Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
Annual Report 2003-2004

ORALL and MichALL held a joint chapter luncheon during the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle, on Tuesday, July 15, 2003 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m, in the Sheraton Seattle East Ballroom A.

ORALL held its fifty-fourth annual meeting October 22-24, 2003. McKenna Hall on the University of Notre Dame campus in South Bend, Indiana was the setting for all of the programs and social/meal functions. The Education Committee, chaired by Suzanne Young, was tasked with program planning. The program was titled "Libraries Transformed!". Sessions included topics such as: changes in legal publishing, generations in the workplace, teaching critical searching, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and sessions on virtual reference in county and academic libraries. The speakers were Kendall Svengalis, Cynthia Ewing, Stephen Abram, Mary Shackleton, Kathleen Sasala, and D.R. Jones. The local arrangements committee was chaired by Carmela Kinslow. AALL President Janis Johnston addressed the meeting during the luncheon on October 23, providing an update on AALL issues and concerns.

The 2003-2004 ORALL executive board was installed at the Business Meeting on October 24, 2003 at the Notre Dame meeting: Suzanne Young, President; Claudia Zaher, Vice President/President-Elect; Miriam Murphy, Secretary; George Baker, Treasurer; Beth A. Langton, Immediate Past President; and Marcus Hochstetler and Sarah Lynch, executive board members.

ORALL awarded scholarships to the following members for the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting: Madelaine Gordon, Colleen McGuire, Akram Pari and Amy Osborne. In addition, scholarships were also awarded to four members for the 2003 ORALL Meeting: Anne Cottongim, Will Geeslin, Kendel Croston, and Linda Hostetler.

Members continue to have the option to receive the quarterly ORALL Newsletter in print via regular mail, or to receive an email notification that the Newsletter has been posted to the chapter's website. Nonmembers are notified via email that the web version is available. In addition, members could choose to receive a print directory or a .pdf version sent as an e-mail attachment. In October 2003, 185 copies of the directory were distributed in print, and 129 copies were delivered as e-mail attachments.

ORALL has assembled a name change task force, chaired by the ORALL President. The task force will examine the possibility of adopting a chapter name that is more descriptive of the region. The task force will present the proposed change to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting in October.

The ORALL Board selected Indianapolis as the site for the 2005 Annual Meeting. The Indianapolis meeting will be a regional multi-chapter meeting, October 12-14, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency hotel. The Indiana State Library main hall and author's room have been reserved for the Opening Reception. Participants will include ORALL, Law Library Association of Wisconsin (LLAW) and Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL).