

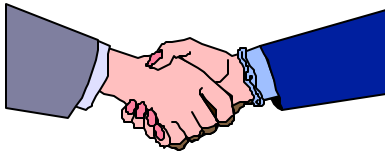
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President's Column - Nancy S. Clark



FOSTER COOPERATION v. BURNING THE BRIDGE

A statewide General Meeting of OCLIS (Ohio Council of Library and Information Services) [*pronounced O-clis*] was held Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at the State Library in Columbus. I had the privilege of attending along with twenty-seven leaders from major library and information science associations and groups in the State of Ohio. Former ORALL member, Anne Abate (at aabate@govconnect.com) is the current Chair of OCLIS.

According to their new brochure, the purpose of OCLIS is to:

- To foster cooperation among the OCLIS organizations.
- Foster understanding of the OCLIS organizations.
- Facilitate communication among various constituencies.
- Create awareness of the concerns, needs, and capabilities of the library and information science communities among legislators, governmental officials, and the general public at the local, state, and national levels.
- Provide a forum to discuss common issues and concerns.

- Encourage and publicize continuing education programs in library and information science held throughout the state.

OCLIS membership is open to any library organization or information service organization serving Ohio and to the chapters of national organizations which are located in Ohio. Dues, \$25.00 per year per organization, help support meetings,

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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.

grants, the email discussion group, and other activities.

To help understand and shape the future of OCLIS and Ohio, several items highlighted the agenda. After introductions and a brief review of their purpose, we learned about their history, primary events, and member profiles. The open format of the model or mini OCLIS Business Meeting gave this new attendee a great view of the inner workings and concerns currently confronting their Executive Board. We were also honored to hear Michael Lucas, State Librarian of Ohio, speak on the Future of Libraries in Ohio.

Since this was my first meeting, I was eager to network and learn more about OCLIS of which ORALL was a member; *or so I thought*. I received the formal invitation as a representative of ORALL and saw a notation on the Participant List that we were an "OCLIS Member Organization," but why wasn't ORALL listed on the Treasurer's report as having paid their \$25.00 dues. This discovery led me to send inquiring e-mails and phone calls to previous ORALL Board Members to understand ORALL's connection and history with OCLIS.

Previous ORALL Board Members remembered attending OCLIS meetings and some wrote articles for past ORALL Newsletters. In these same older newsletters, I found past notes in Executive Board Meeting Minutes when OCLIS was mentioned. While the attendance of an ORALL representative to the OCLIS meetings may have accidentally fallen through the cracks, I want to see how our members feel about participating in this activity and renewing the dues annually.

- Should ORALL maintain a membership in OCLIS?
- Is this a type of organization that you want your membership dues supporting?
- Would law libraries in Kentucky and Indiana see a need to belong to an association primarily focused on libraries and organizations in Ohio?
- Even with the reasonable dues of \$25.00/year, what is the benefit for ORALL members?

The same previous ORALL Board Members that shared the OCLIS historical connection offered comments about continuing this membership. Views

were positive to keep our name and existence out in the general library world so for \$25 dollars, our continuation is worth it. A suggestion was offered that if the ORALL President isn't from Columbus (most meetings are held at OHIONET in Columbus), or is unable to attend, he/she could always appoint someone to go. Other comments encouraged keeping the bridge of communication open to all types of libraries. Some of us borrow books from academic, special, and public libraries, so keep that connectivity alive.

Is there anything going on at OCLIS member organizations that would be of interest to ORALL members? Looking over minutes from the February 27, 2001 OCLIS meeting, the following seminar and workshop topics popped out as ones of potential interest:

- e-books
- Symposium on Disaster Preparedness
- Preservation
- Book repair

If we decide to continue participation in OCLIS and pay dues (which I am in favor of), one challenge would be to keep our membership aware of OCLIS events and their member conferences or seminars. Dissemination of information could occur through ORALL Listserv postings and Newsletter articles. We could activate the link on the OCLIS Member web page where ORALL is listed.

Please take a moment to visit the OCLIS web site at: www.ohionet.org/oclis.html. Check out the variety of library organizations that are members, from academic, school, and special libraries.

I ask for your input on this question of paying OCLIS dues and participating in this organization. I plan to make this an item on the ORALL Executive Board agenda in Minneapolis. Please send comments to me by July 6th at nsclark@jonesday.com or fax them to (614) 461-4198. Thank you.

As Anne Abate put so succinctly, on the bottom of her agenda sheet:

Keep Networking!

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE NEW ORALL OFFICERS
FOR 2001 / 2002

Thanks to the Nominating Committee of Keith Blough (chair), Kathleen Carrick, Al Podboy and Richard Humphrey for their efforts in finding these new leaders for ORALL. Our organization will certainly be enriched by their experience, talents and service.

Vice President / President-Elect:

Beth Langton, Director of Library Services, Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP.
Akron, Ohio

Treasurer:

Thomas L. Hanley, Director, University of Dayton Zimmerman Law Library. Tom is our current Treasurer and has graciously agreed to serve another term.

Board Member:

Kurt Metzmeier, Legal Reference Librarian, University of Louisville Law Library. Kurt currently serves as our Webmaster and chair of the Internet Committee.

Beth, Tom, and Kurt will formally take office at the October 2001 meeting at Maumee Bay State Park, Ohio. They will join returning board members Nancy Clark, Ellen Quinn, Claudia Zaher and Mike Whiteman.

Pursuant to Bylaw XI Section 2(a), no ballot will be mailed to the membership since only one candidate is nominated for each office.

Congratulations to our new officers! Thanks for your willingness to serve.

Please join me in welcoming these new board members.

Claudia Zaher, Secretary

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Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
Executive Board Meeting
Hueston Woods State Park, OH

March 10, 2001

Present: Nancy Clark, President, Ellen Quinn, Vice-President, Claudia Zaher, Secretary, Thomas Hanley, Treasurer, Richard Humphrey, Immediate Past President, Billie Grey, Executive Board, Michael Whiteman, Executive Board.

Kurt Metzmeier, Guest.

1. The meeting was called to order by Nancy Clark at 9:00.
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting was deferred until publication in the ORALL Newsletter.
3. The Treasurer's report was approved. Balance in checking: \$17,914.70. Total CD holdings: \$20,442.63. Total assets: \$38,357.33. The final financial report from the Lexington meeting was approved. Meeting income exceeded expenses by \$3791.26.

4. Committee Reports:

a. The Committee roster was distributed:

AALL Arrangements- Billie Grey (Chair and Board Liaison).

Bylaws and Guidelines- Mary Persyn (Chair), Claudia Zaher, (Board Liaison), Beth Langton.

Education- Ellen Quinn (Chair and Board Liaison), JoAnn Fisher, Susan Hersch, Kendall Croston, Miriam Murphy.

Government Relations- Michael Whiteman (Chair and Board Liaison), Jan Novak, Lisa Peters, Randy Thompson.

Internet- Kurt Metzmeier (Chair), Michael Whiteman (Board Liaison), Lynn Lenart, Andy Zimmerman, Eric Young, Sandy Hyclak.

Membership- Tom Hanley (Chair and Board Liaison), Sue Burch, Lisa Peters.

Newsletter- Ken Kozlowski (Chair), Tom Hanley (Board Liaison), Teddy Artz, Roberta Robertson.

Nominating – Keith Blough (Chair), Richard Humphrey (Board Liaison), Kathy Carrick, Al Podboy.

Scholarship- Cindy Spohr (Chair), Jane Underwood.

2001 Local Arrangements- Marianne Mussett (Chair), Gail McCain (Co-Chair), Lisa Farmer, Martha Esbin, Galen Avery, Bruce Kennedy & Staff.

b. Committee Reports:

Bylaws and Guidelines (Nancy) – Mary Persyn reports that the updating project should be completed this summer.

Education (Ellen) – There have been over 60 responses to the survey ranking topics of interest. Intranets, balancing print and electronic resources, and preservation are the most popular topics.

Government Relations (Mike) – The issues facing Ohio county law libraries were covered in a program at the retreat on Friday. Kentucky denied CLE credit for the fall meeting. Kurt and Mike will apply to KY for credit for both AALL and ORALL 2001.

Internet- (Kurt) – The domain www.orall.org has been registered. Kurt will be reimbursed for the registration fee. Registration must be renewed 1/3/03. The University of Louisville is hosting the site. Orall.com is a “referral site” with which we do not want to be associated, and Kurt will attempt to secure the orall.com domain for us. Billie will draft a letter expressing the Board’s appreciation for all Kurt has done with the website. Richard pointed out that there is some confusion about the ORALL list-serv. Several members apparently think they are automatically subscribed to the list-serv, but one must actively sign up for it. The list-serv is currently at Cleveland State; Kurt will check into moving it to University of Louisville. Mike’s motion (second, Claudia) to add the Internet Committee to the bylaws was approved. The President can continue to appoint the committee for up to three years. Billie’s motion to make the webmaster a Board Member failed for lack of a second.

Membership- No report

Nominating- (Richard) – The committee will submit names for the positions of Treasurer, 1 Executive Board member and the Vice-President. (Claudia and Mike will stay on the Board for 2001/2002)

Scholarship – (Nancy) Cindy sent the information to the Newsletter. We will award the usual two scholarships to AALL, and it is our chapter’s turn to have a free registration from AALL. It was resolved to be as generous as possible with the scholarships. (For instance, last year both recipients were newer members and both were awarded registration and travel money). The \$210 check from Hein for the ping pong tournament will be allocated for scholarships.

1. Old Business.

- a. The Hein Challenge Ping Pong Tournament was held Friday night. Mike will submit the names of the ORALL team to Hein – Beth Langton, Ellen Quinn, Marcus Hochstetler, and Keith Blough. Go team!
- b. There was some preliminary discussion with Martha Brown of AALL about the possibility of meeting in Cincinnati in 2006.

1. New Business.

- a. ORALL has enough money that they are now required to file a federal income tax return. (As a non-profit, no taxes are due, but filing is required.) Discussion followed – do we still need to solicit gifts from publishers? Should we offer more scholarships? Lower our dues? Recruit better/ more expensive speakers for the meetings? We will continue to

accept gifts from vendors, and decide on increasing expenditures on a case-by-case basis.

- b. There was some discussion about the Ohio county law librarians meeting scheduled for May, and whether that was a SIG meeting requiring Board approval of expenses. Billie reported that the libraries involved were already covering all expenses associated with the meeting.
- c. Mike raised the possibility of officially including West Virginia into ORALL. Representatives from West Virginia have attended our meetings and we have two members from West Virginia. He will approach them to see if there is any interest.
- d. The next ORALL Spring Retreat will tentatively be held March 1 and 2, 2002 at Salt Fork State Park, OH. The 2002 annual meeting will be in Akron. Rosemarie Chrisant is chairing the local arrangements.
- e. AALL, Minneapolis: ORALL will not use an activity table. The joint ORALL/MichALL luncheon will be sponsored by MichALL this year, and is scheduled for Tuesday, 7/17/01.
- f. Hein Online is offering a discount to academic libraries in ORALL. Letters explaining the program have been sent to each eligible library.
- g. We will plan to send out the ORALL Needs Assessment Survey this summer.
- h. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Ohio County Law Libraries-SIG

By Marcus Hochstetler, Mahoning Law Library Association

Ohio County Law Librarians – SIG

March 8-10, 2001

Hueston Woods State Park, College Corner, Ohio

A crisp spring day welcomed 32 adventurous members of ORALL to the Hueston Woods State Park in College Corner, Ohio, and provided a quiet and contemplative backdrop for productive discussions of the program topic “**Where Do We Go From Here?**” The annual spring retreat offered a time to network with colleagues and catch up on the issues that touch us all as we grapple with the day-to-day grind.

Ohio County Law Librarians discussed various issues during the retreat at a presentation entitled “**Open-Forum on County Law Library issues.**” Jan Morley, Columbiana County Law Library, led the discussion that focused on Ohio legislative activity in the area of future funding of county law libraries. Jan encouraged all to add their own comments to how current Ohio legislation should be modified to reflect the more modern financial issues facing law libraries. For those who were unable to attend, feel free to contact Jan with any comments on the shape and format of future legislation. Jan can be reached at (330) 420-3662 or jmorley@epohi.com.

In addition, Billie Grey presented the most recent draft of the OHIO LAW LIBRARY INFORMATION NETWORK AND CONSORTIUM (OLLINC) proposal. The following statement details the purpose of this network proposal:

This document proposes the creation of a network that will invite the County Law Libraries to participate in a program of statewide resource sharing and enrichment, while maintaining their diverse identities as public/private partners with the local bench and bar. The network would follow the charge given in the Ohio Courts Futures Commission and provide opportunities to expand public access to Ohio’s legal information and materials.

Many comments about this proposed network were received and were noted by Al Podboy and Kathy Carrick of the drafting committee (officially the Law Libraries and Legal Information Services Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association.) For an updated version of this proposal contact Billie Grey at (513) 946-5300 or bgrey@cms.hamilton-co.org.

Ohio County Law Librarians – SIG

May 2-3, 2001

Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center, Dellroy, Ohio

A productive time was had by all. This could have been the phrase to summarize this two-day meeting at the Atwood Lake Resort for 25 Ohio County Law Librarians. The program activities included presentations by representatives of Ohionet, a division of OCLC, and the State Auditor’s office on current issues. In addition, members learned how to build a website for their library with inexpensive software tools. The OLLINC Network proposal was revisited and discussed at length as to the next steps for its implementation.

Questions were not lacking for the representatives of the State Auditor's Office and lively debate ensued from them. Mostly, members sought to have consistency be the rule in dealing with law libraries in Ohio as they are different than any other public/private entity. The auditors agreed that this is a worthwhile goal and that ongoing communication will only enhance their relationship with Ohio county law libraries.

Cataloging issues were the topic for day two of the meeting. Members who have been through the process of automation shared their knowledge and wisdom. Various resources for automation were explored and examined for their positive and negative attributes. On the whole, all of the members agreed that moving to some form of automation gives the patron greater access to the materials of each individual library. In light of the network proposal, furthering the pursuit of each library to automate their catalog serves to promote and strengthen all member libraries.

Many thanks go to Jan Morley for arranging this meeting and members of Carroll, Columbiana and Jefferson county bar and library associations for sponsoring of various meals.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- ' **AL PODBOY (DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES, BAKER & HOSTETLER)** was elected to the AALL Executive Board. Congratulations Al!



IMPORTANT DATES

- ' July 14-19, 2001 / **AALL Annual Meeting**, Minneapolis, MN
- ' October 3-5, 2001 / **ORALL Annual Meeting**, Maumee Bay State Park, Toledo OH
- ' March 1-2, 2002 (Tentative) / **ORALL Spring Retreat**, Salt Fork State Park
- ' **ORALL Newsletter deadlines:** February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15

ORALL 2001 on Ohio's North Coast

The law librarians of Toledo, Ohio invite you to join them at Maumee Bay State Park for ORALL's 52nd Annual Meeting, October 3-5, 2001.

This year's programs will take place in the Park's lodge located in Oregon, Ohio, where rustic elegance meets modern convenience within twenty minutes of downtown Toledo. Among the recreational features available are...

Indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna

Tennis and basketball courts

18-hole golf course

Hiking trails

A few miles to the east are Crane's Creek State Park and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge where one can watch hawks, herons, and even spot the occasional bald eagle. A short drive takes you into Toledo and its many opportunities for fine dining and other amenities including...

The magnificent Toledo Museum of Art

The riverside Center of Science and Industry (COSI)

The museum ship SS William B. Boyer, a former lakes freighter

Our co-chairs Marianne Mussett and Gail McMartin urge you to reserve a spot in your schedule for this interesting and informative event. We hope to see you in October!

A Note from Vice-President Ellen Quinn

Do you sometimes feel like you're rushing from project to project without thinking things through thoroughly? Do you have an intranet, have you ever had to give a presentation, should you subscribe to that new legal dot com, do you have a collection development policy, do you have a preservation plan? If you are faced with some of these questions or are interested in honing your analytical skills, then plan to attend the 2001 ORALL Annual Meeting at the Maumee Bay State Park Resort. The theme of the program is "**Everybody's a Critic - Think Before You Act!**" The program will deal with a variety of topics with the common theme of critical analysis and evaluation. Before you take decisive action for your organization, whether to develop an intranet or write a collection development policy, you need to evaluate the need for the project and how to meet your objectives. This program will inform you and give you some guidance regarding several different challenges that regularly face law librarians.

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2000 - 2001

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Volunteers are always welcome!

If you are still interested in volunteering, please contact the Committee Chairperson or President, Nancy S. Clark, (614) 469-3966 or e-mail: nsclark@jonesday.com

THANK YOU