Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

The Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL) has continued its tradition as a forum for ideas and an educational resource for its members. The annual meeting was held in October in South Bend, Indiana, on the campus of Notre Dame University. Topics included library management; law, education, and religion; cooperative cataloging; ABA/AALS-proposed guidelines and a program for new county librarians. An awards presentation was held at the closing banquet at which Richard Beer received the Distinguished Librarian Award and Gertrude Johnson and Arthur Fiske both received the Outstanding Service Award.

The spring meeting was held in May in Columbus, Ohio. Topics included intellectual freedom, library administration, marketing, library insurance and disaster planning, and concurrent programs. AALL President-Elect Bob Berring was our guest at the closing banquet.

To facilitate greater diversity in ORALL, a constitutional amendment creating special interest sections was adopted. Thus far two have been created: County Law Libraries and Indiana Law Libraries.

ORALL has continued its activities in the broader library community. It has been an active member in the Ohio Council of Library and Information Services. ORALL joined ten other library associations on April 16 for a “Libraries Learning for Life” program and rally at the statehouse. ORALL also sponsored and manned the AALL traveling booth at the OSBA annual meeting.

The Public Service Committee has published, with the cooperation of the Ohio Library Association, a new edition of Ohio Legal Resources. The Model Bibliography Committee, with the Ohio State Bar Association, has published the Core Legal Collection, and the Union List Committee has expanded the representation of members joining the Union List of Serials. The ORALL Newsletter has continued to expand and be a larger, more timely information source.

During the past year ORALL has begun a dialogue on the Library Bill of Rights and is beginning a salary survey for our region. We have re instituted a grants program in order to allow newer members to attend ORALL meetings. We added a past-president’s column to the Newsletter. ORALL has instituted a long-range planning committee to study future association needs and goals. We also increased membership dues from ten to fifteen dollars. Alvin M. Podboy, President

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries

This report covers the period from April 1, 1984, to March 31, 1985. Officers changed at the annual meeting, which took place in Fayetteville, Arkansas, March 28-30, 1985. The officers for the year were: Lois Calvert, president; James Hambleton, vice-president/president-elect; Gail Sisson, treasurer; and David Cowan, secretary. Jon Schultz was the immediate past president and a member of the executive board.

The major activities for the year included:
1. A completed set of guidelines for officers and committees, done by the Guidelines Committee. The Executive Board made additions and corrections, and the amended version will be published in the May SWALL Bulletin and voted on at the breakfast meeting in New York.
2. Active and involved committee chairs and members. Among the outstanding examples of work done are the publication of an excellent SWALL Bulletin, the reactivation of the Private Law Librarians Committee, and the involvement of the Continuing Education Committee in planning the annual program.
3. A membership drive which included an offer of one free year of membership for new people. The offer yielded thirty-one new members. In part this was an effort to attract people who belong to the city or state chapters but have not been active in the regional chapter.
4. The annual meeting, which is always the big event of the year, focused on high touch in a high tech era. Ninety-four people were registered. The main speaker, Daria Morgan, was outstanding, and the follow-up speeches continued the communications there. The Local Arrangements Committee did a great job of providing accommodations and entertainment in Fayetteville. Future annual meetings are planned in Waco, Texas (1986) and Denver, Colorado (1987).

SWALL is an active and vital organization. Our treasury is in good shape, our annual meetings are well attended, and our committees are filled with volunteers. We have numerous members from all types of law libraries and from all the states in the geographical region. Many of our members also belong to one of the city or state chapters, but that has not caused a decline in our membership or at-