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Betty Busch (Ohio)
Jorge L. Carro (Ohio)

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BE SURE NOT TO FORGET OUR 1977 SPRING MEETING....CINCINNATI, OHIO

MAY 12-14, 1977....TERRACE HILTON HOTEL

As current Vice-President, Dick Beer is responsible for local arrangements and program. Persons willing to assist him should get in touch. He and his committee should have the mailings in your hands in the near future.
MESSAGE FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF ORALL:

For the last two years, I have had the privilege of being the President of ORALL and wish to thank you all for your marvelous cooperation and understanding throughout all that time.

ORALL has been to me a wonderful association, most active and progressive. We have been able to bring to fruition many projects of use to our membership, and all of this thanks to you.

I will always be an active member of ORALL, even residing as far from the Midwest as I am presently. We have all worked hard together and have made a great number of friends in the process. Thanks to you all and keep up the hard work!

Oscar M. Trelles, II
Nova University Center for the Study of Law
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

With the move of our immediate past president, Oscar Trelles, from the University of Dayton to Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and with the assumption of his many new duties as Associate Dean, Director of the Law Library, and Director of Placement, it was decided to combine his last newsletter and the first one put out under the present president. Therefore, there will be no issue no. 4 for 1976.

With the move of Dick Beer into the vice-president's chair, his former position on the ORALL Executive Committee has become vacant. In keeping with the ORALL constitution and with past practice, your president has appointed Jorge Carro of the University of Cincinnati Law Library to the unexpired portion of Dick's term. Jorge, welcome to the new post!

I am also pleased to inform you that, after innumerable telephone calls and a rather exhaustive search for qualified persons who are willing to undertake the demanding positions as heads of our committees, the following persons have kindly consented to render service to our Association as chairpersons of the ORALL committees.

**COMMITTEE**

Activities

Dick Beer (Mich.) is automatically chairman of this committee, as vice-president of ORALL

Ad Hoc Committee on Name of Association

Peggy Fisher (Mich.)

Auditor

Nancy Miller (Ohio)

Audio-Visual

Bardie Wolfe (Tenn.)

Constitution and By Laws

Peter Kempel (Mich.)

Continuing Education

Anne Watkins (Ohio)

Finance

Bernice Frank (Mich.) is automatically chairman of this committee, as treasurer of ORALL

Guidelines

Oscar Trelles (Ohio/Fla.)

Legislative

Vivian Balester (Ohio)

Membership and Directory

John Lindsey (Kentucky)
COMMITTEES (continued)

Model Bibliography..............................................Virginia Capute (Ohio)

Nominations.......................................................Bill James (Kentucky)

Placement..........................................................Andrew Brann (Kentucky)

Union List..........................................................John Zimmerman (Ohio)

In addition, it is a pleasure to inform you that we have received a good number of completed forms from the membership concerning the committees on which various members wish to serve. These forms were sent out with the 1977 dues statements from our treasurer, Bernie Frank, and I urge interested parties to fill them out and return them to me. There is still room on many committees, but so far I have tried to limit committee appointments pretty much to those persons who have responded via this form. In this way, members can usually be placed on committees that interest them, and no committee will be saddled with uninterested participants who have been appointed "in the dark."

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SO FAR:

Activities

Dick Beer, Chairman
Karen Moss
Elizabeth Stajniak
Jorge Carro
Carol Bratton
John Lindsey

Audio/Visual

Barrie Wolfe, Chairman
Jacqueline Fox
Bill Locke
Pat Gordon
Henry Tseng
Lillian Uhlik

Continuing Education

Anne Watkins, Chairman

Guidelines

Oscar Trelles, Chairman
Nancy Miller
Sharon McIntyre

Membership and Directory

John Lindsey, Chairman
Polly Richter
Sharon McIntyre
Barbara Rennolet

Ad Hoc Comm. on Assess. Name

Peggy Fisher, Chairman (Mich.)
Oscar Trelles (Ohio/Fla.)
Betty Busch (Ohio)
Wendell Johnting (Ind.)
Beth Gwynn (Kentucky)

Constitution and By Laws

Peter Kempel, Chairman
Bill James
Kathleen DeBoer

Finance

Bernice Frank, Chairman

Legislative

Vivian Balester, Chairman (Ohio)
Polly Richter (Ohio)
Catherine Hall (Mich.)
Kathleen DeBoer (Ohio)
Chris Stevens (Ind.)

Model Bibliography

Virginia Capute, Chairman (Ohio)
Nancy Miller (Ohio)
Betty Busch (Ohio)
Catherine Hall (Mich.)
Kathy Walker (Ind.)
COMMITTEES (continued)

Nominations

Bill James, Chairman
Simon Goren
Karen Moss
Oscar Trelles
Barbara Rennolet

Placement

Andrew Brann, Chairman
Bill James
Jacqueline Fox
Adrijana Randolph
Bernice Frank

Union List

John Zimmerman, Chairman
Anne Watkins
Pat Gordon

Miscellanea: You will notice that I have tentatively changed the name of the Membership Committee to Membership and Directory, to more accurately reflect the actual function of the committee. If necessary, a vote could be taken at our May 1977 meeting either to ratify the change or to reverse it.

In those cases in which each major state in our region ought to be represented (Model Bibliography, Name of Association, and Legislative), the name of the state is listed after the name of the committee member.

It is fairly obvious that we have room on several committees (Finance, Continuing Education, Constitution and ByLaws). If you are interested in these or in any other committee, please let the president know. In particular, we need Kentucky representatives on the Model Bibliography and Legislative Committees.

In filling these committee chairmanships, we have tried to select as many new names and faces as possible; however, this has been somewhat difficult. Many persons answered that they were too busy or that they had other commitments. After the great amount of telephoning that was done, your president is not going to be very sympathetic to any complaints about longtime members always being appointed to committees and chairmanships, to the exclusion of newer members. Remember, this is your association, and it is a voluntary one at that. . . . it is only as good as the support it receives, and those who wish to have a voice in running the association must speak up, offer to help, and respond to such items as the "committee preference form" which you recently received. With a total membership in excess of 200, there are still a very large number of committee-preference-forms that have not been returned to me.

You will also notice that your president has created an Ad Hoc Committee on the Name of the Association. This is in response to the continued and somewhat vociferous discussion concerning the pro's and con's of our present association name. The last time your president made a head-count, roughly half of the members were from Ohio law libraries, and the other half were from other states surrounding Ohio. Many persons from this latter group feel that "Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries" does not convey a true picture of the make-up of the association. In response, many Ohio members reply that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to convince their Board of Trustees to sponsor trips to ORALL meetings if the name did not specify a definite connection with Ohio.

Various names have been suggested: Midwestern, North Central, Great Lakes, and so forth, but each of these has strong and weak points. A name that your president finds somewhat attractive is Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Association of Law Libraries, although it possesses a particularly odd-looking acronym: GLOVALL. The advantages are that Ohio appears in the name, yet it is not restrictive to that state. The Great Lakes portion takes in Michigan, southern Ontario, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and western Pennsylvania; while the Ohio Valley portion takes in western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, western West Virginia, Indiana, and Illinois... all of which are represented in the present ORALL.
In any case, this name has been suggested to the chairperson, Peggy Fisher of the Detroit College of Law, and all members are encouraged to contact her concerning your suggestions, preferences, and comments. The committee is a balanced, Blue Ribbon committee of active ORALL members, and covers virtually all states represented in ORALL. Nonetheless, we could still use volunteers from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ontario, and Illinois, and anyone interested should contact me as soon as possible.

Under present plans, Peggy and her committee ought to have a tentative report for the May 1977 meeting, and hopefully a final report shortly before the October 1977 meeting. If appropriate, a vote might be taken at the fall 1977 meeting.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 16, 1976.

The annual meeting of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries was held at the Niagara Hilton Hotel, Niagara Falls, New York, October 16, 1976, at 9:15 A.M. A quorum was present, and Oscar Trelles, President, called the meeting to order and presided.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

President Trelles asked for the reports of the standing committees of ORALL. Committee reports followed and are appended hereto.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the proposed constitutional amendments recommended by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. These amendments were included in the annual report and are also in the October, 1976, Newsletter.

Discussion.

Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded by President Trelles, for the Executive Board, to amend Article 8 of the ORALL Constitution to read, "This constitution may be amended by the majority vote of those present at any regular meeting. Written notification of proposed amendments must be sent/circulated to the entire ORALL membership not less than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Discussion.

Motion carried.

President Trelles read the names of the candidates for office in ORALL which had been submitted to the Nominating Committee. These included:

A. For President: James Bailey, Dick Beer
B. For Vice-President: Jorge Carro, Karen Moss
C. For Secretary: Susan Petre
D. For Treasurer: Bernice Frank

Two (2) other names were placed in nomination. These were:
For Secretary: Barbara Rennolet
For Treasurer: Adrijana Randolph

Election for President of ORALL was held. James F. Bailey was elected President of ORALL for 1977.

Election for Vice-President was held. Karen Moss withdrew her name as a candidate for Vice-President and placed the name of Dick Beer in nomination. Dick Beer was elected Vice-President of ORALL for 1977.
Election for Secretary was held. Barbara Rennolet was elected Secretary for ORALL for 1977.

Betty Busch was nominated and elected to become a member of the ORALL Executive Board for 1977.

Gertrude Johnson was nominated and unanimously elected to become a Life Member of ORALL.

Charlotte Dunnebacke recommended that ORALL'S scholarship fund donate $50.00 to AALL in memory of Frank E. Miller, longtime trustee of the Toledo Bar Association.

Discussion.

Motion Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Board be given the authority to plan meetings as much as five (5) years in advance in order to meet the needs of the association.

Discussion.

Motion carried.

President Trelles called for further business. There being none, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Rennolet
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
OCTOBER 1976

Information received from the Treasurer indicates that, as of October 16, 1976:

a) The total ORALL membership has reached the number of 219.

b) This total includes 13 Life Members.

c) 14 Members have been added this year.

The different projects undertaken by this Committee include:

1. The updated 1976-1977 ORALL Membership Directory has been published and is ready for distribution at the fall meeting. The directory lists all libraries, library personnel and library-related individuals and companies which have paid 1976 dues as of September 15, 1976, as well as Life Members. ORALL members not in attendance at the local meeting in Niagara Falls will receive their copy of the directory by mail. Complimentary copies of the directory have been sent to AALL Headquarters in Chicago and to the presidents of each regional association. A special word of appreciation is extended to Richard Rainwater and to Mary Overton for their assistance in getting the directory ready. ORALL, this year, includes members from sixteen (16) states, the District of Columbia and one Canadian province.

2. Thirty (30) Deans of Law Schools and Library Science Departments in the region were contacted by letter during the summer. A copy of the ORALL Handbook was included in each mailing. The purpose was to ask their assistance in introducing interested students to ORALL. A copy of the letter is attached to the original of this report.
3. The Membership Committee reviewed the membership application that is currently in use by ORALL. It was the feeling of the Committee that the current application form was rather unwieldy and contained a number of superfluous categories. The proposed form features a standard size, which is more easily attached to cover letters and other types of correspondence. The introduction includes a couple of sentences which explain the difference between individual membership and institutional membership. Special thanks to Betty Busch and Tom McNinch for their help in drafting the new form. The proposed form was submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. As of October 3, 1976, the new form was adopted for official use in ORALL. A copy of the new form is attached to the original of this report.

4. The issue of Life Membership was mentioned at the spring meeting. There is no report to be made at this time. It is recommended, however, that the Membership Committee specifically address this issue with a view towards a detailed report to be presented at the next meeting. A position paper that outlines the procedure for recommendation, discusses the subject of early retirement and reaffirms the importance of Life Members to ORALL is contemplated.

5. A project that is currently being undertaken is contacting county law libraries within the region which are not members of ORALL. The ORALL Handbook will be used to assist in this recruitment project.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Busch
Alexander Creasey
Arthur Hohlmayer
John M. Lindsey

Karen Moss
Paul T. Murphy
Barbara Rennolet, Chairman

October 13, 1976

PLACEMENT NEWS:

Acquisitions Librarian. Dynamic rapidly growing library. The Indiana University School of Law Library is located in Indianapolis, and is by far the largest law library in the state (235,000 volumes). Position available after January 1, 1977. MLS from ALA accredited school required. Would prefer at least one year professional (postgraduate) library experience (preferably in some type of technical services, and preferably in Law.) Position includes supervision of acquisitions from bibliographic searching to final disposal into catalog department. Must submit monthly statistical reports. Responsible for maintenance of serial subscriptions on an up-to-date basis. Reports to Librarian for Technical Services. Salary: about $9,000. Send application and current resume to: Prof. James F. Bailey, III, Director of the Law Library, Indiana University School of Law 735 W. New York St. Indianapolis, Indiana 46202. Telephone: (317) 264-4028.

Circulation/Basic Reference Librarian. Dynamic, rapidly growing library. The Indiana University School of Law Library is located in Indianapolis and is by far the largest law research facility in the state of Indiana (235,000 volumes). Position available after January 1, 1977. MLS from ALA accredited school required. Would prefer at least one year professional (i.e. postgraduate) library experience (preferably in circulation and/or reference work, and preferably in Law.) Position includes basic reference and supervision of both day and night circulation assistants, as well as about 15 to 20 part-time student assistants. Reports to Librarian for Readers' Services. Salary: about $9,000. Send application and current resume to: Prof. James F. Bailey, III, Director of the Law Library, Indiana University, School of Law 735 W. New York St. Indianapolis, Indiana 46202. Telephone: (317) 264-4028.


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**Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 1976**

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Jorge L. Carro  
Treasurer
ABOUT OUR LIBRARIES

The University of Cincinnati Marx Law Library is one of the oldest law school libraries in the country. It serves a community of 23 full-time and 14 part-time faculty members as well as a student body of 350.

The collection is composed of 88,000 books and 17,000 volumes of microforms. The law of foreign countries is the main feature of our collection and we subscribe to more than 50 foreign legal periodicals.

The library staff is divided into three main divisions: a) Technical Services, Readers Services and Cataloging. Miss Louise C. Schaut, B.A., Gannon College, M.L.S. Emory University is the Technical Services Librarian; Mr. Thomas L. Tallentire, B.A., Cincinnati, M.L.S. University of Kentucky, is the Head Cataloger and the Readers Services Librarian position is presently vacant. We are now in the process of interviewing candidates with both the M.L.S. and J.D. degrees for this position. Mrs. Virginia Mueller is the Acquisitions Librarian, Mrs. Mary Jo Conn is our Bookkeeper and Mrs. Rosemary Patterson is the Executive Secretary. Four full-time clerks and 15 part-time students complete the library staff.

Two major programs have developed in U.C. during the past two years: 1) The installation of a terminal of Lexis/Orab computerized legal research. This service is offered to students and faculty from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M., Monday through Friday and with special hours on Saturday and Sunday; 2) The acquisition of U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs, Ohio State Supreme Court Records and Briefs, and Congressional Information Services in microfiche.

We honor requests of books through inter-library loan and we also serve libraries with Xerox copies of requested materials, within the limitations of the Copyright Act. It is also our policy to serve other libraries in whatever they deem necessary. A dramatic increase in the size of the collection is expected for the next three years upon the completion of the new building. More than six million dollars have been requested from the legislature by the Board of Regents for the construction of a new building. It will accommodate both the school and the library. The library will then have capacity for more than 250,000 volumes.

Jorge L. Carro
Head Law Librarian,
Associate Professor of Law

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

At our May 1976 meeting in Cleveland, we discussed the possibility of commencing an Exchange Plan under which various librarians in ORALL could visit other libraries in the area and actually work in them for several days. This proposal was assigned to the Continuing Education Committee for planning and implementation.

The basic idea would be for a librarian to arrive in the city of his choice on Sunday evening for a bit of socializing before commencing work on Monday morning. He or she would be oriented in the new environment, would work with new colleagues, and would attempt to pick up new ideas and procedures that might be of use in his or her own operation. The personnel of the host library would also be able to pick up new ideas and concepts from the visiting librarian. Depending on time and staff available in the host library, the visit would terminate on either Tuesday evening or on Wednesday evening, and the librarian would return home. Every effort would be made to arrange for local lodging, so as to avoid hotel expenses.

Your Continuing Education Committee prepared an appropriate form and distributed it to all members in August, 1976, to ascertain those persons who would like to serve as host librarians and those who would like to visit other libraries for such an exchange. A copy of this form serves as the last page of this Newsletter. We would be very grateful, if you would fill out the form at your earliest convenience and return to my attention.

Thank you for your interest and assistance.

Cordially,
Anne B. Watkins
Case Western Reserve University – School of Law Lib.
11075 East Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio 44106
Chairperson – Continuing Education Committee
MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Item: Florida Supreme Court Records and Briefs are being edited and microfilmed under a joint project of the Florida State University Law Library, the University of Florida Law Library, and the State of Florida Division of Archives.

Under the editorial supervision of F.S.U. Law Librarian, Edwin M. Schroeder, Florida State University, law and graduate library science students are editing Florida Supreme Court Records and Briefs. The Division of Archives is microfilming the materials and converting the film to four by six inch microfiche. Overall project Directors are Schroeder and Betty W. Taylor, Law Librarian at the University of Florida Law Library.

The microfiche for each case will contain in logical order the full set of briefs filed by counsel, the transcript, and other miscellaneous documents in the file.

Over two thousand cases are now in the files at both the Florida State University and University of Florida Law Libraries. Libraries or law firms may obtain a subscription to the service by contacting either Mr. Schroeder or Mrs. Taylor. Microfiche copies or photocopies of individual files are also available.

The project directors have expressed hope that sufficient funding will ultimately become available to film the whole file and keep it up to date.

The current price per fiche card is $0.65.

Item: Plans for the May 1977 ORALL meeting in Cincinnati are being finalized by V.P. Dick Beer and his Activities Committee. A strong program is planned in the area of book selection and acquisitions, topics which have not figured for some time on our programs. Dates are Thurs. May 12, thru Sat. A.M., May 14, 1977, and the site of the meeting will be the Terrace Hilton in Cincinnati. You should be receiving the usual mail-outs from Dick and his committee in the near future.

Item: If you have any name, address, or telephone corrections for the ORALL Directory, please send them to Mr. John Lindsey, Chase Law School Library, Covington, Kentucky. He and former Membership Committee chairperson Barbara Rennolet of Valparaiso University are engaged in putting together a section on updates/corrections, and this will appear in a future newsletter.

Item: In January, 1977, the Indiana University School of Law Library, Indianapolis, became the first unit in the Indiana University system to obtain a LEXIS terminal. Even though Indiana state law is still not available on the data base, Jim Bailey reports that the terminal is in use from opening of the library till closing time. There have been rumors that some students have tried to talk the custodians into letting them back into the computer room after the library has closed. Without doubt, a popular item......

Item: Jose Coutin, formerly law librarian at the Law Library of Catholic University of Puerto Rico in Ponce, P.R. is the new law librarian at the University of Dayton School of Law Library. Welcome to the Ohio Region, Jose!

Item: Mr. Carlos J. Rivera Davis, Inter American University of Puerto Rico, is a visiting librarian at the Indiana University School of Law Library, Indianapolis, for a six week stay. A profitable exchange of ideas is taking place, and the law library hopes that Mr. Rivera’s visit will serve as a precedent for future law librarian exchanges.

Item: Bardie Wolfe, formerly law librarian at Cleveland State University School of Law Library, is the new law librarian at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Bardie informs us that, if at all possible, he wants to remain an active member of ORALL, even though he is located just a bit outside the usual ambit of ORALL.

Item: Both the Notre Dame University Law Library and the Indiana University Law Library, Bloomington, have installed LEXIS terminals in the recent past.

ITEM: REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! FORWARD ALL NEWSWORTHY ITEMS TO SECRETARY BARBARA RENNOLET, VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY, VALPARAISO, INDIANA, 46383, or call her at (219) 464-5461.

DON'T FORGET OUR SPRING 1977 ORALL MEETING, THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY, MAY 12 thru 14, 1977. TERRACE HILTON, CINCINNATI, OHIO SEE YOU ALL THERE.
OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Your name  

Your library affiliation  

Area Code and Phone  

If you are interested in visiting other law libraries under the proposed Exchange Plan, what type of library would you find most suitable as a host library:

Are you interested in hosting other librarians?

If you are interested in hosting other librarians, is there any possibility that you or someone on your staff could provide lodging and meals for two or three days?

The Continuing Education Committee would serve as a Clearing House for both sides of the exchange, and the host library would be consulted before any party was assigned to it for the exchange program. Likewise, potential visitors would be consulted in advance before being assigned to any particular host library.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please jot them on the reverse side and return this form to Ms. Anne Watkins, Case Western Reserve University, School of Law Library, 11075 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106.