K potential problems printed and broadcast in the various media for a couple of years now. If

you think you were saturated with O.J. and Monica, I have a feeling that Y2K will leave us yearning for the good old days. Some of the warnings that have caught my attention include prison doors opening at midnight December 31, 1999, elevators not working, air traffic control systems running amuck and banks losing track of my money, as if I need any additional help. The information in the pamphlet is sobering to say the least. It states that cost estimates range from one to six trillion dollars to find and fix worldwide Y2K problems. A government source claims that the Defense Department's "mission critical" systems will not all be repaired until 2009. According to the author, "The potential exists for widespread disruption of financial markets, telecommunications, utilities and transportation."

At the Columbus Law Library we have upgraded accounting, library automation and

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various other software packages to be Year 2000 compliant. We have also upgraded most of the library workstations and operating systems. But there is still work to do. We need to take an inventory of every piece of hardware and software in the library and note the versions of all software that we anticipate using past December 31, 1999. This will be a great opportunity to delete all unused programs and data that are simply taking up space on workstations and file servers. I will also be looking for ways to test the Y2K compliant software we have purchased because we all know that in computers as in life, it isn't necessarily so just because someone or thing claims it to be.

I have a fantasy about New Years Eve December 31, 1999. The place is Times Square with the traditional count down of the final seconds to the new year. Auld Lang Syne is playing and it is 20 seconds until the year 2000. Suddenly we see a man on a stage pecking away at an old manual typewriter suitable for the Smithsonian. 10! 9! 8! 7! 6! 5! 4! 3! 2! 1!! The countdown clock begins to sputter and smoke and flames spew forth out of its face. Finally a sign flashes above the clock and displays the message, This clock has performed an illegal operation and will be shut down. The man behind the typewriter is none other than Bill Gates.

Okay, enough of Y2K. I hope that all of you will remember the 50th Annual Meeting this fall in Columbus on October 13-15. It will be a unique opportunity to celebrate the past and recognize the many accomplishments the membership of ORALL has contributed to the advancement of law librarians and libraries. The local arrangements committee has already begun work and preliminary indications are promising for an event worthy of a 50th anniversary celebration. Also, please remember the spring retreat and the ORALL reception at AALL this summer in Washington D.C. Wishing you all happy holidays and a great 1999.

Report: Nominating Committee ORALL, October 1998

To the Secretary:

The ORALL Nominating Committee of Jane Underwood, Janis Johnston and Paul Mitchell worked diligently through the winter months to propose a slate of officers for the 1998-1999 Executive Board.

We presented to the membership a contested slate for the offices of Secretary, Interim Treasurer and Executive Board member-at-large. In addition, we submitted Richard Humphrey as the uncontested candidate for Vice President/President-Elect.

Those elected are as follows:

Vice President/President-Elect:

Richard Humphrey

Secretary:

Nancy Clark

Treasurer:

Tom Hanley

Executive Board:

Deborah Bobinets

Of the mail ballots, 48% were returned with the outcome above.

The Committee extends its congratulations to the newly elected Board members, and its gratitude to all those who ran for office. We also encourage all members to seek opportunities for leadership in ORALL.

I would also like to add my thanks to our committee for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Mitchell

Ernst & Young LLP

Chair, Nominating Committee

Isn't It Time You Started Designing Your Own Web Pages?

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A few years ago, I started to teach myself how to create web pages. There was a lot of trial-and-error involved, and some of the results were not pretty. Even now, when I review some of the stuff I'm posting to the web (<http://www.udayton.edu/~lawlib>), I cringe. The point I'm trying to make is that I am doing it, and you should be too.

Even if your library does not have web access, it should not stop you from producing web pages. In the eventuality that your employer joins the rest of us who are already connected, you will be ready to jump in and take the lead in getting yourself published. You could also subscribe to a low cost Internet Service Provider for use at your home, and publish a web page that way.

Microsoft Word, Word Perfect, and Netscape Communicator are all good starting points for anyone who has never tried their hand at creating a web page. You do not need to know all of the codes involved, just have a basic knowledge of word processing. For some of us, the latter programs are all we will ever need. For others who need to know how the pages are really created and want to fine tune how the pages are displayed, there are plenty of other programs available.

Microsoft Word allows you to create new pages by using templates. It is very easy to substitute your own text for the defaults. You can also start with a blank web page and just start creating. Before you publish a page, you should always see how it looks by previewing it in a browser, usually Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator. Even if you don't have web access, you probably have a copy of Internet Explorer on your computer if you're using Windows 95/98. If you do have web

access, it is advisable to preview your page using both Internet Explorer and Netscape. This allows you to see how anyone accessing your page will view it. You can then edit the page if something looks out of whack. Word Perfect has Internet Publisher (off of the File Menu), and Netscape Communicator allows you to create web pages by using the "Composer" function.

If you're interested in other web page editors, and you have Internet access, travel on over to Tucows (<http://www.tucows.com>) and check out what they have to offer. By my count, they have 49 editors available within the advanced classification, along with numerous others in the Beginner and Text-Based classes. A decent editor which is absolutely free is GhostHTML, available on the Tucows site. As you get more experienced with these programs, you will probably use whichever is the easiest and most efficient (and least costly).

Don't get hung up on the terminology. It's not important for anyone starting out to know what vml, xml, sgml, xsl, or any of the other alphabet soup of abbreviations means. If you are interested in sounding like a web designer, and have the time to slog through some technical stuff, head to the World Wide Web Consortium (<http://www.w3.org>) and read some of the articles. The latter site also allows you to keep up on whatever is happening in the world of web design standards.

One last thing (or maybe the first thing) you ought to consider when designing a web page is the user who is sight-impaired. You can get started on the road to "accessibility for all" by previewing your web pages with a text-only browser such as Lynx. Lynx is available on the Tucows site. By previewing with Lynx,

you are able to tell if your information is getting across to the user when they either can't or have a hard time viewing graphics, or if someone has turned off the graphics on their browser. Users turn off graphics because the pages will load faster, especially when they are using modems below 28k. If the graphics on the page are more important than the information, the latter two groups of users will probably not be able to use your page. A good way I've found to test if your page will be accessible to all types of users is to run it through an evaluator such as the Center for Applied Special Technology's *Bobby* (<http://www.cast.org/bobby>). This program will test your web pages and offer suggestions on how to make it accessible to a wider variety of users.

I hope this article has somehow persuaded you to try your hand at web page creation. To sum up the main points:

- ◆ Don't stay on the sideline, get involved and be a driving force in your organization.
- ◆ You don't have to be an expert (I certainly am not) at or on the World Wide Web to start creating web pages.
- ◆ There are plenty of cheap and/or free programs out there you can use.
- ◆ Always consider accessibility and have your web pages tested or evaluated by someone other than yourself.
- ◆ Have fun and get started.

Thanks for reading, and please send comments either pro or con.



BOOKPLATE INFORMATION SOUGHT

Hello,

I am an Administrative Judge with the United States Department of Defense. I am also a collector of law library bookplates, and am writing a book about their use. If you currently use, or have used, bookplates in your library, I would be very interested in acquiring copies of them. If the bookplates themselves are not available, photocopies would be fine. Your library would, of course, get a copy of the publication. Please send the bookplates to Administrative Judge Wilford H. Ross, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals, 21820 Burbank Blvd., Suite 235, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

Thank you.

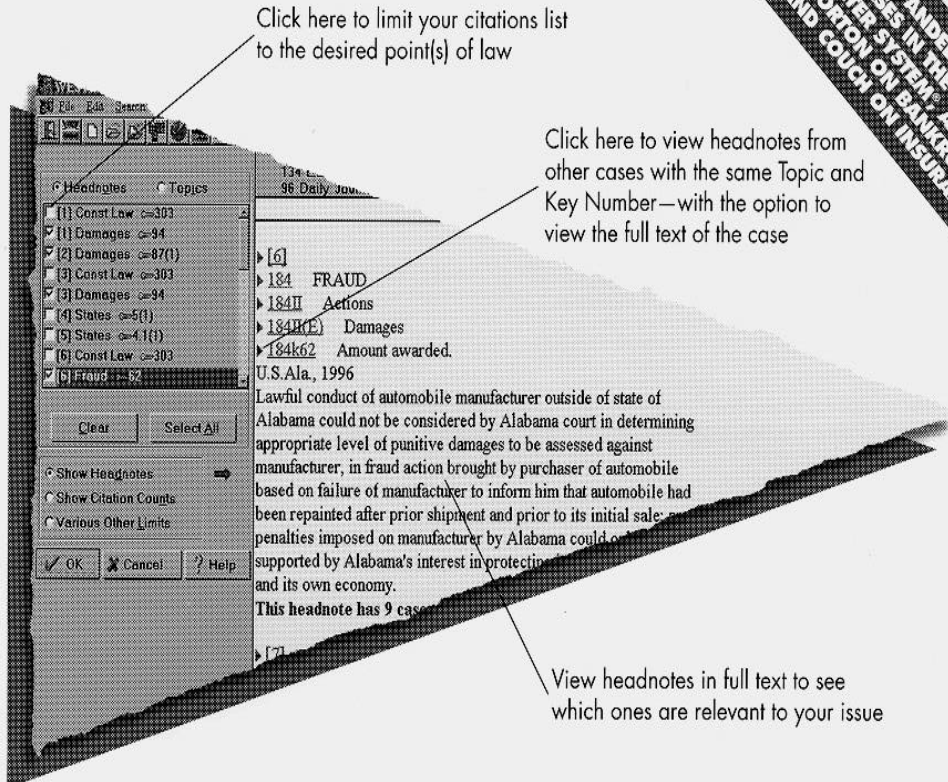
Will Ross

Membership News

Rick Goheen has joined the Library Faculty at the University of Cincinnati College of Law Library as Information Access and Instruction Librarian, effective October 1, 1998. Rick is a 1994 graduate of the College of Law and has served as a member of the Law Library's reference staff since 1995. He will receive his M.S.L.S. degree from the University of Kentucky in December 1998.

On October 4, 1998, Mariano Morales-Lebron, Head of Information Access at the University of Cincinnati College of Law Library, was among one hundred Hamilton County authors honored by the Ohioana Library Association during its 1997-98 annual program. Mariano received recognition for his book, *How to Avoid Federal Income Tax Complications*, which was published earlier this year.

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Retreat News or Last Friday in February: ORALL Retreats to the Woods

submitted by Kathy Carrick, Immediate Past-President

Circle Friday, February 26, 1999 on your calendars as the date of the second ORALL Retreat. The Spring Retreat concept was proposed by then-President Jody Beal in our September 1997 Newsletter. Jody envisioned the Retreat as an informal, less expensive alternative to an official conference, describing it as 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."

Jody organized the first Retreat, providing us with a lively, thoughtful and very enjoyable day at Mohican State Park. The program combined a presentation on Right Brain-Left Brain Thinking sponsored by the County SIG, a lively open forum on the future of Law Libraries and an after dinner presentation by Richard Humphrey discussing Law Publishing Issues and the activities of AALL's CRIV committee.

What the official program line-up cannot capture is the energy created by the lively interchanges and open, fluid discussions that occurred throughout the Retreat. The Retreat also allowed us to get our committees and activities organized and focused. It allowed our SIGS to gather and identify their goals and issues. It allowed the 50th Anniversary Committee to plan the major events that will highlight ORALL's very special, year-long celebration. And some might argue most importantly, it allowed the attendees to enjoy beautiful country-side, comfortable accommodations and delicious food while in good company. It was a refreshing and invigorating experience and a very worthwhile Retreat.

It was a hard act to follow, but we will try. We will hold the February event at Hueston Woods, another Ohio State Park Resort and Conference Center. ORALL has had a history of very good experiences at these comfortable, service-oriented park centers, starting with our Toledo meeting at Maumee Bay. Hueston Woods is located in College Corner, Ohio, (10 minutes from Miami University) close to the Indiana border and within an hour drive from Dayton and Cincinnati. Please remember, Spring comes a little earlier the further South you travel in Ohio, so the end of February may not be suntan lotion time, but hopefully we will be able to feel the promise of Spring in the air and around the resort grounds when we visit.

Another tradition that Jody established last year is that the Immediate Past President is responsible for planning the Retreat. So, I am coordinating the program with the

help of our County and Firm SIG Chairs, Beth Langton (Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs - Akron) and George Baker (Trumbull County Law Library Association - Warren). Although each SIG will present its own program, everyone attending the Retreat will be able to attend all/any of the offered programs. Beth reports that the Firm SIG is planning programs in Power Point presentations and "How to organize an Internet training program - training trainers" and the County SIG is suggesting a program on "Setting up your own web page". If you have comments or speaker recommendations, please contact Beth, George and/or myself, Kathy Carrick (CWRU - Cleveland). We are anxious to have your suggestions.

As an added incentive, our colleagues at Lexis-Nexis have invited ORALL to stop in before the Retreat to visit their home offices in Dayton. Regional Information Manager Andrea Muto is planning activities and details will be available with registration materials. Rooms will be available at Hueston Woods on Thursday at the midweek rate (which is even a few dollars cheaper than our off season, Friday night charge).

Perhaps a major factor that I should mention is that the Retreat is free - we do not have a registration charge for joining us in any of the programs. You pay for your meal reservations and for your hotel room if you choose to stay overnight. The hotel room on Friday night will be in the low \$90s; as I submit this to Shaun I have not been able to confirm the 1999 off-season rate with the State Park Conference Coordinator.

We realize that we cannot guarantee an early Spring, but with your participation and suggestions we can assure a productive, invigorating Retreat. Personally I feel that anytime you mix law librarians together with some interesting topics and provide an atmosphere conducive - even encouraging - of debate, you will produce a rewarding event and pleasant occasion. Please remember to mark your 1999 Calendars for this first event of our ORALL Anniversary Year.

Downsizing in Private Law Libraries

by Beth A. Langton

The following is a summary of the ORALL Private Law Libraries SIG meeting held on March 6, 1998 at Mohican State Park, Ohio.

As I was preparing my report of 1998 Private Law Libraries/SIG activities to give at the ORALL Business Meeting on October 30, 1998, I realized that I had too much to share in the way of a brief summary of our meeting that was held during the ORALL Spring Retreat. So, I decided to write a longer summary for the ORALL Newsletter. The topic of our discussion was downsizing and most, if not all, of what was discussed is relevant to every ORALL member.

The group reviewed common problems we face as we are expected to do more with less - less money, fewer books, less space. Due to budget constraints, we may have to tell our users that their requests for material are denied. Or, we might have to tell them that we can no longer pay for two or more treatises on the same subject, and that they will have to choose between a great new looseleaf book on the subject and an old friend - the looseleaf book of the same content that has stood the test of time. Sometimes space is a problem. It does not go over well to tell a user that we do not have the shelving space for a multi-volume set that would be valuable, but used only occasionally. Fortunately, we are able to rely on our local academic and county counterparts for materials we are not able to acquire or keep in our libraries.

We talked about the problems librarians encounter as we rely on fewer books and more technology. Our clients, the attorneys, are used to a quick turn around time when materials are requested. When the technology goes down because of damaged disks, expired license codes, or faulty phone lines, librarians are on the receiving end of the frustration felt by the attorneys when they can't get what they want in a moment's notice. How often do we hear comments like, "If we still had those books...."? Calmly, we let them know that there are other

means for quickly retrieving the information they need, and then quickly get it for them. At times like this, it seems that the users actually think it was OUR idea to get rid of the books in the first place.

Non-researchers and administrators tend to promote and support the cancellation of materials they do not use. What librarians realize that these users do not is that in some instances, it is more difficult to research online the materials that are suggested for cancellation. For example, some treatises are just plain easier to use in print, especially if you need to keep flipping back and forth between pages and volumes. At times, one needs to visually lay out the materials to get the entire picture of a problem and its solution. Multiple resources cannot be opened on a computer screen in the same way they can be opened on a desktop, and the reader resorts to printing out several things just to "see" it in print. Where is the savings in printing materials just to briefly look at them before they are tossed?

Sometimes it is more costly to access materials online. Online usage agreements (a.k.a flat fee contracts) may not include materials from certain publishers. In these instances, it may be more economical to continue printed subscriptions instead of accessing these "excluded materials" online. Some materials such as archived, transfer binder types and older caselaw that traditionally become space hogs are sometimes not accessible online. Even though these materials may not be used often and are taking up shelf space, it may be much more of a hassle to try to get them elsewhere than to keep them on the shelves.

The group briefly discussed the accessibility of legal resources on the Internet. A concern among librarians is that there is a misconception by some researchers that legal resources found on the Internet are current and accurate. Librarians need to keep reminding lawyers that the Internet

is not the “preferred” source for some legal resources. While it may be an acceptable alternative for caselaw and many other types of materials, the Internet is not the recommended source for some information, in particular current version of statutes.

We talked about the variety of resources and formats we must now manage, not forgetting that we must educate the end-user in the appropriate use of each format. We encourage the attorneys to become more self-sufficient and learn the new technologies. Still, there are some researchers who are married to the books and it can become time consuming for them to do their own electronic research, especially when they do not make the time or commit to learning the new technology. It is often more timely and cost-efficient if we do the same research for them. Afterall, librarians have wonderful research skills and are more experienced at finding, evaluating, organizing and disseminating information.

A few suggestions were given on how to gain the support of the administration and the understanding of the users when downsizing the library. Understanding what’s used or not, and which format is preferred for which subjects or practitioners is vital. Communication is a key factor. Make sure that you post signs in the library, and that announcements are placed in newsletters and on E-mail to effectively communicate what’s happening in the library and, more importantly, why. Let the users know that you, the librarian, empathize with them when the printed collection is being reduced and that it is an adjustment for you, as well, to go elsewhere for information you previously were able to grab from the shelf. At the same time, be enthusiastic for your users and let them know that even though what’s needed may no longer be right there on the shelf, it is usually just a quick phone call or the push of a button away.

If you are faced with the challenge to downsize some aspect of your library, you are not alone in your struggle. When you must give up resources or space, resign yourself to the fact that resources are not unlimited, and try to decide which materials and formats are essential and which ones can be discarded.

The following articles were referenced during the PLL/SIG’s discussion on downsizing.:

“Try these eight tactics to cut the cost of library subscriptions,” by Mark Estes. Law Office Administrator, July 1997, Page 4-6.

“Turn to technology to save library space and costs, but don’t overdo it,” by Kay M. Todd. Law Office Administrator. January 1997, Page 4-5.

“The Law library downsizing dilemma: one librarian’s perspective,” by Barbara Silbersack. As reported on Law Library Resource Exchange (<http://www.llrx.com/extras/downsize.htm>), March 4, 1998.

“Insourcing the outsourced library: The Sun story,” by Cynthia Hill. Library Journal. March 1, 1998, Page 46-48.

“Not your traditional librarian anymore! Technology adds to job description,” Doris Small Helfer. Information Today. May, 1997, Page 66.

“Turf wars between librarian, records managers may end up hurting both,” by Charles Heller. Legal Times. September 22, 1997, Page S42.

“Downsizing hits in-house libraries: information is computerized, decentralized,” by Laura Koss-Feder. Crain’s Chicago Business, November 18, 1996, Page SR13.

“SSSHH! Corporate libraries get quiet: more business downsize, eliminate libraries to cut costs: the age of ‘virtual libraries’,” by Laura Koss-Feder. Crain’s New York Business, October 14, 1996, Page 33.

“Law firms experience the best of times, the worst of times,” by Todd S. Lundy. Trusts & Estates. March, 1997, Page 24.

**Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
Executive Board Meeting
July 11, 1998
Anaheim Hilton
Anaheim, California**

In attendance: Kathy Carrick, Richard Humphrey, Jane Underwood, Kyle Passmore, Beth Langton, Keith Blough, Joanne Beal, Claudia Zaher, Paul Mitchell, Shaun Esposito, Deborah Bobinets, and Teresa Trimboli.

At 4:15 p.m. the meeting was brought to order by president Kathy Carrick.

Teresa Trimboli reported we have 247 copies of Ohio Legal Resources.

ORALL banner: Teresa Trimboli reported on the various forms (silk screen or applique) the new ORALL banner could take. She needs to know which process the board wishes to use and if we have a logo we would like to use. The pluses and minuses of various formats were discussed, with an emphasis on how long each would last considering the banner would not be permanently displayed but stored folded between uses. In order for the banner to reflect the 50th anniversary, a screen print would be better. It was decided to get a logo first, then price the job. People would look at the different organizations' tables in the exhibit hall to check out banners. The issue of color was discussed, with no real conclusion.

AALL Activities: Kathy Carrick reported on ORALL's participation in AALL activities.

ORALL table in the exhibit hall: ORALL has a organization table in the exhibit hall. It has information on the Cleveland meeting and on the 50th anniversary. Do we wish to staff it during the meeting? Members will check during the opening reception to see if any other organizations are staffing their table at that time.

ORALL breakfast: The ORALL/MichALL breakfast is July 12th. The scholarship recipients are Richard Humphrey (Indiana U.) and Colleen Manning, new member, AALL scholarship (Ohio Northern U.). If Cindy Spohr is available, she could introduce the recipients.

Council of Chapter Presidents: There was a discussion of the ethics proposal. ORALL should consider running it on the listserv and in the newsletter for members' responses. James Duggan will be the coordinator of the group next year.

AALL Roundtable attendees: Kathy asked for an evaluation of the roundtables from the

various attendees. Richard Humphrey attended Program Planning, Keith Blough attended Meeting Management, Website Development was attended by Deborah Bobinets and Richard Humphrey, Treasurers' Roundtable was attended by Kyle Passmore, Shaun Esposito attended the Newsletter Editors' Roundtable, and Keith Blough attended the Government Relations Roundtable.

Website Development covered submitting documents already in HTML and the role of the website in membership development. It also raised the issue of moderating the listserv, and what is the organization's responsibility in this. We might need a set of guidelines in order to discourage certain types of behavior. Deborah Bobinets will find out if the Internet Committee will take care of this, and if any other chapters have any written guidelines. Kathy noted guidelines concerning businesslike behavior may have a chilling effect on free speech.

Chapter Visit: Has Keith received a form for this from AALL? Each chapter receives a visit from the president every three years. We should request a visit next year during our anniversary meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were submitted by Jane Underwood and accepted. 326 ballots for the election were mailed to ORALL members, with 114 being returned. When asked if there was a time limit in which to be considered a dues paying member in order to vote, the answer was no. Since there is no set date for dues payment, the dues trickle in through the year. There is an issue of the mailing labels list versus the Treasurer's list as to determining who will actually vote. The mailing expense has not yet been finalized, as there is a \$100 discrepancy between the figure the mailing department at Capital University Law School gave the library given and the figure the Main Campus charged the law library.

Treasurer's Report: Kyle Passmore reported as of June 30th ORALL had \$42,112.11. She did deduct the expense of the breakfast in this figure. The breakfast cost \$1136.36, with an actual cost of \$17.40 but a subsidized member cost of \$14. It is ORALL's year to subsidize the cost of the breakfast, with MichALL's turn next year.

SIG Budgets: Beth Langton was the only one who submitted a budget, for the PLL SIG. The board has been giving the County SIG up to \$500 a year. PLL would like ORALL to

support refreshments for the PLL SIG meeting at the ORALL fall meeting and would use the rest of the budget request to bring in a speaker or do a program at the Spring Retreat. She does not know if Sally Davis of the County SIG wants anything.

Kathy questioned as to whether this is a permanent annual subsidy of SIG activities. Kyle felt it was X amount for this particular proposal, the board approves or rejects, with Beth commenting there is a \$500 cap on the total amount for the group. It is not a guaranteed \$500 amount per SIG per year. Richard suggested setting up a separate account for those monies, but there might be a problem in doing this with 4 SIGs and Indiana amounting to over \$2,000. Richard has not heard about this issue, which seems to be dormant at the moment.

Paul Mitchell suggested having it as an application for a grant, as the expenditure is approved in advance by the board. It is not an entitlement. Joanne Beal suggested the actual figure not be mentioned in the bylaws. The language could read "figure subject to approval by the board." The executive board could set a figure each year as an annual agenda item, with the figure then being publicized.

Kathy Carrick mentioned our lack of a formal budget, and maybe we need one. We could publicize it and members would have an idea of the organization's expenses and the budget figure. Beth's request is for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

The board approved a \$500 cap. The request needs to be submitted to the board, with the bills submitted to the Treasurer and the Treasurer keeping count of the total figure. The board also approved a \$500 cap for the County SIG for the spring program.

Kyle asked if this is the year the County SIG redoes their directory, which was published two years ago.

501(c)(3) status: Joanne Beal gave an update on ORALL's tax status and nonprofit incorporation. The question came up about sales tax at the Mohican meeting. The assumption was ORALL had been incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization. We are a 501(c)(6) organization. Tom Hanley sent Jody the materials. In August 1990 the form was filed for (c)(6) exemption, which is the same as chambers of commerce and bar associations, conferring an economic benefit on its members. In December 1990 the status was granted by the IRS. This status does not provide an exemption for hotel sales tax.

Vendors cannot give us freebies as a (c)(6). AALL is incorporated as a (c)(3). Jody called the IRS and explained. They said they'd call in ten days.

ORALL can refile for (c)(3) status, but we will have to begin the process from the start. It is Form 1023. We will have to pay a \$500 filing fee, as ORALL makes over \$10,000 in revenue. Jody has the original paperwork.

The board voted to change the IRS recognition of ORALL from a 501(c)(6) organization to a 501(c)(3) organization with no opposition.

Cleveland meeting update:

Program update: Keith reported the honorarium for Berring is the main expenditure. He may get \$1000 from Anderson Publishing. He is coordinating the program with Jo Ann Fisher.

Local arrangements: Kathy reported the local arrangements committee is chaired by Peter Pogacar and Jan Novak. The ORALL table at AALL this time is the Cleveland meeting and the 50th Anniversary meeting. Cleveland has a listing of ten landmark rock and roll cases.

Registration cost/Packet mailing: A cost of \$125 is set, with no exceptions. There is no opt out option on the meals, as they are expensive meals the organization has committed to. The packet will be in the mail by early September, with the meeting October 28-30.

50th Anniversary Committee Update: Paul Mitchell reported on the 50th Anniversary meeting. It is October 13-15 in Columbus at the Adam's Mark hotel. Richard Humphrey will be responsible for the theme as incoming VP. Jody Beal and Kathy Carrick are combing the archives to pull together a commemorative booklet. Kathy Carrick spoke to someone at Case Western who designed logos. There is also an AALL person who has done work for AALL. She had two color schemes, which can be changed. We want to use the log in a number of different ways, perhaps even using only part of the design depending on how we're using it. There is a meeting of the Anniversary Committee Tuesday the 12th. Richard Humphrey mentioned doing something with the logo in gold for the final anniversary bang. If anyone hears of appropriate programs or speakers for the 50th Anniversary Meeting, please contact Richard Humphrey.

Special ORCLL Scholarships: Kathy Carrick explained that ORCLL was the academic group of law librarians before OhioLink was

established. It was determined there is no need for ORCLL to continue, and it has been disbanded. There is \$1000 left in the ORCLL budget, which may be used for scholarships for ORALL. She asks if we wish to do scholarships for academic law librarians for the 50th Anniversary meeting or have scholarships for the 50th meeting and for AALL in D.C.? The next chair of the scholarship committee needs to work this out.

ORALL Archives: While researching the archives for executive board decisions for Mary Persyn, Bruce Johnson mentioned to Jane Underwood OSU would like to locate the archives somewhere other than the OSU Law Library. They wish to turn the "dump the file cabinets and boxes here" room into a network administrator's office. The following alternatives were discussed.

Deborah Bobinets mentioned storage at OhioLink's storage facility, perhaps at Akron or Cleveland State. Richard suggested establishing an archivist position with ORALL. Beth Langton mentioned the University of Dayton as a possibility, as the University of Dayton Law Library had just agreed to be the permanent business address for ORALL. Kathy Carrick thought we could negotiate with OSU to allow us to remain for six months to a year while we figure out where to transfer the files.

Paul Mitchell noted before the files are transferred we need to list what items must be submitted to the archives. Richard Humphrey asked if microforms were an option in dealing with the material. Keith Blough mentioned digitizing the records on a CD-ROM. Richard Humphrey asked if anyone would be willing to donate the digitizing or do it at a reduced cost. Richard and Jane will work on this.

SIG Committee update: Jody Beal reported on the SIG Committee project being carried out by Jody, Jo Ann Fisher, Mary Persyn and Carol Suhre. The working draft of the SIG will be sent to the members in a month. The committee will meet in Cleveland to hash out the items. The hope is in October the committee will meet to finish this, so that an amendment will be presented to vote on in the Anniversary meeting. The big thing is the SIG budget amount, with the amount reverting to ORALL's budget at the end of the fiscal year. The D.C. group had IRS problems with the sub group hanging onto the money. No SIG can independently solicit vendors, etc. The SIGs were competing against each other. We cannot have a situation arise where the SIG incurs indebtedness for the entire organization.

Awards: Kathy Carrick mentioned they were up in the air concerning the resumption of awards. ORALL used to give awards for distinguished service/outstanding service. They used to be in the bylaws. In the '90s there was a huge bylaw revision, and the awards may have been inadvertently dropped. We could slip it back into the description of the nominating committee.

Future Business:

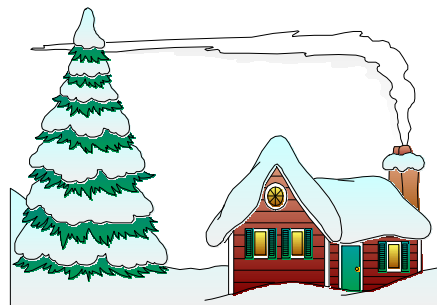
Spring Retreat: Kathy Carrick reported the outgoing president has the responsibility of setting up the spring retreat. She thought Hueston Woods between Dayton and Cincinnati on the Ohio/Indiana border would be a good choice. It would bring in the Indiana members to the retreat.

Committee Structure: There is pressure from the national organization for a public relations committee. Organizational brochures, etc. are a coordinated effort. Kathy Carrick has discussed this, and the Public Services Committee may evolve into the PR Committee.

D.C. Meeting: AALL needs program proposals in August soon after the July meeting. Kathy would like us to come up with something that could showcase what ORALL has done, perhaps in the field of legislative lobbying.

Beth Langton moved the meeting be adjourned. Keith Blough seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Underwood, Secretary
October 28, 1998



OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW
LIBRARIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 1998
THOMPSON, HINE & FLORY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

In attendance: Kathy Carrick, Jane Underwood, Kyle Passmore, Richard Humphrey, Beth Langton, Keith Blough, Joanne Beal, Deborah Bobinets, Claudia Zaher, Thomas Hanley, Nancy Clark, Shaun Esposito, James Heller (guest).

At 1:10 p.m. the meeting was brought to order by president Kathy Carrick. She moved that the meeting be conducted in an informal manner, and Beth Langton seconded the motion.

Secretary's Report : Secretary Jane Underwood submitted the minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on July 11, 1998 in Anaheim during AALL. She pointed out several errors and omissions. The minutes were approved, pending correction.

Treasurer's Report : Treasurer Kyle Passmore reported ORALL currently has \$60,192. This figure includes vendor contributions for the current conference. The hotel costs for the current conference have not yet been paid.

1998 Conference Budget : The Treasurer commended Jo Ann Fisher's efforts in soliciting vendor support for the Cleveland conference, with \$11,520 in vendor contributions. West Group is sponsoring the reception. The conference has \$14,618 in registrations. There is \$26,138 in current income. Kathy Carrick noted ORALL has been building funds for the 50th Anniversary conference in 1999. Anne Abate, Jo Ann Fisher, and Carol Bredemeyer are all recognized for their efforts during conference planning in keeping ORALL on a sound fiscal footing.

Projected Anniversary Budget Issues : It was suggested ORALL have a projected budget for the 50th Anniversary conference submitted by the incoming President and Paul Mitchell. ORALL now has two meetings to look at historical budget data. Kathy mentioned many items, such as name tags and photocopying, have been local contributions, but ORALL will not always be able to count on such local support. Keith Blough felt there would be excellent Columbus support for the next conference.

Committee Reports: Executive Board liaisons

AALL Arrangements : Tom Hanley reported on the ORALL/MichALL breakfast at Anaheim. It was sponsored by ORALL in Anaheim. He contacted the Treasurer, President, catering services at the Hilton, and the AALL meeting planner. Kathy and Kyle set the menu, while ORALL subsidized the cost. The AALL meeting planner required documentation at this time. They contacted the Hilton and catering confirmed the room and meal event. The registration form was mailed in April, with confirmation May 27th. The confirmation deadline was set several days before the Hilton's deadline. Sixty members registered on time, and they requested sixty eight seats. We had seventy three registered, counting late registrants. Luckily not all showed, and no one had to be turned away at the door. The fees from late registrants were collected by mid-August.

Kathy Carrick said Michigan has already called concerning the breakfast at AALL in D.C. There was a discussion whether ORALL wanted to participate in the breakfast, since we are planning a reception in during the D.C. meeting. It was decided to have the breakfast, as MichALL is the host and would be doing all the work that year. MichALL would also be subsidizing the cost.

Education Committee: Keith Blough will submit his report at the business meeting. Richard Humphrey reported four people have confirmed to present at the 1999 conference. There may be financial constraints depending on what we ask the speakers to do. Anne Abate will tailor one of her computer training courses to our organization's needs. Mary Alice Baish from AALL's Washington Affairs office will give a legislative update. Susan Freeman, who presented at AALL on team building, has been contacted. Another presenter contacted is Kenneth Crews, who talked at ORALL in Cincinnati. He would give a copyright update. Richard has also talked with Paul Mitchell concerning the 50th Anniversary reception in D.C., and there may be a possibility of getting some members of Congress from ORALL's states to attend, and getting greetings from the governors and the supreme courts from all four states at the reception. There is no keynote speaker yet. Whether or not all four mentioned above are chosen for presenters is still up in the air.

Internet : Shaun Esposito reported the ORALL membership directory is online, linked to the website. It updates the membership lists, and provides links to online law catalogs. Jill Williams from Cleveland State University Law Library has provided more content. Colleen

Manning from Ohio Northern University Law Library did the pages with the online catalog links, sending the HTML to Shaun to put up on the site. Deborah Bobinets attended the website management meeting at AALL and suggested committee assignments, linked to the directory listings, be added to the site.

A discussion on listserv civility followed. Should we be involved in policing behavior on the listserv? Deborah Bobinets had attended the program for chapters on website management, and said many websites have greetings or welcome messages outlining guidelines for use. The board decided we could put a statement on civility and ethics as part of ORALL's welcome message on the website.

Bylaws: Jody Beal gave the report. Two issues were discussed, the SIG structure and the reinstatement of the awards for outstanding service and for the distinguished law librarian. The issues were examined by Jody, Jo Ann Fisher, Mary Persyn, and Carol Suhre. It was decided the awards were inadvertently left out of the bylaws revision in the early 1990s and should be reinstated. Beth Langton was on the board at the time of the revision and does not recall any discussion concerning the awards. The awards could be part of a mail ballot for an election on the bylaws amendment for the SIG structure.

Vendor support of the SIGs was first discussed at the May 4, 1994 executive board meeting in Toledo. The board has been asked to provide up to \$500 support each year for SIG activities. After a thorough discussion, the board decided to not allow separate solicitation of SIGs by vendors, but to have all requests be approved by the executive board. The board did not want a situation where the SIG is doing one thing and without knowledge of the SIG's activities ORALL is attempting to work on something else with the same vendor. Beth Langton explained some of the PLL SIG's activities, and why a program fee might be charged to recoup room expenses. In the discussion, it was determined if the PLL wanted money for the expenses, the chair of the SIG must ask the executive board for expenses. If a vendor approached the PLL and wished to provide refreshments for the meeting, the chair is also required to get board approval. Kathy Carrick noted the effort should be coordinated. The paragraph from the May, 1994 Toledo executive board minutes stated that the SIGs may not accept any money or support from vendors without coordinating with the Executive Board. The draft of the bylaws amendments will be distributed at the business meeting, then published in the newsletter before the retreat.

The members will be able to fully discuss them before voting by a mail ballot in the April. It was decided not to rely totally upon communication to members via the website or the ORALL listserv, as not every member has internet access.

Government relations : Jody Beal stated Jan Novak is preparing a report for the business meeting.

Membership : Tom Hanley reported on membership activities. The directory is on the website, and could be used for automatically updating the membership list. We need to actually assign someone the job of maintaining it. This could be assigned to Tom as he has the mailing list and is coming on as the treasurer. The print version was produced in house at Montgomery County, and the cost was paid by ORALL. Nine members asked to be excluded from the online version. In October 1998 ORALL had 342 members. In October 1997 there were 324 members. Keith Blough asked Tom to continue on in this capacity next year.

Public Services : No report given from Claudia Zaher.

Newsletter : Shaun Esposito asked if there should be a contest to change ORALL's newsletter masthead? Perhaps part of the anniversary logo could be used.

Nominating : Jane Underwood listed the new officers elected. The committee was pleased so many members agreed to run; ORALL had a contested election except for the Vice-President/President-elect position. She did voice a concern as to how to tell if a member is actually allowed to vote, as she had two separate lists to work with. There were a few glitches, but if in doubt a ballot was mailed to the individual. The answer as to when a person has paid the dues and is considered able to vote is in Bylaw IV.

Placement : Kathy Carrick reported the Committee is looking at folding the job notices into the Internet Committee for a more timely distribution of employment opportunities.

Public Relations Committee : The board decided to have a public relations committee for the 50th Anniversary meeting. If it works out, then it can continue for the next year's meeting.

ORALL Activities:

50th Anniversary planning : The co-chairs of the local arrangement committee are Sandra Hyclak and Jane Underwood. Keith Blough has signed the contract for the Adam's Mark hotel. Carol Bredemeyer is arranging the reception in D.C. at AALL.

A discussion followed concerning invitations to the reception. It was decided not to make it an "open to everyone at AALL" reception due to money issues. It will be ORALL's members and invited guests, by invitation only. A post-dinner, dessert and coffee or champagne reception is planned. If we wanted to send out e-mail notifications, Tom Hanley noted out of 342 members, perhaps 50 are not at an institution without some access to e-mail.

1999 AALL Meeting - VIP proposal :

The VIP is a guest invited by the chapter to AALL. The invited person is someone important to ORALL who would benefit by seeing AALL in action. The chapter benefits by having contacts with someone who understands the importance of law librarians and the issues they face in Ohio. AALL gives each chapter two free registrations and meals; the rest of the expenses is borne by the chapter. The names are due to AALL by January. Various candidates were suggested. Considering the issues of funding for the county law libraries currently in the legislature, a lobbyist or a judge would be a good choice. Many programs will emphasize information policies, so law firm managers, players, legislators should also be under consideration. Many of this category of guest were invited to the Pittsburgh meeting. Keith Blough suggested someone from the criminal sentencing commission, which is currently investigating funding through fines and fees which are now being used to help fund county law libraries. Jim Heller suggested ORALL may want to decide in advance which state asks the VIP for which conference. It may be a good year for a Hoosier because of Richard Humphrey being incoming Vice-President/President-elect.

Future meetings :

1999 Retreat - Hueston Woods : It was decided March 5-6 was a good time, with programs on Friday and the Executive Board meeting on Saturday morning. April was a little too late in the season. About sixty members attended last year. The rooms are priced for the off-season, about \$92-93 a night. The outgoing president designs the program, and is centering it around service. ORALL already has a program on service that was not accepted for AALL that can be used. Kathy Carrick mentioned ORALL stopped meeting in the spring in the 1990s because of the problems of two planning sessions and the strain on the local arrangements committees. This is the reason why the retreat is low key, aimed at bringing members together for discussion.

Kentucky proposal for 2000 : When Kathy Carrick attended a conference in

Nashville, Lexington was being touted as a conference site. When she mentioned having ORALL meet in Lexington to the library staff at University of Kentucky, they said yes. The non-local members will need to pitch in to alleviate the pressure on the local arrangements committee. According to the bylaws, the board can fix the time and place of the meeting. The board unanimously voted for Kentucky in 2000. We need to remember that ORALL is not just Ohio.

AALL Strategic Challenge : Kathy Carrick sent a copy of the Challenge to the incoming president. Does the Board as a subgroup of 4-6 members need to meet to set goals? The steps to be taken for outreach and allies are important, but it was decided ORALL is already taking many of the steps AALL mentions in its Strategic Challenge. No separate meeting is needed at this time. It was mentioned that ORALL did not affiliate with AALL as a chapter of AALL at its inception due to the requirement of AALL that its members have the MLS degree, and many valuable ORALL members did not have that degree.

Other Business:

Remarks by AALL President Jim

Heller: Many of the initiatives in the Strategic Challenge came from the Renaissance Committee Kathy Carrick chaired for AALL in 1994-1995. In D.C., AALL has been working with half a dozen organizations on joint sponsorship of programs, in a "we play with you, you play with us" mode. It strengthens our ties to other professional organizations. AALL's pet project is to involve the public, university, and college libraries who also have law collections but may need help in using their collections for legal research and reference service. AALL wants input concerning the Strategic Challenge and where the chapters feel they fit. The Government Relations challenges faced by both AALL and the chapters have come to the front in the past year.

ORCLL considerations : Members of the board whose non-OhioLink institutions relied on the lending agreements of ORCLL are having problems with OhioLink libraries concerning ILLs. Claudia Zaher of Chase College of Law brought up this issue. Kathy Carrick commented ORCLL is now dissolved, but the underlying agreements affecting ILL may still be in effect. A letter should be sent to all institutions involved reminding them of these agreements.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Underwood, Secretary
November 16, 1998

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 1998
MARRIOTT HOTEL
CLEVELAND, OHIO

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Kathy Carrick. She welcomed all of us to the business meeting in her hometown. She characterized ORALL as a democratic populist group, and hoped there would be productive ideas and comments from the membership.

Secretary's Report : The minutes were distributed to the membership. Kathy Carrick moved the minutes be accepted, with Carol Bredemeyer seconding her motion. The minutes were accepted by vote of the membership.

Treasurer's Report : Secretary Kyle Passmore reported ORALL finished the year with \$60,192, and distributed the Treasurer's report in written form to the membership. Kathy Carrick thanked Kyle for her three year stint as ORALL's treasurer, having served not only her own two years as treasurer but also served one year as treasurer when the elected candidate had to resign suddenly.

President's Report President Kathy Carrick reported on ORALL's year, highlighting the success of the Cincinnati conference in October 1997, and the first spring retreat at Mohican State Park. She thanked all involved in the web site, and Natalie Pitman for her work in getting out the ORALL directory. Government Relations and the County Law Libraries SIG were very busy this year due to the funding issues brought up by the state legislature. She thanked Jan Novak and Keith Blough for their work in educating the legislature on the funding issue and for keeping all the membership alert to developments.

President Carrick also thanked the vendor representatives for being at the Cleveland conference

AALL/Matthew Bender Call for Papers Competition

submitted by Ellen McGrath
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Attention writers! The Call for Papers Committee seeks your original works of scholarship relating to law librarianship for the annual AALL/Matthew Bender Call for Papers Competition. There are three categories of eligibility (and potential winners): Open Division (current AALL members who have been members for five years or more); New Members Division (current AALL members who have been members for less than five years); and Student Division (students currently enrolled in library school or law school, whether or not AALL members). Papers must be postmarked by March 1, 1999 and received by March 8, 1999 in order to be considered for this year's competition.

The Call for Papers Competition is a wonderful opportunity to share your work with others and to obtain recognition for your scholarly efforts. Winners each will receive a cash award of \$750 (generously provided by Matthew Bender) and will receive recognition at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., as well as the opportunity to present their papers during one of the Annual Meeting programs.

Further information about submission requirements, along with the required application form, can be found on AALLNET (look under Member Services). The Call for Papers Committee looks forward to your submissions!

CORRECTION

Due to an editorial error, the article commencing on page three of the September ORALL Newsletter omitted two paragraphs from the printed version sent to membership. The correct version of the article is available on the ORALL website:

<http://www.uky.edu/Law/orall/sept98.pdf>

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and showing their products. Slider represented a new standard in entertainment. Jim Heller said people had told him he was entering the lion's den by speaking before ORALL. ORALL doesn't mind hard questions or taking unpopular stands. ORALL values input and individuality. ORALL's successful financial state is due especially to Jody Beal, Paul Mitchell, and others for a budget over the years that will allow for a wonderful 50th anniversary celebration. ORALL's membership pulls together with a like vision and common concerns. It's a fun group, and she thanked the membership for their support during her presidency.

Committee Reports : **Standing Committees :**

AALL Arrangements : Tom Hanley reported on the logistics of planning the ORALL/MichALL breakfast at AALL in Anaheim. The breakfast announcements were mailed in April, with a May 28 deadline. Sixty members registered, and he had sixty eight places held. Ultimately seventy three registered or paid at the door. Luckily he did not have to turn anyone away, as some people did not come. The late registration fees were collected by August.

Membership : Tom Hanley reported on membership. Natalie Pitman had the membership directory printed. The directory was mounted on the web site, along with an application to join ORALL. An information request was sent to the membership when the ballots to vote were mailed in the spring. Nine members stated they did not want to be displayed in the online directory. ORALL's membership increased from 324 to 342. This report was submitted by Tom Hanley and by Natalie Pitman.

Kathy Carrick stated the board had discussed having no ORALL/MichALL breakfast in D.C. due to the reception also being planned, but decided to have both the reception and the breakfast at AALL in D.C.

Bylaws : Mary Persyn reported on the committee's work in rewriting the bylaws pertaining to the SIGs. The SIG funding issue was examined by Mary Persyn, Jody Beal, Jo Ann Fisher, and Carol Suhre. It is the consensus of the board the application of the new bylaws, once approved by the membership, will be in the Fall of 1999. The Final version of the draft of the text of the bylaws to reestablish the awards for outstanding service and for the distinguished law librarian. The revision of Bylaw XIII pertaining to the SIG issue will be discussed by the membership. One of the things that has happened over the years is several groups formed SIGs, and then have not been active since. (The Indiana SIG admitted they mainly meet in bars.) The SIG structure is to be made more formal. If any members have comments on this issue, please contact Mary Persyn or Jody Beal.

Education/Activities : Keith Blough reported on the committee's activities. On reading Bob Berring's article, he was contacted in January and invited to be the speaker at the Cleveland conference. In March the committee met and decided on speakers

for internet communications and personnel law. None of the choices required an honorarium, and Julie Davis said to forget her expenses.

Education/Grants & Scholarships : Cindy Spohr stated ORALL gave two \$500 scholarships. Richard Humphrey received the general scholarship, while Colleen Manning received a scholarship and AALL conference registration. Two \$250 scholarships were given by the committee. Melissa Scheirey received the student scholarship, while the general scholarship was given to Colleen McGuire, Climaco Climaco Lefkowitz and Garofoli.

Kathy Carrick explained the status of ORCLL and the impact of OhioLink. The money in the treasury tied to ORCLL has been designated by the board for \$1000 worth of scholarships for ORALL's 50th anniversary year; perhaps there will be more designated especially for students.

Government Relations : Jan Novak reported on a very busy year. The committee passed on to ORALL members legislative alerts concerning the World Intellectual Property Organization's treaties, database protection, GPO reform and UCC Article 2B from the Washington Affairs Office of AALL. Michael Whiteman drafted a letter on fair use and the WIPO bills, which ORALL's executive board then approved. The committee helped stop state legislation in December which would have cut in half the funding for county law libraries.

Internet : Jill Williams reported on the work of the committee, which also includes Greg Laughlin and Colleen Manning. They are expanding and improving the web page in discussion with the Public Services Committee and other committees. The membership directory is now on the web site, more current than the print directory. The committee is also in charge of the listserv, with one hundred seventeen subscribers. Instructions on subscribing are in the newsletter and on the web site.

Newsletter : Shaun Esposito reported on the newsletter, which appears in print and also on the web site. He noted Teddy Artz is an especially good contributor to the newsletter, and made a general call for anything of interest to the membership to be submitted to the newsletter. Please send anything to shaun@pop.uky.edu .

Nominating : Paul Mitchell reported on the committee, comprised of Paul, Janis Johnston and Jane Underwood. The committee presented to the membership a contested slate for the offices of Secretary, Interim Treasurer and Executive Board member. In addition, we submitted Richard Humphrey as the uncontested candidate for Vice President/President-Elect. Nancy Clark was elected Secretary, Tom Hanley was elected Treasurer, and Deborah Bobinets was elected Executive Board member. Of the mail ballots, 48% were voted and returned with the outcome above. The Committee

extends its congratulations to the newly elected Board members, and its gratitude to all those who ran for office. We also encourage all members to seek opportunities for leadership in ORALL.

Placement : Katherine Malmquist reported on Placement. The committee is looking to putting any jobs or placement information on the web page and the listserv. The members of the committee are Katherine, Andrea Muto, and Sheila Collins.

Public Service : There was no report, but Kathy Carrick thanked Teresa Trimboli and the Dayton Law Library for the new ORALL banner.

Special Committees :

50th Anniversary Committee : Paul Mitchell reported on the progress of the 50th Anniversary celebration. The committee met at the retreat, at AALL in Anaheim, and at the conference. There will be party favors and a gold theme. Anita Shew will have publicity packets for your area media to be disseminated on National Library Week. A logo has been created and will be unveiled on the web site and in the newsletter. Carol Bredemeyer is arranging the reception at AALL in D.C., to be given on Tuesday of the conference week. It will be a dessert and coffee buffet from 9:00 p.m. to 11 p.m., by invitation only. There will be no cost to ORALL members. There will be a big hoopla at the Columbus ORALL conference in 1999. Richard Humphrey is the program chair, and he already has some ideas concerning presenters. The local arrangements committee is co-chaired by Sandra Hyclak and Jane Underwood. The hotel is the Adam's Mark. It is October 13th through the 15th, 1999. We are considering an anniversary T-shirt sale at D.C. during AALL.

Special Interest Groups :

Academic Law Libraries : No meeting or report.

Indiana Law Libraries : No meeting or report.

County Law Libraries : Sally Davis reported on their activities. The SIG held its spring meeting in conjunction with the spring retreat at Mohican State Park. Twenty nine members were in attendance. Billy Grey, Cincinnati Law Library, gave a legislative update. Linda Briggs gave a demonstration on the Ohio Capitol Connection web site. Brenda Wiseman spoke on left brain-right brain thinking and how that can operate in our workplace. She showed there is more than one way to look at situations and ideas.

The fall meeting was held at the ORALL conference in Cleveland, with twenty seven members in attendance. Billy Grey gave a status report on the current legislation. Joanne Beal, Dayton Law Library, reported on the bylaws changes. The amendment concerning SIG funding will be discussed at the business meeting and at the spring retreat. Corliss Davis, Akron Law Library, distributed a current copy of the County Law Library Directory. This is an ongoing project of the SIG and an important contact tool. The

program speaker was Natalie Pitman, Dayton Law Library. Natalie talked about developing web sites with off the shelf software, and her experience in developing the Dayton Law Library site. Elections for Chairperson were held. Jill Montgomery had to withdraw as 1999 chair because of conflicts with her library and their move. George Baker, Trumbull County Law Library, agreed to take the Chairperson position for 1999. Mary Kovacs, Lorain County Law Library, agreed to accept the job for 2000. The vote was unanimous. The county librarians agreed to meet again at the Spring Retreat to be held at Hueston Woods.

Private Law Libraries : Beth Langton submitted the report. The Private Law Libraries SIG met twice this year, once at Mohican State Park and once in conjunction with the Cleveland ORALL meeting.

There were nine librarians present for the meeting at Mohican State Park in March. They reviewed the structure of the PLL SIG and its lack of a chairperson and formal programming in recent years. The group agreed the SIG should continue to be active in presenting programs of interest both to the SIG members and to the general ORALL membership. Beth Langton will serve as chairperson until the close of the PLL SIG meeting in Columbus in 1999. The topic of discussion was downsizing. Common problems discussed included doing more with less space, money and materials. They also discussed how to gain the support of the administration when downsizing the library, and problems in managing different technologies.

The second meeting was held on Wednesday, October 28, 1998 at Cleveland. There were sixteen librarians present. They discussed changes in their libraries, including the anticipated move of one library to a new building and the development of an Intranet for the library. They also considered topics for a formal program to be planned for the ORALL Retreat at Hueston Woods in March 1999. The group was in favor of a program on presentation skills that would include power point and how to organize an Internet training program. Details of the program will be will be announced at a later time.

There were no further PLL SIG activities in 1998.

Related Organizations :

OSBA Law Libraries and Legal Information Service Committee : Jan Novak reported on this committee's extremely busy year. The Committee Chair, ORALL's President, and several ORALL members have been busy over the last twelve months. Working with the Ohio State Bar Association, they put an immediate halt to a bill which would have cut in half the fine money received by many county law libraries. They found a sponsor for the OSBA Law Libraries and Legal Information Services Committee funding bill, helped draft sponsor

testimony, and provided proponent testimony at hearings in Columbus last spring. OSBA also arranged for the committee to meet with the Access and Quality Task Force of the Ohio Supreme Court's Futures Commission. Before the meeting an e-mail discussion was held on the listserv, along with a discussion at the spring retreat, contributing to a statement on the future of law library service in Ohio. A model based on OPLIN and OhioLink was envisioned. The Access and Quality Task force invited them to submit a legislative proposal for such a network, which they did. All of these issues are still pending at this date.

Old Business : None to be discussed.

New Business :

1999 Spring Retreat : The spring retreat will be at Hueston Woods State Park on March 5th. Hueston Woods is in the southwest part of Ohio. It is a one day opportunity for the membership to come together in an informal setting for discussion and programming. It is scheduled for the "slow period." If you have program ideas, please see Kathy Carrick, George Baker, and Beth Langton. In conjunction with the retreat, Andrea Muto has suggested a LEXIS tour since it is so close. It would be noon to 5 p.m. on March 4th, with a tour of the data center and a meeting with the product managers.

Annual meeting in Lexington, Kentucky : The University of Kentucky has generously offered to host ORALL's annual conference in 2000 in Lexington. The invitation has been accepted by the Executive Board. We are already starting to work on the conference. We will have to help the University of Kentucky members with some of the local arrangements details, as many firms have absorbed some of these costs at past conferences. Thanks go to all of the members at the University of Kentucky Law School and at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Think of it--horse farms, racing, bourbon distilleries!

AALL Strategic Challenge 2000 : Kathy asked all the members to examine the Strategic Challenge. Perhaps a strategic plan should be formulated for ORALL, but not before the 50th Anniversary conference. The VIP program gives us two free registrations and meals for the annual AALL conference for guests of our chapter's choosing. Think of people who you wish to inspire and to think more highly of ORALL and of law librarianship as a profession. Let Keith Blough know, as nominations are due in January. This is an ongoing activity of AALL, it is not just in place for one conference. Comments from AALL President Jim Heller: He had been told he would be entering the lion's den when he came to speak at ORALL, but

Introduction of the 1989-99 Officers :
Keith Blough, President

Richard Humphrey, Vice
President/President-Elect
Nancy Clark, Secretary
Tom Hanley, Treasurer 1989-1999
Claudia Zaher, Executive Board, 1997-1999
Deborah Bobinets, Executive Board, 1998-2000
Kathy Carrick, Immediate Past President

Keith Blough thanked Kathy Carrick for her tremendous effort on behalf of the Executive Board and the general membership.

President Keith Blough moved the meeting be adjourned, with Beth Langton seconding his motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Underwood, Secretary
November 20, 1998



**Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
Executive Board Meeting**

held at Thompson Hine & Flory
Cleveland, Ohio
October 30, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by President Keith Blough. In attendance were Keith Blough (President), Richard Humphrey (Vice President/President-Elect), Shaun Esposito (Newsletter Editor/Webmaster), Kathy Carrick (Immediate Past President), Tom Hanley (Treasurer), Claudia Zaher, Deborah Bobinets, Nancy S. Clark (Secretary). Also present was Paul Mitchell (Chair, 50th Anniversary Meeting).

Keith highlighted the agenda items he wanted the board to review.

AALL VIDEO CONFERENCE

He reported receiving a letter 10/21/98 from AALL Education Program Coordinator about the Chapter sponsoring another Satellite Video Conference, this time on "Customer Service." No date was mentioned. Kathy said individual cities usually hold it.

VIP PROGRAM

Kathy brought up the question about the VIP Program. A call to solicit VIP names was announced at the Business Meeting. Shaun had the name of State Representative Danny Ford from Kentucky that helped with legislative matters. Paul gave a brief history of the VIP Program. Richard suggested Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice, Randall T. Shepard and Ohio Judge, Robert Gorman since they are both very pro-library. Paul reiterated the benefits of choosing someone with influence on librarianship. He stated the need for a longer list of potential candidates to narrow down to one or two names. Kathy said the VIP selection would be made in January. Tom suggested the need to prioritize the list of names. Richard thought when a specific person could not go, he/she could suggest someone that could. Keith said he would ask someone at the Ohio Supreme Court. Paul thought State Representatives that

deal with copyright bills in their respective legislatures would be possible candidates. Richard suggested Bar Association Presidents that have library interests. Kathy announced whoever we suggest maybe people we would want on future ORALL programs. Richard commented that Chief Justice Shepard was an excellent legal historian, therefore, good for future programs. Keith will invite someone from the Ohio Supreme Court. Kathy stated there was a legislative historian at Lexington. Tom questioned if the VIP Person should have influence at the local or national level. Kathy came back with a question of who could do the most for our membership. Someone local, yet powerful. Keith was skeptical about who would come. Debbie suggested we shoot high, include Deans f Law Schools, Senior Partners, etc. Claudia suggested we put the VIP name request on the ORALL LISTSERV. Nancy recommended once we gather this list that we keep and continually update it. Future names could be pulled from this compiled list. Shaun and Richard will work on putting an explanation of the VIP Program and solicitation of names on the ORALL LISTSERV and Newsletter. A December 1st deadline would be requested. Paul stated a Nov. 30th deadline is better for various reasons. Debbie wondered if a committee should work the VIP Program? Tom thought this first year would best be handled by the Executive Board, then given to a committee after that. Richard wondered aloud that the future ORALL PR Committee would be the right place to handle this assignment.

50th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Paul began the discussions of the 50th Anniversary Meeting in Columbus. He asked who sets the dollar amount for the budget, the Executive Board or the Committee Chair. Keith said a budget was already set for the Washington DC reception. Paul reminded the board that the food & hotel were \$1500. It did not include the invitations, response cards, or postage. The postage was approximated at \$150. Invitations would include Chapter Presidents, AALL Executive Board,

etc. Debbie inquired about past ORALL people. She favored the inclusion of past members. Keith said Past ORALL Officers would be invited. Paul mentioned the AALL program will list the reception as an "Invitation Only" function. Claudia suggested we put the Invitation on the ORALL LISTSERV. Paul mentioned an announcement would be in the AALL SPECTRUM for people to self-identify as past or present ORALL members. Nancy inquired on the deadline for the Washington Reception. Paul said May 1st. Keith suggested the budget for the Reception be \$2000. Claudia thought that was low. Paul suggested \$2500 - \$3000. Keith suggested the final budget be available in March at the Retreat. Paul talked about possible favors for the members in Washington (7/99) such as a gold star paper weight and in Columbus (10/99) leather binders, desk clocks, or desk business card holders.

Paul asked the board if there was a maximum on the Speaker fees? Richard tossed around possible speaker names: Bob Berring was willing to come back next year, OCLC President Jay Jordans, Andrea Muto had passed on the suggestion of Dr. Rick Ruben, a dynamic speaker from The Kent State Program. Richard concluded that Mr. Berring would be a positive pairing with Jody Beal and Kathy Carrick on the ORALL History Segment of the Program.

The 50th Anniversary Education Committee needs a new member since Ted Potter is moving to Milwaukee. Paul will take his place on that committee. Richard listed the Committee members as himself, Carolyn Vinyard, Suzanne Young, Andrea Muto, and Paul Mitchell, as Liaison. Ideas were tossed around for a theme for the 50th Anniversary. Richard quoted from a line from the movie, *Toy Story*, "From Infinity and Beyond." Kathy expanded it "To The Millennium and Beyond!" with favorable review by many board members.

Kathy began the discussion about the Spring Retreat at Houston Woods. She suggested the PLL and County SIG

combine programs. There could be a speaker in the evening. The Executive Board meets on Saturday. Paul mentioned the PLL SIG met in Cleveland and ideas of Training the Trainer and Power Point Presentations were discussed. Kathy gave the results of the Lexis-Nexis Survey: 38 people wanted to come early and tour the Headquarters near Dayton, while 28 said they would attend the retreat. Richard thought Indiana people would want to come to tour Lexis. Shaun stated that the University of Kentucky did a humorous presentation on team work. These people might be willing to do a repeat performance at the Friday Dinner during the Retreat. Claudia inquired if Anderson was giving a tour, being nearby in Cincinnati. Tom offered people a tour of his library in Dayton.

Keith moved the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy S. Clark, Secretary



CAROL'S CORNER

by Carol Parris,
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This is a regular column of light-hearted, tongue-in cheek musings by Carol Parris, Reference/Research Services Librarian at the University of Kentucky College of Law Library.--editor

Have you ever done something really stupid and then looked over your shoulder to see who was looking? Can you imagine the chagrin you would feel if your stupidity were publicized in the newspaper? The following news stories, taken from various internet e-mail lists, should make us all feel better and put everything back into perspective when we see how REALLY stupid some people are. How would you like to be in their shoes?

In Crown Point, Indiana, police have re-opened the case of a man who died from 32 hammer blows to his head. The cause of death had been ruled a suicide, in spite of the County coroner's opinion that a man simply could not remain conscious long enough to hit himself in the head 32 times...

After robbing restaurant manager Janice Head at knife point and taking her purse, her assailant was so smitten that he called to ask her out. Police arrested the man when he arrived for their date...

The London Times has reported some serious breaches of health regulations in British hospitals, including the finding of dead cockroaches in the food served at the Royal Free Hospital in Lancashire. The catering manager of the hospital apologized for the problem but explained that the insects posed no health risks, as long as they were cooked to the correct temperature...

When a British schoolboy was unable to remove a vase that was stuck on his head, he was rushed to the hospital on a city bus. According to reports, in an attempt to make the boy look more normal to the other passengers, his mother placed his school cap on top of the vase....

Albert Collins, a 66-year-old apartment manager in Kansas City, went to the apartment of a tenant to complain about the noise being made. Collins reported to police that he told the tenant he had "an earful" of the excess noise. Replying that he would "fix that," the angry tenant seized Collins by the hair and bit off part of his ear....

Police in San Mateo, California, arrested a man for stealing a 400 lb. safe from a restaurant less than a block from his home. Alert officers simply followed the gouge-marks the safe left in the concrete as he dragged it home...

A Toronto gas station attendant had no trouble identifying a robber for police, even though the man had worn a pair of women's panties over his head as a disguise. The thief, who later admitted that his mind was clouded by intoxicants, had stuck his face through one of the leg holes so he could see...

And after the same man had held up a Michigan bank for the third time, the Detroit Free Press reports that the teller told police, "Each time he's better dressed."

In Ottawa, Canada, a woman calling herself Lady Rhoda claims to have X-ray vision. She was recently arrested and charged with reckless driving when she struck a pedestrian during a demonstration of driving while blindfolded...

A teenager who deposited a candy wrapper in an automatic teller machine found his account credited with 500 thousand dollars, according to a report from Auckland, New Zealand. The boy withdrew about \$750 before confessing to a school teacher.

Law enforcement officers in Oldham, England, had no trouble identifying Roy Phillips as the shoplifter they were looking for. The suspect was wearing a yellow shirt, yellow pants, and a yellow tie. Additionally, every item he had taken from the store was also yellow, including Scotch eggs, jellies, mustard, cheese, socks, and 3 pair of yellow underpants....

Francis Karnes, a 39-year-old man in Sacramento, California, was charged with reckless endangerment after he pulled a gun and shot his lawnmower when it wouldn't start...

A waitress in Long Island has run over herself with her car. The woman was on her way home when she somehow fell out of the car, which was thrown into reverse and circled backward over the woman three times...

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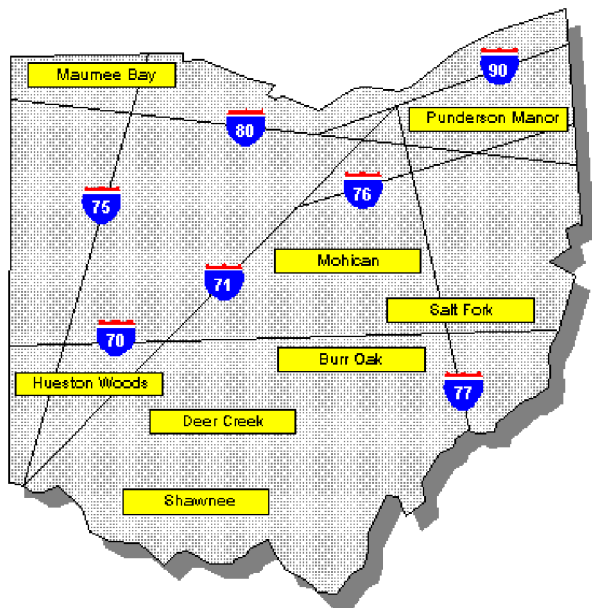
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