Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries Annual Report 2005-06

ORALL held its fifty-sixth annual meeting in Indianapolis on October 12-14, 2005. Joining ORALL at this meeting were members of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. The theme of this joint meeting was "Adapting to Change, Adopting New Strategies: Racing into the Future." Topics included taking the library to the patrons, publishing opportunities for law librarians, blogs and RSS, identity theft, managing electronic resources, principles of Web site design and usability, and the commons experience at Indiana University-Bloomington.

Two individuals were honored at the ORALL Business Meeting in Indianapolis for their contributions to ORALL and to law librarianship over the course of their careers. ORALL life membership was awarded to Teddy Artz and James F. Bailey, III. Teddy, acquisitions and serials librarian at the University of Dayton’s Zimmerman Law Library from 1974 to 2005, served on a number of ORALL and AALL committees. Jim, former professor of law and law library director at Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis, served as president of ORALL in 1977 and was also active on numerous ORALL committees.

ORALL also recognized the contributions of another member by presenting Tom Hanley with an Outstanding Service Award. Tom served with distinction as ORALL's treasurer from 1999 to 2003, and then, at the request of the Executive Board, returned to the position for nine months in 2005 when the elected treasurer resigned from the position.

Officers for the 2005-06 year were Kyle Passmore, President; Miriam Murphy, Vice President/President-Elect; Claudia Zaher, Immediate Past President; Maureen Anderson, Secretary; Donald Arndt, Treasurer; and Ken Kozlowski and Susan Hersch, Board Members. Current membership is 285.

In 2003, ORALL assembled a name change task force to examine the possibility of adopting a name that was more descriptive of the region represented by chapter members. In 2005, the task force reported on its findings and a mail ballot was distributed to the members asking them to vote for one of four names identified by the task force. The membership voted not to change the name of the chapter.

ORALL continues to provide its members with scholarship opportunities for professional development. Four scholarships, totaling $2040, were awarded to help defray costs for attendance at the 2005 AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Five scholarships, totaling $1250, were awarded to attend the ORALL annual meeting in Indianapolis.

The ORALL Executive Board selected Columbus as the site for the 2006 annual meeting. It will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, October 11-13. In 2007, ORALL will participate in the Northeast Regional Meeting, "Libraries without Borders II," which will be held in Toronto, October 17-20.

Kyle Passmore, President, 2005-06