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DIANNE WITKOWSKI, PRESIDENT

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A word or two "au revoir".

As my term of office nears its end, I find myself unhappy at the thought. It has been a privilege to serve all of you this year. I just wish time had allowed me to do more. (A familiar refrain to all of us!)

My parting motto is just one word - COMMUNICATION! All of us have a responsibility to our new officers--you must give them all your help with ideas, suggestions, and constructive criticism. Each of us has much to contribute to ORALL, so don't be shy!

INDIANAPOLIS HIGHLIGHTS

Business & Committee Activities

At the fall meeting in Indianapolis, the following members were unanimously elected as your officers for 1975:

President -	Oscar Trelles University of Dayton Law Library Dayton, Ohio
Vice-President -	Betty Busch Dayton Law Library Association Dayton, Ohio

Secretary - Kathy Friedman
Wayne County Circuit Court
Law Library, Detroit

Treasurer - Mary Ann Roman
Barnes, Hickam, Pantzer & Boyd
Indianapolis, Indiana

Executive Board - Polly Richter
(2 year term) Geauga County Law Library Ass'n.
Chardon, Ohio
(to serve with immediate Past President and
Dick Beer, Oakland County Law Library,
Pontiac, Michigan

Elected to life membership were Peggy Fetz and Maurine Bruner.

As always, we were more than happy to see our AALL guests in Indianapolis--Marian Boner, President and Jane Hammond, Vice-President.

Karen Raban of the Membership Committee distributed copies of the new Membership Directory. If you have not received one, contact her at:

General Motors Corp. Legal Staff Library
14-223 GM Building
3044 W. Grand Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan 48202
313/556-4409

Please support Art Fiske's Microform Feasibility Committee in the filming of Ohio Supreme Court Records and Briefs. This is a working, ongoing project which needs your support. Details follow in the County Law Library Workshop summary.

Art Fiske reported there is pending Ohio legislation concerning the availability of Ohio Administrative agency rules and regulations. Edith Woodward, of the Ohio Legislative Reference Bureau library, distributed questionnaires, asking our assistance in the make-up of such a publication.

The Union List Committee, headed by Oscar Trelles, will soon become a publishing committee, with ORALL's support. Oscar reported a proposed \$75.00 per library cost. Support your local committees!

Copies of the ORALL Constitution, which was amended in May, and the ORALL Guidelines are available from Dianne Witkowski (Schiff Hardin & Waite, 7200 Sears Tower, 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 876-1000).

The Learning Process

States in our region have varying legal, agency and governmental resources. The resources of Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana were thoroughly covered by our first panel in Indianapolis. Each state has its own "unique" reporters, administrative publications, and general sources.

Further information and details may be obtained from the following people who presented their state's materials:

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| 1. Dick Beer
Oakland County Law Library
1200 N. Telegraph Road
Pontiac, Michigan 48053
313/858-0011 | 2. Paul Fu
Ohio Supreme Ct. Law Library
State Office Tower
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614/469-2044 |
| 3. Christine Stevens
Indianapolis Law School
735 W. New York Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202
317/264-4028 | 4. Charlotte Levy
Chase Law School Library
1401 Dixie Highway
Covington, Kentucky 41011
606/491-3648 |

The Workshops

The workshop format for a portion of our programs has proved most successful.

The Private Law Libraries Workshop had approximately 30 people in attendance. Mary Ann Roman and Stephanie Penrod from the Barnes, Hickam, Pantzer & Boyd Library conducted the morning session. The first topic presented was "Communication

with Statistics," which dealt with the utilization of forms for recording statistics for interlibrary loans, binding, acquisitions, and yearly expenses. Visual transparencies of the various forms used in the Barnes, Hickam Library were projected on a viewing screen. Discussion followed as to the methods of record retention employed in the various libraries represented. The next topic presented, "Submitting the Annual Report," illustrated how to employ the statistics discussed in the earlier session for preparation of an annual report.

Lorraine Kulpa and Karen Raban of General Motors Corporation Legal Staff Library presented the afternoon session, which dealt with the specialized problems of cataloging law publications. There was a review of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules and its pertinence to legal material. The rules were illustrated by many examples of cataloging decisions employed by General Motors. These examples were projected on a screen by use of an opaque projector.

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Art Hohlmayer reports on the County workshops -

When one starts to report on the County Law Library Workshop, it is hard to put it down on paper--it was "chucked Full of Goodies" that we could take home with us for daily use.

Dick Beer handled the subject "Why Are County Law Libraries Becoming More Popular; and Some of Their Problems", with his usual completeness. Carol Bratton gave a review of the Ohio Bar Association Law Library Committee and the many things they are doing which directly affect all County Law Libraries and their work. We are most fortunate to have their complete cooperation and help.

"Librarian Salary Status and What Ohio Proposes to Do," (a subject that is important to us) was discussed in detail by Eugene Tonry of the Lorain County Law Library. At our request the Ohio Bar Law Library Committee is spear-heading a proposal on Salaries and Eugene is on this committee.

Bill Shannon of Information Handling Services told us of the wonderful progress they have made on microfilming the Ohio State Supreme Court Records and Briefs. The program will be completed in early 1975. At Art Fiske's request they are filming the documents in three segments so each of us can subscribe to all or any segments as our needs dictate.

Every Ohio County Law Library should support this project by placing a standing order for current Ohio Records and Briefs starting with 1974. The cost per year is only \$150.00 if you order now, before December 30, 1974. After that date the price will be \$175.00. Also every library which has requests for this material, as well as any library of 15,000 volumes should order the recent Records and Briefs segment which covers Ohio State 2nd (1964-73). The special pre-publication price of \$2,500.00 will be in effect until December 30, 1974.

If you didn't receive a free brochure describing the Ohio Records and Briefs program, write to Microcard Editions, A Division of Information Handling Services, 5500 South Valentia Way, Englewood, Colorado 80110, or call collect: (303) 771-2600, Extension 233.

Roman Yoder of the Cincinnati Law Library went into depth on "What Ohio Should Do To Help County Law Libraries" by relating the past-present-future of County Law Libraries. He advanced some very definite and positive goals for the future, including a "State Clearing House Hot Line" to answer our questions.

In the afternoon the AALL representatives encouraged us to continue working and cooperating to achieve our goals and make our County Law Libraries the best. Ruth Kessler, Betty Busch, Tom McNinch, Wesley Gilmer, Ruth Klippstein, William Powers and Yvonne Heenan formed a panel discussion on "Reference & Legal Research in a County Law Library." They gave us an eye opener as to the possibilities on how we can better serve the courts and attorneys.

Nancy Miller of the Ohio State University Law Library prepared an 8-page report on the "Ohio Reports of All the Courts." Copies are available from Nancy.

Paul Fu of the Ohio Supreme Court Law Library prepared "Legislative and administrative documents and publications published by the Ohio State Legislature and Ohio State Administrative Agencies." Everyone should have this at their fingertips as it goes into detail with addresses, telephone numbers, names of persons to contact, function, frequency of meetings and availability. Contact Paul directly for a copy. (See address and phone number on page 3.)

Karen Raban of General Motors explained the ORALL Directory, which is outstanding in its preparation and completeness. It contains almost 200 names, and addresses of ORALL members.

The meeting excelled the Toledo meeting and the County Law Library group looks forward to more "How To Do It" workshops at our May, 1975 meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

University Law Librarians were honored by speaker Dean Alphonse Squillante of the Ohio Northern University Law School, who presented his views as Dean, in relation to the library. Margaret Leary, of the University of Michigan Law School Library, spoke concerning the role of the assistant librarian, followed by Roger Jacobs, from the Southern Illinois University Law Library. In presenting the pros and cons of the teaching side of law librarianship, Roger helped further discussions among the entire group.

Jorge Carro, Chairman of the session, presented the future techniques of law librarianship, such as that involving LEXIS.

A hearty thanks goes to all the program planners and participants--everyone did a fantastic job.

NEW BUSINESS

Our Spring Meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio on May 8-10, 1975. It follows the Ohio Bar Association meeting, as is traditional. Paul Fu, librarian at the Ohio Supreme Court Law Library, will be our host. The following is his brief introduction to his library:

The Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library had its beginning around 1860. The library moved from the State House to the State House Annex in 1903. The library remained in the State House Annex until its recent move into the State Office Tower at 30 E. Broad Street, Columbus.

The 130,000 volume library of well-selected and thoroughly weeded law books, occupies the fourth and fifth floors, while the Court, the Justices' chambers and court offices take up the second and third floors of the forty-two story structure.

Individual study tables are located in the stack areas, while consultation and discussion areas are located near the center of the library. There is a public lounge area on each floor with custom furniture for relaxation and smoking.

In addition to staff working areas, copy machine area and the public phone booths, the library has a typing room, a rarebooks room and an audio-visual center. The rarebooks collection consists of early English and Scottish legal publications, and many early Ohio legal materials published both prior to and during the beginning years of the State of Ohio. The audio-visual center is equipped with "wet" carrels, microfiche and microfilm readers and printers, film projector, a built-in screen, microfilming camera, overhead projector, sound slide projector, dictating machine and tape recording equipment.

The treatises and textbooks collection of approximately 10,000 volumes are completely cataloged and classified under the LC KF system. The entire collection is organized into ten major categories and each category is represented by a color. Because of the special feature of the architectural design, one can almost see all of the color coded signs on the end panels from wherever he stands and proceed directly to the stack area where the book is shelved.

The library is attractive, functional and absolutely different from many libraries you have seen. Let me extend to you an invitation to visit our library.