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SUCCESS!!!

"Sweet and true word to describe our 1975 Fall Meeting."

The Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries held its Annual Meeting in Dayton, Ohio, on October 16-18, 1975. The program for those days included workshops alternated with speakers of well deserved reputation which helped to make this one of the most successful meetings this chapter has ever had.

The attendance at the meeting was well over 100 and included people from all over the country. The main theme of the program for this meeting was "Viewpoints of Law Librarianship from Governing Bodies". The speakers were: Mr. Giuliano Chicco, Law Librarian at Cravath, Swaine and Moore, New York; Dean William Harvey of the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis; Prof. Roy Mersky, Director of Legal Research and Law Librarian, University of Texas at Austin; Mr. Peter Nycum, Director of the San Mateo County Law Library, Redwood City, CA.; Prof. Richard Sloane, Director of the Biddle Law Library of the University of Pennsylvania; the Honorable Charles Whalen, Congressman from Ohio for the Third District; and Mr. Russell Yeazel, Esq., President of the Dayton Law Library Assn.

Jane Hammond and Jack Ellenberger were present at this meeting as were presidents of other chapters of AALL.

The speeches delivered at the meeting were found to be of such relevance that serious consideration is being given to having them compiled and published for wide distribution.

At the same meeting the announcement was made of the publication of the first ORALL Union List of Periodicals, the ORALL Handbook and the ORALL 1975 Membership Directory.

Other publications, including the Model Bibliographies for different states represented in this large chapter are being

compiled presently and hopefully will be ready by Christmas time.

At this meeting the Annual election of new officers took place. The term of office for the new officers will run from January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976. The new officers will be:

Oscar M. Trelles	President (re-elected)
James F. Bailey	Vice- President
Thomas McNinch	Secretary
Lucille Keating	Treasurer

The 1975 and the new 1976 officers of ORALL will be meeting early this December to discuss pending business and to assure a smooth change of officers.

The next meeting of ORALL will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in the Spring of 1976.

Innumerable letters have been received from some of the speakers as well as from other people attending the meeting showing their appreciation of our meeting. Copies of these letters are available from the President's office simply on request.

MINUTES OF THE ORALL MEETING

Dayton, Ohio
October 16, 1975

The Fall meeting of ORALL was called to order by President Oscar Trelles at 4:39 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the secretary's minutes, since they were published in the September 16th newsletter.

Vice-President, Betty Busch reported on the Activities committee work of the past year. Betty and Committee Member Tom McNinch produced ORALL's first handbook. The pamphlet details the history of ORALL, its structure, purpose, constitution and by-laws, publications, and past officers. It is intended as an introduction, for both new and old members, to the workings of our association.

President Trelles commended Betty and the committee for the tremendous amount of work and time spent on this publication.

In the absence of Treasurer Mary Ann Roman, the secretary noted that a copy of the 1976 Budget submitted by the Finance Committee was available for the membership to consult.

Copies of the handbook were distributed to all members present at the meeting, all others listed in the 1975 Membership directory will receive copies through the mail.

In the absence of Treasurer Mary Ann Roman, the secretary noted that a copy of the 1976 Budget submitted by the Finance Committee was available for the membership to consult.

The Audio-Visual Committee announced that Bill Locke, of the Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Co. has been selected to fill a vacancy on that committee. The committee also reported that microfilming of Carrington Marshall's A HISTORY OF THE COURTS AND

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LAWYERS OF OHIO, has been completed by the Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library. Copies of the 100ft., 16 mm. cartridge film edition can be obtained by contacting Paul S. Fu.

The Audio-Visual Committee further announced the publication of the A-V newsletter dealing with news items of the committee and information and suggestions regarding software and hardware selections and storage.

President Trelles announced the appointment of Nancy Miller to the position of permanent Auditor of the association. As Auditor she will be required to respond to questions about ORALL finances, constitution and guidelines posed by the American Association of Law Libraries.

Secretary Kathy Friedman delivered the legislative report for Ohio in the absence of Art Fiske. During the 111th General Assembly of Ohio, the committee secured an amendment to H.B. 257, which would have made all county law libraries, receiving fines, penalties, and forfeitures, open to the public, thus depriving such law libraries the right to assess their members for the purpose of funding law library operations. The Bill, as amended, and which is presently before the Governor for his signature, deletes the provision that county law libraries, receiving fines, penalties, and forfeitures, must be public libraries, and provided in lieu thereof, a schedule of libraries, which are designated depositories for such materials.

The committee also attempted to assist in the amendment of R.C. 3375.48, which limits the compensation of law librarians, in counties, where not more than one judge of the Court of Common Pleas holds regular terms of Court at the same time, to \$500.00 maximum per annum. Although the amending legislation did not pass, the Ohio Attorney General has recently ruled (O.A.G. 75-057) that the \$500.00 maximum salary does not apply in counties having one Common Pleas Judge and one Judge of the Probate Division.

Jim Bailey reported that in Indiana the Legislative committee has barely begun to scratch the surface of their work.

Bill James reported that the situation was similar in Kentucky with no news to report.

Dick Beer commented on the insufficient library statutes in Michigan noting that the weird geographical distribution of the State's population left the librarians with little or no political clout.

Placement committee chairperson, Dick Beer indicated that 25-30 applications were now on file. At present there are three openings in the region; 1) Assistant Technical Service librarian at Indiana University; 2) Assistant Law Librarian, at Detroit College of Law, Detroit, Michigan, available August 1976; 3) Cataloguer at the University of Toledo.

According to Chairperson Beer, all on file applications are discarded after a six month period making refileing necessary if an applicant is still available.

While no Guidelines report was given, President Trelles emphasized the need for definite guidelines in which procedures would be spelled

out for the officers of the association. He mentioned the training and trial by error methods that are presently encountered when assuming office in the association.

Jim Bailey, Membership Committee Chairperson, distributed copies of the 1975 Membership Directory to all present in Dayton. All other members will receive copies by mail. Of the 162 letters sent prospective new members for ORALL, thirty-two new members were recruited.

The total dues paying membership is now 202 and 11 life members. The statistical breakdown by state;

Ohio	126 members	- 62%
Michigan	34 members	- 16%
Indiana	18 members	- 9%
Kentucky	12 members	- 6%
New York	6 members	- 3%
Illinois	5 members	- less than 2%
Pennsylvania	5 members	- less than 2%

By type;

University	80 members	- 40%
County and Bar	59 members	- 29%
Firm	22 members	- 11%
State and court	8 members	- 4%
Publishers	22 members	- 11%
Others	11 members	- 5%

President Trelles commended the membership committee for a successful year and an excellent directory.

Model Bibliography chairperson, Carol Bratton announced that the Ohio supplement to the MODEL BIBLIOGRAPHY was available at the meeting. She stated that the Ohio Bar was willing to continue backing the project in 1976.

The Indiana Materials subcommittee of the Model Bibliography Committee, consisting of Christine Stevens, Stephanie Penrod, and Barbara Rainwater announced that policy decisions regarding their portion of the bibliography have been formulated and that actual publication is expected by Christmas. Their policy decisions were;

1. To include only Indiana material, as opposed to the inclusion of general material as found in the parent bibliography of 1973
2. To favor subject matter over form/format whenever possible
3. To list entries by author/title, publisher, date and number of volumes for the latest edition. (No listing of number of pages or of price.)
4. To "cut-off" entries at the year 1950, except in special cases voted by the subcommittee
5. To follow the Library of Congress List of Subject Headings
6. To include a section consisting of Indiana primary materials and related finding tools, showing the dates and number of volumes of such material.

The Kentucky Materials Chairperson, Bill James, reported that his portion will be ready at Christmas.

The Michigan Materials Chairperson, Dick Beer, cited his publication entitled, MICHIGAN LEGAL LITERATURE: AN ANNOTATED GUIDE which is available for \$10.00 by contacting him.

The Nominations committee representative, Bill James announced the slate of Officers for 1976;

President	Oscar Trelles
Vice-President	James Bailey
Treasurer	Lucille Keating
Secretary	Thomas McNinch
Executive Board Member	Richard Beer

Union List committee member John Zimmerman informed the membership that due to errors on their part, the Louisville Referral Center would be correcting and reissuing the ORALL Union List of Periodicals at no charge to the purchasers.

A motion was made and approved by an 2/3's majority of those present to technically confer the honor of Life membership to Helen Garee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Kathleen M. Friedman
Secretary, ORALL

Correction to the Minutes - Model Bibliography chairperson, Carol Bratton, announced that she was working on the Ohio supplement to the Model Bibliography, not that the latter was available at the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE ORALL MEETING
Dayton, Ohio
October 18, 1975

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Vice-President Betty Busch presided.

Treasurer Mary Ann Roman delivered the financial report. As of September 30, 1975, our checking balance was \$2,537.00, Savings balance is \$3,000.00 leaving a total cash balance of \$5,537.00.

Nominations Committee Chairperson, Jorge Carro regretfully informed the membership that Dianne Witkowski would not be able to continue on the Executive Board. As past President, she was automatically on the board. However, since she cannot continue in that capacity and our constitution does not allow for a vacancy in this position it will remain unfilled until the next election.

Election of Officers being the next item on the agenda, Chairperson Carro, read the committee's slate of candidates for 1976.

President

Oscar Trelles

Vice-President
Treasurer
Secretary
Executive Board Member

Jim Bailey
Lucille Keating
Thomas McNinch
Richard Beer

Nominations were accepted from the floor. The name of Dick Beer was introduced for the Office of President. The nomination having been moved and seconded, the name of Dick Beer was added to the slate of candidates.

The results of the balloting are as follows;

OFFICERS OF ORALL FOR 1976

President
Vice-President
Treasurer
Secretary
Executive Board Member

Oscar Trelles
Jim Bailey
Lucille Keating
Thomas McNinch
Richard Beer

ORALL business having been concluded the meeting adjourned at 11 14 a.m.

Kathleen M. Friedman
Secretary, ORALL

Report on Private Law Firms Workshop

The topic of the ORALL fall meeting that was held at the University of Dayton, October 16, 17 and 18, was THE VIEWPOINTS OF LAW LIBRARIANSHIP FROM GOVERNING BODIES. The format, which has been successful for this chapter in the past, consisted of a large panel discussion among representatives from the various types of libraries: county, university, and firm. Following this discussion, the participants attended a workshop for the type of library in which they are involved.

The firm section was fortunate in having Richard Sloane, librarian at the University of Pennsylvania Biddle Law Library (formerly of Cravath, Swaine and Moore) participate in the panel and lead the discussion at the morning workshop. Mr. Sloane identified five types of governing bodies for librarians in a law firm setting: an office manager, a partner, a managing partner, a committee, or a combination of any of these. A productive discussion followed regarding the manner of communicating with these various types. Giuliano Chicco of Cravath, Swaine and Moore participated in the afternoon panel and led the discussion in the workshop, which continued on the morning theme of "Governing," touching on numerous topics varying from "How to go about acquiring a raise" and "How to address your lawyers in your situation." It was brought to the attention of the firm librarians in corporate situations that although their problems are very much like those of law firms, they are not necessarily the same.

October 31, 1975

Treasurer's Report
as of September 30, 1975

Checking balance, March 31, 1975	\$1,676.30
Savings balance, March 31, 1975	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total cash balance, March 31, 1975	\$4,676.30

Receipts

Dues	395.00
Chapter breakfast (Los Angeles)	73.26
Interest from CDs	110.00
Donations	675.00
Spring meeting (Columbus)	1,913.48
Miscellaneous	<u>12.00</u>
	3,178.74

Total to be accounted for	<u>\$7,855.04</u>
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Disbursements

Check 163 (advance for spring mtg.-Cancelled)	
Check 164 (membership directory postage)	12.73
Check 165 (membership statements)	4.11
Check 166 (floral arrangement)	22.45
Check 167 (speaker for spring meeting)	101.47
Check 168 (Newsletter charges)	60.00
Check 169 (speaker for spring meeting)	120.47
Check 170 (Cancelled)	
Check 171 (Cancelled)	
Check 172 (replacement of Check 123)	60.00
Check 173 (breakfast - Los Angeles)	106.48
Check 174 (spring meeting - Columbus)	1,799.57
Check 175 (overpayment)	20.00
Check 176 (membership recruiting)	7.50
Check 177 (rubber stamp)	<u>3.26</u>
	2,318.04

Checking balance, September 30, 1975	2,537.00
Savings balance, September 30, 1975	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total cash balance, September 30, 1975	5,537.00
Total accounted for	<u>\$7,855.04</u>

Checking balance	\$2,537.00
Savings balance	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL CASH BALANCE	\$5,537.00

Mary Ann Roman
Treasurer

PLACEMENT -- (All on file applications will be automatically discarded after a six months period, making refiling necessary if the position is still available.)

Dick Beer, chairperson, has sent us the following notices of available positions in our region:

INDIANA --

Assistant Director for Technical Services. Indiana University School of Law, the largest law library in Indiana (over 160,000 vols) MLS required. Cataloging experience required, preferably in law. Supervision negotiable: \$10,500 up. Position available immediately. Contact Prof. James F. Bailey, III, Director of the Law Library, Indiana Univ. School of Law, 735 W. New York St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46202. Telephone: (317) 264-4028

MICHIGAN --

Associate Law Librarian. Detroit College of Law Library, Detroit. JD and MLS preferred. Position available August, 1976. Salary negotiable. Contact: Mario Ceresa, Detroit College of Law Library, 130 E. Elizabeth St., Detroit, MI 48201.

OHIO --

Cataloger. MLS and cataloging experience required; thorough knowledge of Library of Congress classification and law cataloging experience desired. Will be responsible for supervision of OCLC (Ohio College Library Center) on-line shared cataloging and original cataloging for growing law library collection of 100,000 volumes. Salary: \$12,000; liberal fringe benefits including medical, dental and life insurance, and tuition waiver for five credit hours per quarter. New law library facilities on campus in a pleasant residential neighborhood. Position available immediately. Contact: Janet L. Wallin, Law Librarian, University of Toledo College of Law Library, Toledo, Ohio 43606. Telephone: (419) 537-2733.

Head Librarian. University of Cincinnati College of Law. Law school of major urban university seeks head librarian. J.D., M.S.L.S., experience required. Present collection is 80,000 volumes with a staff of 5. Major expansion likely in next decade. Position expected to include Faculty status and some teaching. Send letter of application, including details of education and experience, to Dean Samuel S. Wilson, University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221. Applications should be sent for timely consideration before the AALS 1975 Faculty Recruitment Conference which will be held Dec. 4-6 in Chicago.

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NOTE-

The Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries Union List (1975 ed.) was, as previously explained, printed without including the holdings of the Cincinnati Law Library Association. The Louisville Information Referral Center has already issued a newly revised Union List including the holdings of ALL participating libraries at no extra cost whatever.

The Union List is not permanently bound so it is recommended to just purchase an ACCO binder (U.S. Pat. no. 3,572,867) or something similar, 22" x 13", in which you can safely place it for general use. That is, at least, what has been done at the University of Dayton Law Library.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Union List Committee Chairperson, John Zimmerman, (Univ. of Dayton Law Library) if you have any questions.

MISCELLANEOUS-

As promised in our previous Newsletter we are printing now the reply of Mr. Thomas L. Startzman, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Ohio, to our inquiry about why the taped arguments of counsel and the questions of the justices and the replies of counsel thereto are considered official reports of the Court and are not available to other than court personnel. Mr. Startzman's reply reads as follows:

"It is a practice of this Court to tape the oral arguments presented to the Court. This is done solely for the convenience of the Justices in the event that only one of them desires to refresh their recollection of what was said in oral argument.

"There is no particular policy with regard to the availability of these tapes. Obviously, the tapes cannot be loaned to anyone while the case is pending since any one of the Justices may wish to listen to the tape. I should add that the tapes are never transcribed.

"After the decision in a case is announced the tapes are not preserved. In fact, the tapes are reused for other oral arguments.

"Accordingly, I do not believe any formal statement concerning the use of such tapes is necessary.

"Very truly yours,

Thomas L. Startzman
Clerk"

Price Comparison of Legal Periodicals:
Regular Bound Volumes vs. Microforms

Bardie Wolfe, Law Librarian at Cleveland State University and member of ORALL's Audio-Visual Committee has recently prepared a report on his study of prices for some law journals (on a selective basis). Bardie compared the costs involved in purchasing these periodicals

titles in hard copy format and in microform. The summary prepared by Bardie Wolfe shows how microform is - without a doubt - the less expensive way to purchase these periodicals.

<u>Legal Journals</u>	<u>Regular Volumes</u>		<u>Microforms</u>		Price Difference
	Vols.	Cost	Vols.	Cost	
Summary Data	2,627	\$61,844.00	2,572	\$18,665.00	\$43,179.00
Average Price per Volume		\$23.54		\$7.26	

The above does not include the cost of labor involved in binding, processing and the cost of shelve space for these volumes when dealing with hard copy format.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

The YWCA of the Lansing (Michigan) area has recently awarded 11 Diana awards to the most outstanding women in that area. Among the recipients of these prestigious awards was our Charlotte C. Dunnebacke the Law Librarian at Michigan State Law Library.

Our most sincere congratulations to her!!!!

(For full details of this event see the newspaper The State Journal of Thursday, October 30, 1975.)