Our Institute on Hazardous Waste Law, on March 28, 1987, at the Claremont Resort Hotel in Oakland, was very popular and well attended. Our Institute draws large numbers of members year after year. This year Sharon French was responsible and did a great job.

The Placement Committee received twenty-three listings for librarian positions and twenty-three listings for library assistants. They also received twenty-five new professional resumes and eight new paraprofessional resumes.

The Public Access to Legal Information Committee presented five workshops, one each in June 1986, October 1986, March 1987, April 1987, and May 1987. These workshops were on various aspects of legal research, the court system, and law libraries. They were attended by nonlaw librarians, and the groups attending ranged from twenty-five to fifty people each session. This committee has been popular with librarians who are not in the legal field but who deal with some legal materials daily.

NOCALL's annual meeting this year was at Stanford Law School on May 15, 1987. It capped off a busy and rewarding year for me.

David L. Bridgman, President

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

The Association got off to a fine and profitable start this October with the joint meeting with MICH/ALL in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This meeting provided an opportunity to renew the close ties between ORALL and MICH/ALL and allowed both associations to draw upon a new mix of talent and ideas in planning and carrying out the program. The program, jointly planned by ORALL and MICH/ALL Vice-Presidents Carol Allred and Lane Fichtenau, focused on “Our Changing Profession.” Topics included librarian’s salaries, collection development, resource sharing, long-range planning, and discriminatory employment and labor practices. Margaret Leary, Director of the University of Michigan Law Library, delivered the keynote address to open the program. Al Brecht, Director of the Law Library at USC and Vice-President/President-Elect of AALL, spoke at the banquet. After the program segment on salaries in the profession, there was lively informal discussion among Ohio and Michigan librarians about low salaries in the region and what could be done to improve them. It was suggested that there needs to be a focus on the salary problem at the national level. Preceding the meeting, Mead Data Central repeated its institute, “The Law Library: How Do We Get to the Future?” This institute was first given at the ORALL spring meeting in Cincinnati in 1986. The response to the overall program was quite positive. Sixty-six percent of those attending the meeting rated the program offerings as “excellent.”

At the business meeting, the proposed amendment to the ORALL constitution, Article XV, concerning discrimination in association membership and activities, passed unanimously. Also at the Grand Rapids meeting, the ORALL Outstanding Service Award was given to Rosamaria Christan. Rosemarie received the award for her hard work in establishing the ORALL County Law Library Special Interest Group.

The new officers of ORALL took office at the Grand Rapids meeting. President Carol Allred presented a gavel plaque to Anita Shew, outgoing President, for her hard work for the Association. The new ORALL officers were presented to the Association at the business meeting.

The spring meeting of ORALL was held in Dayton, Ohio, on May 13-15. Tom Hanley was in charge of local arrangements. Some highlights of the arrangements were a reception at the Dayton Art Institute and tours of Mead Data Central, the Dayton Law Library Association, the offices of Smith & Schnacke, and the University of Dayton Law Library. Also, for the first time at the ORALL meeting, there were exhibitors. Fourteen publishers and library service suppliers attended the Dayton meeting, displayed their wares, and demonstrated their services.

Paul Richert, Vice-President/President-Elect, planned the program for the Dayton meeting. The theme of the program was “Taking Charge of Your Career.” Topics touched upon were salary enhancement, job switching enrichment, and education as a means of career development. There also were presentations on citation form, on-line statutory codes, and interviewing techniques.

At the spring meeting, the Membership Committee reported fifteen new members. Overall ORALL membership remains about the same. The Ohio County SIG continues to be quite active. It offered a special program at the meeting on library design principles. The Indiana SIG continues to be relatively inactive.

At both the fall and spring meetings, a number of academic law library directors and associate
directors gathered to discuss possible formation of an Ohio region academic law library consortium. The group plans to meet again at the AALL meeting in Chicago.

At the spring business meeting, a report was given on the formation and activities of the Cincinnati Area Law Librarians Group. The group has been meeting informally every other month since November to exchange information and learn more about each other's libraries. There are no plans to establish a formal organization.

ORALL financial problems were solved when the Executive Board decided that ORALL would produce its own newsletter by using the facilities at the University of Toledo. Banks-Baldwin had formerly published the newsletter for the association. This move puts ORALL on a much more solid financial footing.

The next ORALL meeting is the “super” regional meeting in Albany, October 8-10. The spring meeting will be in Cleveland. Jo Ann Fisher has been appointed local arrangements chair.

The overall outlook for ORALL is good. Interest and participation are excellent. The educational and publication efforts continue to be of high quality. The liaison activities with other regional library groups remain an important feature of chapter objectives. The newsletter continues to be informative and attractive, and the association is more fiscally prosperous than it has been for several years.

Carol Allred, President

Southeastern Chapter of AALL

The Southeastern Chapter, AALL’s first, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its beginnings in 1987. Having grown to a membership of 435 in eleven states and Puerto Rico, SEALL is particularly aware of the challenge to serve members’ educational and professional needs. Because the chapter has come of age, it is our obligation to find new and creative ways to fulfill our mission.

During 1986-87 three important new chapter committees began functioning. The Education Committee, founded by Dick Danner during his term last year and now chaired by him, conducted an extensive survey of members’ educational needs. The survey disclosed that although there is interest in a wide range of potential educational activities, the number one priority is the accessibility of educational programs (institutes, workshops, etc.) within the region. This includes both programs originating within the chapter and a duplication of programs done at the national level. Because all of AALL’s four 1988 institutes will be conducted within our chapter’s boundaries, we shall use that year to prepare for programs to be offered in sparser times.

The chapter’s 1987 educational program was a huge success at our annual meeting in Charleston, S.C., April 2-4. Bruce Johnson, assisted by his staff at the University of South Carolina Law School, handled local arrangements at the Mills House Hotel, perfectly located in the midst of the city’s historic district. Hazel Johnson chaired the Program Committee, which coordinated seven sessions and seven concurrent discussion groups and arranged for an excellent luncheon address by the extraordinary Professor Daniel Meador of the University of Virginia Law School. AALL President Lolly Gasaway, a member of our chapter, brought attendees up-to-date on AALL activities and issues. Social events included an opening reception honoring SEALL’s past presidents, a gala luncheon, and a tour of Middleton Place Plantation complete with a Low Country barbecue.

Our second new committee, Publications, is chaired by Wes Daniels. This committee is already underway with the compilation of a long-needed chapter procedures manual. The committee has long-range plans for a salary survey, a chapter history being written by Ed Edmonds, and other publications in the area of legal bibliography. Our newsletter, The Southeastern Law Librarian, edited by Tim Coggins, has successfully initiated regular columns on computers and on-line developments. Because Law Book Exchange now duplicates the newsletter free of charge, the cost of production is minimal.

The Publicity and Public Relations Committee, chaired by Rita Parham, is our third new committee. In order to increase awareness of both our profession and our chapter in the legal and library communities in the Southeast, the committee is devising plans to publicize the activities and accomplishments of our libraries, our members, and our chapter in bar and library association publications and at their meetings, and in the general press in local communities.

The SEALL Scholarship Committee, chaired by Claire Engel, was pleased to be able to award six Lucille Elliott Scholarships totalling $1,800 this year. In order to make the selection process