ORALL and MichALL continued the tradition of holding a joint chapter event at the AALL Annual Meeting with a luncheon, subsidized in part by ORALL, on July 23, 2003, at the Peabody Hotel in Orlando. Forty-five attended, thirty-eight ORALL members and seven MichALL members.

ORALL held its fifty-third annual meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Akron, Ohio, on October 16-18, 2003. There were 109 persons representing fifty-three libraries in attendance. The Education Committee, chaired by Beth Langton, planned the conference around the theme, "The Challenge of Change." Programs included sessions on business etiquette, job transitioning, effective listening, group dynamics, managing change, accounting research, foreign law resources, and investment and retirement options. The speakers were Dick Blake, Janis Johnston, Sandra Yancey, Tracy Fitzpatrick, Andrew Dorchak, and Martin Wiesberg. The Local Arrangements Committee was co-chaired by Rosemarie Chrisant and Roberta Robertson. The Opening Reception was held at the National Inventors Hall of Fame, and members enjoyed a performance by the highly acclaimed and widely recognized University of Akron Steel Drum Band. AALL Executive Board member Karl Gruben spoke briefly about issues of concern to AALL during the luncheon.

The new ORALL executive board for 2002-03 was installed at the meeting in Akron: Beth A. Langton, President; Suzanne F. Young, Vice President/President-Elect; Miriam Murphy, Secretary; Thomas Hanley, Treasurer; Ellen M. Quinn, Immediate Past President; and Kurt Metzmeier and Marcus L. Hochstetler, executive board members.

The ORALL archives, which are housed at Ohio State University's law library, were assessed, organized, and indexed. In an effort to further improve the organization's institutional memory, ORALL is collecting materials from past officers for placement in the archives.

ORALL awarded four scholarships to help defray the costs for attendance at the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting. Four scholarships were also awarded to members for attendance at the 2002 ORALL Annual Meeting. In March 2003, ORALL made a $1000 donation to the George Strait Minority Scholarship. The ORALL Membership Committee sent letters to the deans of regional library schools to encourage students to apply for the scholarship.

Members were given the option to receive the ORALL Newsletter electronically. The newsletter is being distributed electronically to 136 members and 75 nonmembers. Over the course of a year, the anticipated savings in printing and postage costs is $1500.

In April 2003, the ORALL Government Relations Committee discovered that the language for H.B. 145, the Electronic Government Services Act, was included in the State Budget Bill (Am. Sub. H.B. 95). H.B. 145, as it stated, would "prohibit a government agency from providing duplicative or competing electronic commerce services with the private sector ... unless the government agency com- plies with procedures established by the Act." Concerned that this legislation was not in the interest of either the state or the public and would be very detrimental to the free flow of government information upon which our democracy is based, ORALL promptly wrote letters to the leadership in Ohio, as did AALL, to urge their support in removing the amendment from the budget bill. As of this writing, Am. Sub. H.B. 95 and H.B. 145 are still viable, but the language for H.B. 145 is no longer included in Am. Sub. H.B. 95.

Beth A. Langton, President, 2002-03