

President's Newsletter
OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES
March, 1970

Spring Meeting:

Plans are progressing for the ORALL Meeting, in Akron, May 15-16. Wesley Gilmer, program chairman, reports that the speaker for our Friday afternoon session will be Mr. C. Robert Beirne, a distinguished member of the Cincinnati Bar and President of the Cincinnati Law Library Association. On Saturday morning we will hear from Morris Cohen, Law Librarian at the University of Pennsylvania and President-Elect of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Gertrude Johnson has local arrangements under firm control in Akron. You will receive formal notices and reservation forms a few weeks prior to the meeting. Mark the dates now.

Two very important matters are scheduled for the business meeting(s): criteria for the ORALL Scholarships and possible changes in the ORALL Constitution which have been suggested in recent years by the membership. Both committees have been working hard to achieve results that will be satisfactory for future ORALL growth.

These committees are under the chairmanship of Kathy Farmann and Nancy Miller respectively. If you have any suggestions to communicate, they will be happy to consider same.

ORALL Members at AALL:

Richard Beer has scheduled an ORALL breakfast for July 1st in Washington, D. C. Details will be announced later and those from this region attending the national convention will be reminded again in Washington.

ORALL Resolution to AALL:

The ORALL resolution to amend the AALL Constitution concerning the chartering of chapters has been referred to the AALL Chapters Committee. That Committee has been asked to give its opinion before the AALL Board makes a recommendation.

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Fall 1970 Meeting:

Mark your calendar now for September 25 and 26. We have been invited - and the Executive Board has accepted the invitation - to hold our fall meeting in Indianapolis. We will attend the dedication of the new law building of the Indianapolis Law School of Indiana University - a unique opportunity to visit another new law library.

Among the speakers on Friday will be former Justice Tom Clark and Attorney-General Mitchell. It is possible this may be a joint meeting with the Chicago Association of Law Libraries.

Spring 1970 Meeting:

We met in Akron for a fine meeting. Our thanks to Gertrude Johnson and her staff for a series of outstanding local arrangements, highlighted by a tour of a local mansion and dinner on the same premises. Those who were unable to attend the Akron meeting missed some memorable events.

ORALL Breakfast at AALL:

We are scheduled for a breakfast and social gathering (no business) the morning of July 1. Those attending the national convention should check their program upon arrival to determine which room we will use. We will try to place final notices in the hotel mail boxes for all from this area, but incomplete registration lists may make it impossible to contact everyone. Attend and feel free to bring along anyone from the Ohio region - liberally interpreted.

Advance reservations will not be necessary and each person will be able to order what he wishes. Dutch treat.

Scholarships:

The ORALL membership voted on the distribution of scholarship grants and also for a committee structure to award them. Two grants were given to defray expenses for this year's AALL Institute: to Anita Shew of the University of Akron and Paul Fu of Ohio Northern.

Donors of scholarship funds for this year are: Perry Warren of Allen-Smith, Jay Joseph of Jefferson Law Book Company, and four West Publishing Company representatives: Tom Gordon, Steve Walsh, Jim Lytle, and George Gossman.

Our special thanks to Kathy Farmann who has spearheaded all committee efforts to obtain funds and to establish criteria for the scholarship grants.

Those who receive grants must be ORALL members. The primary purpose of the grants is to provide means of attending the annual AALL Institute. However, in some instances, the committee can give funds to attend the AALL Convention or an ORALL meeting. The Committee will consist of the ORALL President, the ORALL Treasurer, and a Chairman appointed from the ORALL membership by the Executive Committee.

A form is enclosed for those who wish to apply for an ORALL grant in the future. Those already awarded were approved on an ad hoc basis by the ORALL membership at the Spring Meeting.

Springfield Law Library Expansion:

Springfield Bar and Law Library are presently expanding and modernizing their Law Library facilities. Currently at approximately 20,000 volumes, this work will provide for a 50 per cent increase in shelving capacity and improvement in book arrangement and study/conference spaces. Installation of an air conditioning system is included. A. F. Hohlmayer, the librarian, also reports that total cost will be about \$18,000.

Life Membership:

ORALL has voted Life Membership for Edna Stroh who retired from Youngstown Law Library last December. Edna is a past officer of this Association and has been in faithful attendance at its meetings as well as AALL's. We welcome Edna to permanent membership which is a measure of appreciation for her past services.

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AALL CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON

So many things happened it would be impossible to cover all the events here so I will report the two main highlights pertaining to ORALL:

1. Chapter Status

The AALL By-laws were amended without controversy, and one of the final acts of the business meeting of July 1 was to call for a vote on our appeal to become an officially-chartered AALL Chapter. The vote was unanimous in favor of granting us full chapter status, so we have achieved a new degree within AALL.

2. ORALL Breakfast

Despite a barrage of last minute changes and much confusion with the hotel management we had a very successful social hour - far more successful than I had anticipated after the prior day's activities!! We had spent a sultry evening cruising down the Potomac fighting heat, mosquitoes and other varmints, fumes from the river and the boat, and general fatigue. Although we did not arrive back at our hotel until after midnight, thirty people from the ORALL area attended our breakfast. We were joined by a number of people from the Chicago area, who will also attend the fall meeting in Indianapolis.

Our thanks to Dick Beer for his work on the arrangements and to Carol Bratton for her efforts to assure a large attendance.

FALL MEETING

Mark the calendar! The dates have been changed. Indiana found it necessary to move the dates from September to October 16 and 17. We of course will follow their program for Friday, but on Saturday morning we have tentative plans for a breakfast meeting and a brief program afterwards. This should enable everyone to be en route home before noon. More details later in the summer.

NEXT SPRING

For those who plan far ahead our meeting dates for next spring will be April 30 and May 1, in Cleveland. We will again meet with the Ohio State Bar Association. Jim Bailey at Wayne State will plan the program.

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