The highlight of the year for ORALL members was the annual meeting “Law Libraries: Running a Smooth Ship” held in Columbus, Ohio on October 11-13, 2006. ORALL’s own Sally Holterhoff, President of AALL, was the featured speaker at lunch. Programs of interest included consortiums, e-mail errors and etiquette, digital rights, online docket research, branding the library and interactive sessions on negotiating difficult conversations, employee evaluations and employment discrimination in the workplace.

Many thanks go to the members of the ORALL committees for all of their hard work. Special recognition goes to the County Law Libraries SIG members. They held several state-wide meetings and were very active in working with the Ohio Legislature’s Task Force on Law Library Associations to assure ongoing legislative funding for county law libraries in Ohio. They also formed the Ohio Law Library Consortium (OLLCC) for the benefit of Ohio’s county law libraries and the Ohio Supreme Court to provide interlibrary loan services, pocket part sharing and group purchasing negotiations with vendors.

ORALL membership continued to grow and is now at 311. The Executive Board voted to support the professional development of the membership by offering five scholarships totaling $1250 to the annual ORALL meeting in Columbus and four scholarships totaling $1530 to attend the AALL annual meeting in St. Louis. The Board selected Dayton for the 2008 annual meeting and Cleveland for the 2009 annual meeting.

The 2006-07 officers were Miriam A. Murphy, President; Michael Whiteman, Vice President/President-Elect; Lisa Peters, Secretary; Thomas Hanley, Treasurer; Kyle Passmore, Kathy Sasala and Ken S. Kozlowski, Board Members.

The Executive Board made decisions to help ORALL embrace the online information environment providing quicker and wider access to data with several initiatives including online only newsletters and directory, developing SIG focused Web pages and establishing online archives of organization handbook and minutes. ORALL’s print archives from the last fifty years were relocated from the Moritz Law Library at Ohio State University to the Ohio Supreme Court Library. Thank you to the staff of Ohio State for their years of support in hosting the archives.

Miriam Murphy, President
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