Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries 1994-95

ORALL started its year in October with the Annual Meeting held in Indianapolis. The theme of the meeting was "Making Connections," and the programs focused on a variety of topics, including CD-ROMs, federal bulletin boards, employment law, health care law, “Automation in Technical Services,” the “State of Legal Publishing,” and “Legal Research after Getting your Internet Connection.” One program that proved to be very popular was “Copyright Law for the Electronic Age.”

ORALL has four Special Interest Groups: Academic, County, Indiana, and Private Law Librarians. Several of these SIGs usually hold a spring meeting or workshop. This year the Private Law Librarians, chaired by Susan Hersch, held an Internet Workshop at Case Western Reserve University in April. James Milles, from St. Louis University Law Library, was the speaker at two separate day-long sessions. Both sessions were filled to capacity, an indication of the interest in access to the Internet and the success of these SIG workshops.

The County SIG held its spring meeting in Toledo on May 19 in conjunction with the Annual Ohio State Bar Association Meeting. The topic of its session was computers and related equipment from a hardware perspective. Steve Stultz from SQ Systems was the featured speaker.

The Bibliography Committee publishes the Core Legal Collection for Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. This is a bibliography of specific legal materials for these three states along with a general law section that is primarily targeted for law librarians. Consideration is being given to placing the state bibliographies on the Internet.

The Public Services Committee compiles Ohio Legal Resources: An Annotated Bibliography. This publication is geared toward public librarians or anyone who wants an introduction to Ohio legal resources. The committee is currently working on a revision of this publication. It is sold through the Ohio Library Council.

Ted Potter completed the Officer's Handbook. This is a more informal description of the duties and obligations of being an officer in ORALL. This handbook is intended to help members better understand what is involved in being elected to an office in ORALL. This will be published in the ORALL Newsletter.

ORALL continues to apply for CLE credit from the participating states for the AALL Annual Meeting and the ORALL Annual Meeting. It successfully received credit from Ohio and Kentucky for both meetings in 1994. This is a service that ORALL continues to feel is important and necessary.

This year has been another busy and successful year for ORALL. We have a very active membership that takes pride in the organization and is strongly supportive of each other. Although the entire group meets only once per year, the SIG and committee activities keep the members in close contact and promote cooperation.

The ORALL officers for 1994-95 are: Jo Ann Fisher, President; Paul G. Mitchell, Vice President/President-Elect; Irene Milan, Secretary; Mary Hudson, Treasurer; Lucy Payne, Executive Board (1993-95); Judy Rogers, Executive Board (1994-96); Theodore Potter, Immediate Past President; and Shaun Esposito, Newsletter Editor.

Jo Ann Fisher, President, 1994-95