
ORALL’s 1991-92 officers are Jan Ryan Novak, President; Carol Bredemeyer, Vice President/President-Elect; Keith Blough, Secretary; Susan Schaefgen, Treasurer, and Mary G. Persyn, Sharon McIntyre, and Joanne Beal, Executive Board.

The theme of ORALL’s 1991 annual meeting at Notre Dame University in October was "Teach Us to Teach." We explored new educational theories, adult learning styles, teaching in a law firm, staff training, innovative and entertaining legal research instruction, and ways to seize the teachable moment in a reference setting. The program qualified for CLE credit in Ohio and Indiana.

The year 1992 is ORALL’s first year under a one-meeting-per-year schedule, and the Chapter is preparing quite an inaugural. ORALL will host the second Midwest Regional Conference, November 1-3, 1992, in Columbus, Ohio. The theme, "Discovering New Horizons in Law Librarianship," will be implemented through programs sponsored by the participating Chapters: Mich/ALL, LLAW, MALL, CALL, and ORALL.

There are now four Special Interest Groups within ORALL: Academic, County, Indiana, and Private Law Librarians. The Executive Board has pledged financial support for SIG programming activity apart from the annual meeting. The County SIG held a meeting at the Ohio State Bar Convention in Columbus on May 14, 1992.

ORALL supports continuing education for its members through grants to the AALL meeting and the Chapter meeting, and a new Staff Development Grant designed to encourage staff exchanges and opportunities to explore work in other libraries within the region. Grants are administered by the Education Committee, chaired by Kathy Carrick.

ORALL has accepted AALL’s challenge for recruitment to the law library profession through a restructuring of its Membership Committee. Under the leadership of Membership Chair Tom Hanley, school liaisons work with each of the library schools in the region. The Chapter is also considering ways to recruit from the legal and paralegal professions.

All Chapter committees are working with the Bylaws and Guidelines Committee, chaired by Ted Potter, to produce a new edition of the ORALL handbook, scheduled for release by the end of 1992.

The Core Legal Collection Committee is also preparing an update of its legal bibliography for Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio.

Patricia Denham agreed to chair a Special Committee on Preservation, charged with reacting to the recommendations of AALL’s Committee on Preservation, and to focus on preservation strategies and activities within the region.

ORALL’s Executive Board has asked the Ohio Supreme Court Board of Commissioners and Grievances and Discipline to answer whether the work of a law librarian qualifies as a legal service, in light of the Ohio Supreme Court’s rule prohibiting inactive attorneys from performing any legal service in the employ of active attorneys. Language in a recent opinion of the Board implied that inactive attorneys are prohibited from doing legal research for active attorneys, raising the concerns of several dual-degreed law librarians.
The Chapter’s major communication vehicle, the ORALL Newsletter, is edited by Anita Shew and enriched by a committee of over twenty contributors. Many ORALL members also communicate via Internet, Bitnet, and the FreeNets, which enable us to overcome the barriers of time and space in our region.

Jan Ryan Novak, President