

ORALL NEWSLETTER

OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

MARCH 2000

VOLUME 2000, NUMBER 1

President's Column - Richard Humphrey

Background Notes on the Recent Vice Presidential Vacancy

In the event that any of you may have been "out of the loop" in the past few months, here is the whole story on our recent changes in the ORALL leadership structure. I hope that this information will be of interest to all ORALL members, as it points to the importance of every member's involvement in the organization and it also indicates the degree to which the executive board relies upon the opinions of individual ORALL members.

In the early fall of 1999, Shaun Esposito and I held several discussions about the 1999-2000 committee chairs. We spoke particularly about the future of the ORALL website and the editorship of the ORALL newsletter, in light of Shaun's position as the new vice president. After communicating with both of them, we established that Kurt Metzmeier at the University of Kentucky would take over the management of the website and that Ken Kozlowski of the University of Dayton would take on the responsibility of the newsletter editorship. It was decided that Shaun would be available to advise both Kurt and Ken as they assumed these new responsibilities.

At the Opening Reception of the ORALL 50th Anniversary Meeting, Shaun advised me that he had been offered a position on the staff of the University of Arizona Law School Library. Shaun indicated that this

information was not yet ready for general publication, so I assured him that I would not announce his leaving until he advised me to do so. Under these circumstances, I did not mention any of this information to the executive board at our initial meeting on Friday, October 15. Shaun also assured me that he would fulfil his responsibility to plan the educational programming for the 2000 Annual Meeting in Lexington, regardless of his relocation to Arizona.

After the annual meeting, as the executive board began to meet via e-mail, Shaun's leaving was announced to the other board members and we began discussing ways to handle the issue. In checking the bylaws, we found that the president has the authority to fill vacancies on the board, but the vacancies mentioned do

CONTENTS

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| AALL Time Capsule | Page 9 |
| Annual Meeting Minutes | Page 10 |
| Calendar | Page 11 |
| Education Committee | Page 8 |
| FTC Guides Abolished | Page 9 |
| ORALL Exec. Bd. Members | Page 12 |
| ORALLiens Invade Arizona! | Page 6 |
| Reporter Needed for Retreat | Page 9 |
| Scholarship News & Application | Page 13 |
| SIG Mailing Lists | Page 8 |
| Who Wants to be a Law Librarian? | Page 4 |

not include the position of vice president. Although I may have stretched the limits of the bylaws and made an appointment on my own, I did not feel that this was a prudent use of my presidential power. I felt that making a personal appointment

might set a dangerous precedent for future executive board vacancies. Several board members suggested the possibility of my serving a second term. I agreed that I would serve a second term, provided that no other workable solution could be reached before that point. But my serving a second term would still mean that a new vice president would need to be chosen to serve with me and, presumably, Keith Blough would also need to serve a second term as past-president. Further discussion among the board members led us to notify the entire membership and solicit your suggestions.

The level of support that we received from our members was gratifying. Not only did many of you respond, but your responses were primarily votes of confidence that we, the executive board, would "do the right thing" to rectify this dilemma. Some of you favored the co-vice president idea. Others favored bringing in a former president. But there was not a majority vote for one solution over the other. You all simply said, "Good luck with your decision. We know it will be the best one for ORALL."

We talked further. Some former presidents were consulted as well. There was no strong feeling that any former president was anxious to step in, though several indicated they would if it became necessary. We talked about continuity of leadership. There was a suggestion to recruit a former executive board member as co-vice president. As this suggestion also met with a meager response, it became clear that the strongest continuity existed on the current executive board.

At this same time, Kathy Carrick advised me that the nominating committee was waiting for some action from us before they moved ahead

with a new slate of candidates. As she mentioned that we needed candidates for a new secretary, it suddenly occurred to me that Nancy Clark would be rotating off the board in October. Both Shaun and I had run unopposed for the office of vice president. I also thought about all the time and hard work Nancy had contributed to the planning and execution of the 50th Anniversary Meeting. I put in a phone call to Nancy, asking if she would consider serving with Shaun as co-vice president. Nancy stated that she would give it some thought and would talk to her support network about their advice on the subject. Nancy called me back a day or so later. Her answer was "Yes."

So I suppose the moral of this story is, "Don't ever assume that a commitment to one office won't mean a commitment to a higher office." But I think the greater lesson is that we are all a part of ORALL's fine history. The success or failure of this organization depends not only on those who are willing to serve as officers, but also on those who are willing to contribute their time, talents, and their opinions to seeing that this organization continues to enrich and encourage all of us in the promotion of law librarianship, in our city, county, state, and nation.

OFFICERS 1999-2000

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| President | Richard Humphrey |
| Co-Vice President | Shaun Esposito |
| Co-Vice President / Secretary | Nancy S. Clark |
| Treasurer | Tom Hanley |
| Executive Board | Billie Grey |
| | Deborah Bobinets |
| | (Imm. Past Pres.) Keith Blough |
| Newsletter Editor | Ken Kozlowski |

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries is a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Who Wants to be a Law Librarian?

by Nancy S. Clark

The popular ABC television show begs the question, "Who wants to be a Millionaire?" I find myself answering, "I do," and playing along with the nervous contestants. My answer would be the same if they asked, "Who wants to be a Law Librarian?" I would not need to use a lifeline, phone a friend or ask the audience. My answer would still be the same, "I do."

In January, a **different** law library question was put to me, as if I was sitting in the famous "hot seat" before TV host Regis Philbin. The computer screen in front of on-air contestant Nancy C., from Columbus, Ohio, says:

Would you accept the position of co-vice-president of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries, starting immediately?.

A. Yes B. No C. Maybe D. Never

I
think



the answer is **A**, but would feel more confident if I use a lifeline this time. I'll phone a friend, a law librarian from Ohio. Regis' friends at AT&T put the call through. Words of encouragement let me know my answer is correct. My answer is **A**.

How could the answer **not** be **A**, to help this vibrant and vital chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries that just celebrated its 50th Anniversary? As an active member of AALL and ORALL, I'm proud and honored to be offered this awesome responsibility. I look forward to working with Shaun Esposito and our great Executive Board as my responsibilities change and grow. Thank you for all your phone calls and e-mails expressing your kind words of support and best wishes.

Hope to see you at the Spring retreat.

That's my final answer!



ORALLIENS INVADE ARIZONA!!!!

by Shaun Esposito, ORALLien since 1991
and now Head of Public Services,
University of Arizona College of Law Library

Having made the decision to pull up stakes and move to a new territory, I packed my van with my dogs and some personal belongings and headed west last December to start my new job at the University of Arizona in Tucson. This long drive made me realize that all those drives I made from Lexington to Columbus for ORALL meetings were mere jaunts. After settling into my newly rented house for about a week, I started to work in my new surroundings. I have had to learn much, and am still learning, about the library collection here and the nuances of legal research in Arizona state materials. As I sit here on evening reference duty composing this short update, what I really notice is how similar public services work is wherever you find yourself in an academic law library. A variety of patrons come through our door, law faculty with either involved research questions or simple ILL requests, law students doing law review cite checks, undergraduate students sent to do legal research with little or no preparation by their instructors, members of the public with every conceivable type of requests for information and legal assistance. Photocopiers and student lab printers, serviced by an outside agency, break down and we in the library bear the brunt of complaints. The skills of patience and determination learned in ORALL-country libraries serve me well here in the west.

My transition to life in the west has been eased both by the wonderful new colleagues I have here in Arizona and those long time colleagues who have remained in ORALL territory. I should note that I was not the first ORALLien to land in Arizona. Brenda Kelley, formerly of Toledo, has been the librarian at the Pima County Law Library here in Tucson for several years now. If we get any more transplanted ORALL members, we may just start our own Special Interest Group!

I am not leaving ORALL behind completely, as I am still working on plans for the educational program for the Fall 2000 ORALL Annual Meeting in Lexington. Having helped plan the program, I will be certain to attend to see how things turn out. And, no matter how far I am from ORALL home country, I will renew my ORALL membership each year. I encourage any fellow ORALL members venturing out here to ORALL's western frontier to stop by to say hello. You may reach me by phone/(snail)mail or email:

Shaun Esposito, Head of Public Services, University of Arizona College of Law Library, P.O. Box 210176, Tucson, AZ 85721-0176, (520) 626-5551,
esposito@nt.law.arizona.edu.



MEMBERSHIP'S IDEAS
SOLICITED FOR
ANNUAL MEETING
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The ORALL Education Committee is in the process of planning educational programs for the ORALL Annual Meeting in Lexington in October 2000. Now is the time for all membership to share with the committee the types of programs that would be most helpful to them in their daily work as librarians. To offer ideas or discuss possible program topics, please contact one of the Education Committee's co-chairs:

Nancy S. Clark, Library Manager
Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
41 S. High Street, 19th floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 469-3966
FAX: (614) 461-4198
e-mail: nsclark@jonesday.com

or

Shaun Esposito
Head of Public Services
University of Arizona College of Law
Library
P.O. Box 210176
Tucson, AZ 85721-0176
520 626-5551
FAX: 520 621-3138
e-mail: esposito@nt.law.arizona.edu



A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Dear fellow ORALLiens:

In addition to being your treasurer, I maintain the ORALL mailing lists. On your dues renewal invoice you received (or, at least, should have received) in January, there were spaces to check if you wished to be on the mailing lists for the County Law Libraries Special Interest Group, the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Group, or the Indiana Law Libraries Special Interest Group. If you have already sent me your invoice and want to be on one or more of these lists, I hope that you checked the appropriate space(s). If you have yet to send me your invoice and want to be on one or more of these lists, be sure to check the appropriate space(s). If you are a new member and want to be on one or more of these lists, be sure to email or otherwise contact me so I can include you on the list(s) of your choice. If you have already returned your invoice without checking the appropriate space(s) and want to be on one or more of these lists, be sure to email or otherwise contact me so I can include you on the list(s) of your choice.

If you are an officer of one of the SIG's and need to contact your members or otherwise have a need to contact all of the members of an SIG, contact me and I can provide mailing labels for the group.

If you have not returned your dues invoice, please do so as soon as you can. Please be sure to make any changes to your contact information on the form since these forms provide the basis for information which will be printed in the next paper edition of the ORALL Directory and for information to appear in the version of the directory on the ORALL web site. If you do not want your information to appear on the web site, be sure to check the space on the invoice expressing that wish.

Tom Hanley, ORALL Treasurer

University of Dayton Zimmerman Law Library
300 College Park
Dayton, OH 45469-2780
hanley@udayton.edu

AALL TIME CAPSULE

The Public Relations Committee has a special project planned for the Philadelphia annual meeting. We are inviting all AALL Chapters, Committees, SISs, and the Executive Board to prepare time capsules which we will then store for twenty-five years. We encourage your [Chapter or SIS] to participate.

You can help define our time and also be a unique part of law librarianship's past and future. Our committee will supply the time capsules, and this will be an opportunity to offer a glimpse of your past to our future selves and colleagues. During this summer's Philadelphia meeting the time capsules will be sealed and tucked away for twenty-five years at AALL archives.

The objects you choose to encapsulate can run the gamut from the profound and serious to the weird, silly and sentimental. It's up to you. We'll have more details on preparing your time capsules in the coming months, but the Public Relations Committee hopes your [Chapter or SIS] will start thinking now about what items you want included in your time capsule.

Twenty-five years isn't that long. Look how fast the millennium went by! In July, 2025 we hope we'll all still be around (it doesn't hurt to be optimistic) to attend the annual AALL meeting and watch as our time capsules are opened. For more information on how your [Chapter or SIS] can become a permanent part of AALL's history, please call or e-mail me at the address below.

Sue Burch, Chair
Public Relations Committee

University of Kentucky College of Law Library
Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0048
PH: 606-257-5133 FAX: 606-323-4906
E-mail: sburch@pop.uky.edu

REPORTER NEEDED

The ORALL Newsletter desperately needs someone to report on the programs that will take place at the Association's Retreat at the end of March. I would normally be glad to do it. Unfortunately, my daughter's school has spring break at that time and I will be navigating my way to Florida. If you can provide some coverage, even take some notes that can be turned into an article, please contact me at 937-229-4810 or via e-mail at kozlowsk@udayton.edu.

Thanks

Ken Kozlowski, Newsletter Editor

FTC GUIDES ABOLISHED

In case you haven't heard, the Federal Trade Commission's Guides for the Law Book Industry (16 C.F.R. Part 256) have been rescinded, effective Jan. 19, 2000 (65 F.R. 2867).

The FTC stated that the Guides were no longer necessary to promote compliance with section 5 of the FTC Act. The Commission gave the following reasons for their action:

- The Guides were "overly regulatory."
- The Guides did not resolve any uncertainties within the FTC Act.
- There was no justification for singling out the law book publishing industry.

The Federal Register final rule is fairly short. Read it for yourself to determine if this will have an effect on the way book publishers conduct their business.

**Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
Executive Board Meeting
October 13, 1999
Adam's Mark Hotel
Columbus, Ohio**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Keith Blough. In attendance were Keith Blough (President), Richard Humphrey (Vice President/President-Elect), Nancy S. Clark (Secretary), Tom Hanley (Treasurer), Claudia Zaher, Deborah Bobinets, Shaun Esposito (Newsletter Editor/Webmaster). Also present were Janis L. Johnston, AALL Treasurer, and Mary Alice Baish, AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative. Not present was Kathy Carrick (Immediate Past President).

Treasurer's Report:

Tom reported the treasury had \$52,750.58 in assets on hand as of October 8, 1999. Deborah asked if this included the 50th mailing. Tom mentioned the overall membership roster had been reviewed and updated. Our count is at 314 members which includes Life Members.

Secretary's Report:

Report will be given at the Friday's Oct. 15 Board Meeting. Nancy shared information forwarded from Kathy Carrick since she could not make the meeting. Kathy will prepare a file with documentation covering the last two retreats for Keith. The Retreat format has been working well and allows members to meet to address any issues we might have or promote the exchange of ideas at a minimal expense. She urged the board to continue this format. Kathy also reminded us of the extra 50th Anniversary t-shirts available for sale.

Scholarship Committee Report:

Keith passed out a draft of the scholarship guidelines proposed by the Education Committee. Claudia and Keith initiated discussions on new memberships. Tom suggested the different order to the criteria, making involvement first. He continued by saying we only had 4 applicants for the 4 scholarships offered to this annual meeting. Deborah suggested notification of application should not go out longer than 4 weeks ahead of due date. Keith suggested 6 weeks ahead.

Further discussion on the guidelines will be left for Friday's Board meeting, 10/15/99.

Keith received a letter from Jan Novak 9/28 concerning a scholarship application postmark-date on behalf of one applicant. There was confusion if it was received on time in the hands of the Scholarship Committee Chair or is the postmark the date which should be followed. After discussion, Keith recommended the applicant be granted reimbursement from the ORALL treasury. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Education Committee Report:

Richard was appreciative of Barbara Davis and the Law Librarians of Cincinnati for filling in a program when Susan Freeman became unavailable. They will talk on the Inside Look and Training Program for Summer Associates, a successful program held in their area.

President's Report:

Keith has signed contracts for the Spring Retreat, Friday (all day) through noon on Saturday, March 30 - April 1, 2000, at Deer Creek State Park, Mt. Sterling, OH. This central location will hopefully allow more members to attend.

He also reported a contract was signed for the Hyatt in Lexington, KY for October, 2000.

Keith shared some local VIP's names that accepted our 50th Anniversary Opening Reception invitation, such as Alex Lagusch, Columbus Bar Association, Executive Director, and Judge Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr., Franklin County Municipal Court, Environmental Division.

Miscellaneous:

Keith asked Mary Alice Baish to explain the AALL language in the copyright amendment, which seemed difficult or cumbersome worded.

Departing Board Member, Claudia Zaher, was given a gift of thanks and acknowledgment for her tenure on the Executive Board. Shaun announced Ken Kozlowski, University of Dayton, will be the new ORALL Newsletter Editor.

Keith welcomed our AALL representatives: Janis Johnston, Treasurer, and Mary Alice Baish, Associate Washington Affairs Representative, to our meeting..

The next board meeting will be Friday, Oct. 15, 1999, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Keith moved the meeting be adjourned. Richard seconded his motion.
 The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Nancy S. Clark, Secretary
 February 15, 2000.

| ORALL Executive Board Members | |
|---|---|
| Richard Humphrey, President Indiana University Law Library 735 West New York Street Indianapolis, IN 46202-5194 317-278-1793 E-Mail rhumphre@iupui.edu | Shaun Esposito, Co-Vice- President University of Kentucky College of Law Library 620 S. Limestone St. Lexington, KY 40506-0048 606-257-8347 E-Mail shaun@pop.uky.edu |
| Nancy Clark, Co-Vice President, Secretary Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue 41 S. High St., 19th Floor Columbus, OH 43215 614-469-3966 E-Mail nsclark@jonesday.com | Thomas Hanley, Treasurer University of Dayton Zimmerman Law Library 300 College Park Dayton, OH 45469-2780 937-229-2444 E-Mail hanley@udayton.edu |
| Keith Blough, Immediate Past President Columbus Law Library Association 369 South High Street, 10 th Fl. Columbus, OH 43215-4518 614-221-4181 E-Mail kblough@ohionet.org | Deborah Bobinets, Exec. Bd. University of Akron Law Library 150 University Avenue Akron, OH 44325-2902 330-972-5189 E-Mail dbobinets@uakron.edu |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY!!!

******* Apply by April 14 for one of these great scholarships *******

The theme of this year's AALL Annual meeting is "Gateways to Leadership". The Preliminary Program describes an exciting array of educational sessions. The 2000 Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee selected these programs to encourage law librarians and legal information workers to exercise a dynamic leadership role in their respective organizations and the legal industry at large.

The ORALL Board encourages members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting if possible. To ensure this possibility for several ORALL members the ORALL Board is pleased to announce that two scholarships are available for application by the ORALL membership to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA!

One scholarship is aimed at newer ORALL members (members of ORALL for three years or less). If one or more newer members apply, one of those newer members will be given this scholarship. The base scholarship is \$500. Any newer member who receives a scholarship will receive additional funds equal to the early bird member full registration fee.

The other scholarship is aimed at veteran members who have been with the group for three years or more. If one or more veteran members apply, one of them will be given this scholarship. The scholarship is \$500.

If two or more newer members apply and no veteran member applies, two newer members will receive scholarships. If no newer members and two or more veteran members apply, two veteran members will receive scholarships.

The ORALL Board encourages application for these scholarships no matter the type or size of your organization.

Complete this form and return to:

**Cindy Spohr
LEXIS Publishing
1617 Wood Moor Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46804
Fax: 219-436-0653**

Applications must be received by April 14, 2000

**If you would like to receive the application form in an electronic version, please e-mail
Cindy at cindy.spohr@lexis-nexis.com**

ORALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Submit by April 14, 2000

I am applying for the (please check one):

New Member scholarship

General scholarship

1. Name: _____

2. Organization Name: _____

3. Address: _____

4. Phone (include area code): _____

5. Employment in Law Librarianship (include dates and places; if currently a student please indicate school): _____

6. Other recent employment: _____

7. Education: _____

6. Professional Activities and Committee Memberships: _____

9. Member of ORALL since: _____ Member of AALL since: _____

10. What percentage of your expenses will your employer pay for you to attend this meeting?

11. Have you previously attended AALL or ORALL meetings? If so, when?

12. Please describe your responsibilities in your current position:

13. Please attach a summary of your career goal and a statement of how you will benefit from attending this meeting.

14. Please include one letter of recommendation from a person familiar with your work, potential and need of this scholarship.



Calendar 2000

March 31 - April 1 ORALL Retreat at Deer Creek Resort

April 9-15 National Library Week

July 15-20 American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

October 25-27 ORALL Annual Meeting, Lexington, KY.

Newsletter Deadlines

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

OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Profile

ORALL is a 4-state chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries [Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan]. It was formed in 1949 "to further the development and usefulness of law libraries and to stimulate a spirit of mutual helpfulness among law libraries of this region."

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.

Placement

For Job Listings and further information, contact Deborah Ward, ORALL Placement Committee Chair, Hancock County Law Library Association, 300 South Main St., Findlay, OH 45840 419-424-7077 (phone), 419-425-4136, e-mail: debward@bright.net

Membership

Membership: 303

Dues: \$15.00 per year

Non-membership subscriptions:
\$10.00 per year

Contact: Tom Hanley, U. of Dayton Zimmerman Law Library, Dayton, Ohio 45469-2780, or call 937/229-2444 or e-mail hanley@udayton.edu.

Newsletter Information

The ORALL Newsletter is the official publication of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries [ORALL]. Published quarterly [March, June, September, December][ISSN: 1048-2199]

Edited by: Ken Kozlowski, University of Dayton's Zimmerman Law Library, 300 College Park, Dayton OH 45458-2780; 937-229-4810, FAX 937-229-2555. **Printed By:** Roberta K. Robertson, U. of Akron School of Law Library. Unsolicited contributions are encouraged; contributions submitted for publication are subject to editorial review. For extra copies contact the editor. **Please direct address changes to mailing list coordinator Tom Hanley, U. of Dayton Zimmerman Law Library, Dayton, Ohio 45469-2780, or call 937/229-2444 or e-mail hanley@udayton.edu.**

Advertising Rates

The following rates and sizes apply, per issue:

full page: \$150/issue

½ page--2 formats:

7 ½ "wide x 4 ½" high \$90.00/issue

3 1/4" wide x 9" high \$90.00/issue

1/4 page

3/14" wide x 4 1/2" high \$55.00/issue

1/8 page

3 /14" wide x 1 7/8" high \$35.00/issue

Classified ad rates:

\$10.00--minimum of 5 lines

\$2.50--per line after the minimum