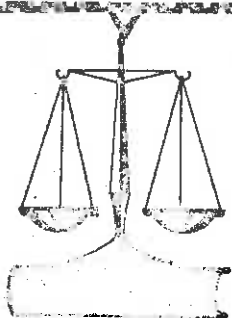


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RE-CAP OF THE CINCINNATI MEETING

The 1977 ORALL spring meeting was held May 12-14, 1977, at the Terrace Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dick Beer, Vice-President of ORALL, was the program chairman, and the theme of the meeting was an institute on book selection and acquisitions. Jorge Carro, Andy Brann and Roman Yoder assisted in the preparation of local arrangements. The faculty participants included Dick Beer, Law Librarian, Adams-Pratt Oakland County Library, Pontiac, Michigan; Bernice Frank, Legal Librarian, Burroughs Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; Virginia Capute, Librarian, Columbus Law Library Association, Columbus, Ohio; Bardie Wolfe, Law Librarian, University of Tennessee Law Library, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Fred Rothman, Fred Rothman & Company, South Hackensack, New Jersey.

There was a new twist to the format of this meeting. All of the sessions were general sessions and open to everyone in attendance. This is in contrast to past meetings where the sessions were broken down according to type of law library. This format provided a refreshing change and facilitated the exchange of ideas among all of the different kinds of law librarians present.

The sessions were all interesting and worthwhile. Dick Beer opened the convention on Thursday evening with an historical presentation of law reporting. The Friday program involved the criteria used in the selection process of various types of law libraries. A highly practical presentation on acquisition tools and the preparation of various types of order forms and systems generated an interesting discussion. Friday afternoon was largely devoted to Fred Rothman's most informative presentation of law library acquisitions - from the dealer's point of view. Our special thanks and congratulations for a job well done to all the participants who helped to make Cincinnati a SUCCESS!!

DON'T FORGET!!! The Fall Meeting will be held October 13-15, 1977, in Detroit (Southfield) Michigan, at the Michigan Inn. The program will be on copyright legislation and an attempt will be made to secure some top-notch speakers. Mark your calendars NOW - it promises to be of special interest to all.

ABOUT OUR LIBRARIES

The history of Valparaiso University begins in the days before the Civil War. On September 21, 1859, the Valparaiso Male and Female College was opened. The fact that it was a co-educational institution at a time when women were rarely admitted to college marked it as a pioneer from the start. The School of Law was organized and added to the institution in 1879 by the Hon. Mark L. Demotte. In the summer of 1925 the University was purchased by the Lutheran University Association. This Association, an Indiana corporation

composed of men and women affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, now owns and controls the University. Today the law school community includes 16 full-time faculty members, a supportive staff of 12 and a student body of 340.

The law library contains approximately 86,000 volumes and is housed in the law building, Wesemann Hall. In October of 1976, the Clara and Spencer Werner Addition to the library was dedicated. The late, Honorable Thomas C. Clark addressed the University and was awarded an honorary degree to mark the occasion. Besides a new stack area, the 7,000 square foot addition provides seating space for students, a new seminar room, faculty offices and office space for the clinical program.

The library staff consists of Elmer B. Hess, Law Librarian and Barbara Rennolet, Assistant Law Librarian. In addition, there are three full-time clerical assistants and ten part-time student assistants. The undergraduate library at Valparaiso University is a government depository, and it has recently become an OCLC terminal. Both of these factors contribute to the quality of service that is offered to the law school community.

Barbara Rennolet
Assistant Law Librarian
Valparaiso University

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

ADDITIONS

Northern Kentucky University 1401 Dixie Highway Covington, Kentucky 41011 Ms Wilma Hutchinson Ms Pamela Pallitt	University of Akron Law Library 302 E. Buchtel Avenue Akron, Ohio 44325 Ms Barbara Sendker Chase
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University of Dayton Law Library 300 College K. Dayton, Ohio 45469 Ms Sonya Faust Mr. Steven McDonald	Ms Sharlyn Page Ms Carolyn Ray
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CHANGES

Don Bellamy Kisler Data Management 5000 East 41st Avenue Denver, Colorado 80216	Polly Richter Geauga County Law Library County Court House Chardon, Ohio 44024
Karen Moss Theodore Levin Library 722 Federal Building Detroit, Michigan 48226	Tara L. Tappert 5411 Noblestown Road Springfield, Virginia 22150

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LAW LIBRARIES, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 13, 1977

The semi-annual meeting of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries was held at the Terrace Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 13, 1977, at 4:00 P.M. A quorum was present, and James F. Bailey, 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 Bailey requested that one minor change be made in the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made and passed at the Niagara Falls meeting (October 16, 1976) that ORALL's scholarship fund donate \$50.00 to AALL in memory of Frank E. Miller, longtime trustee of the Toledo Bar Association. Since ORALL has no scholarship fund, the \$50.00 will be taken out of the general treasury of ORALL and donated to AALL's scholarship fund.

President Bailey recapped the Niagara Falls meeting. He discussed three (3) changes which resulted from that meeting. First, Article 8 of the ORALL Constitution was amended to allow for amending the constitution at any regular meeting. It was moved and seconded today, May 13, 1977, to drop the word "regular" from Article 8 of the ORALL Constitution as it was amended at the Niagara Falls meeting. Motion carried.

Secondly, President Bailey noted that written notification of any proposed constitutional amendments must be sent/circulated to the entire ORALL membership not less than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Third, President Bailey noted that the Executive Board now has the authority to plan ORALL meetings as much as five (5) years in advance. The following schedule for meetings was announced:

October 1977, Detroit (Southfield) Michigan, at
the Michigan Inn;
May 1978, Dayton, Ohio, (place unknown);
October 1978, Indianapolis, Indiana, (place unknown).

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

Vice-President Dick Beer gave the Vice-President's report. He announced that the fall meeting will be held October 13-15, 1977, at the Michigan Inn in Detroit (Southfield), Michigan. The program will be on copyright legislation and an attempt will be made to secure some top-notch speakers.

President Bailey gave the report of the Executive Board. Committee members for 1977 were appointed according to

the committee preference forms which were circulated in February 1977. If the preference forms which were circulated were not returned, no committee assignment was made. In an effort to involve the newer members of ORALL, an attempt was made to appoint new committee chairmen. Anyone who is still interested in becoming a member of a committee is urged to contact President Bailey. Hearing no dissent from the floor, the Executive Board, through President Bailey, ordered that the name of the Membership Committee be changed to the Membership and Directory Committee. This more accurately describes the work of the committee. President Bailey asked the Membership and Directory Committee to prepare a report on the membership of ORALL. He asked that there be a count of the members according to type of library and according to geographic region. The Annual Report of ORALL has been submitted to AALL, and it will be published in the August 1977 issue of Law Library Journal. At the direction of AALL, each chapter has filed for tax exempt status. AALL sent the partially completed forms to ORALL. It appears that there will be little problem in achieving tax exempt status.

Hearing no dissent from the floor, President Bailey gave directions to abolish the position of auditor in ORALL. The treasurer will take over the duties formerly performed by the auditor.

President Bailey announced that Lorraine Kulpa, Legal Librarian, General Motors Corporation, has been appointed Editor, Law Library Journal. Our congratulations!

It was moved and seconded to honor Art Fiske. A resolution of appreciation and affection for Art Fiske for doing the ground work and providing a great deal of push in getting the Ohio Administrative Code approved by the legislature and published was unanimously passed.

With sadness, President Bailey announced that Helen Garee, life member of ORALL, had recently passed away. She had been associated with the Cleveland Marshall College of Law Library.

President Bailey called for further business. There being none, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Rennolet

Barbara Rennolet
Secretary, ORALL

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPRING-1977

Treasurer's Report as of May 6, 1977

Checking balance, December 31, 1976	\$1,342.51	
Savings balance, December 31, 1976	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Total cash balance, December 31, 1976		\$4,342.51

Receipts

Dues	752.50	
Interest from CD's	80.00	
Donations	<u>200.00</u>	
		1,032.50

Total to be accounted for \$5,375.01

Disbursements

Check 225	Cash (Burroughs Corp. for 194 stamps for 1st dues notices)	25.22	
Check 226	Quinius (98 handbooks)	110.60	
Check 227	Likity-Split (400 printed envelopes and 5 sets of mailing labels)	15.24	
Check 228	Ethel B. Matlow (United Parcel, mailing 22 Union List of Serials)	18.74	
Check 229	Burroughs (73 stamps, 2d mailing dues)	9.49	
Check 230	Richard L. Beer (Expenses incurred travelling to Cincinnati April 4 & 5, 1977, ORALL meeting arrangements)	66.00	
Check 231	Bernice C. Frank (Stamps and printing labels)	7.00	
Check 232	AALL (Donation in memory of Frank E. Miller)	<u>50.00</u>	
			302.29

Checking balance, May 6, 1977	2,072.72	
Saving balance, May 6, 1977	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Total cash balance		5,072.72

Total accounted for \$5,375.01

Bernice C. Frank
Bernice C. Frank
Treasurer

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE-Spring '1977'

In his letter dated March 19, 1977, Prof. James P. Bailey, president of the organization, appointed Andrew Brann Chairperson of the ORALL Placement Committee for 1977. Committee members also include William James, Jacqueline Fox, Adrijana Randolph, and Bernice Frank.

The new Committee congratulates Richard Beer and the other members of the outgoing ORALL Placement Committee for the work they have done in behalf of ORALL placement. The 1977 Committee looks forward to continuing the work of Mr. Beer's group.

The former Committee Chairperson reports that in the last six months seven positions have been submitted to the Placement Committee. No inquiries by job seekers were received during this period of time.

The 1977 Committee has received only one position advertisement so far, and no inquiries have been made for position openings since March 19, 1977.

It is the ORALL group's intention to participate with other regional groups on a placement information exchange. The Committee has made progress in sending out initial inquiries to Placement Committee chairpersons of various AALL chapter organizations. Responses thus far have been enthusiastic. A system of communication will be established in the near future to facilitate this venture.

It is the Placement Committee's desire to impress ORALL's member library directors with its need of being informed of job openings in this region. The Committee wishes to be first in advertisement for its members.

This involves a threefold approach:

1. Supplying through the next ORALL Newsletter a form by which an ORALL member library director can inform the placement service of available positions. This will outline the specific details required for our placement operation and provide addresses of committee members to whom materials can be sent.
2. It is hoped a placement resource person can be available at future ORALL meetings to receive and disseminate placement information. Perhaps this person can be formally available at the times of registration in a convenient location.

3. Libraries with positions to advertise are encouraged to telephone placement committee members of openings. Members are strategically located in hopes of encouraging local calls.

The Placement Committee will dispense job openings to those making inquiries in oral or written form. Contact with prospective employers will rest solely with the individual seeking employment.

The 1977 ORALL Placement Committee intends to encourage library directors to inform it of positions that have been filled so that placement records can be kept up to date.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew R. Brann
Chairperson

Guidelines Committee-Spring 1977

This committee is currently routing the guidelines already written for each committee to its chairperson for that person to bring them up-to-date and return them to this chairperson as soon as possible.

This committee is also undertaking the creation of guidelines for committees which did not have them due to the fact that these committees did not exist when the original guidelines for ORALL were written.

The purpose of the Guidelines Committee of ORALL for 1977 is to provide this Chapter with a detailed handbook of guidelines for each committee, for each officer and for the membership in general which would be published before the end of the calendar year. For this the Guidelines Committee requests the help of the entire membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon McIntyre
Nancy Miller
Oscar M. Trelles, II Chairperson

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE-Spring 1977

The Committee so far consists of Carolyn Delli Bovi, Secretary to the Committee and Librarian for the firm of Hahn, Loesser, Cleveland, Ohio; Cathy Hall, Librarian of the Stark County Law Library Association; Carl Yirka, a librarian at the Chase Law School Library; and Anne Watkins, Chairman and Circulation Librarian at Case Western Reserve Law Library. We welcome Louise Schaut who recently joined the Committee.

The Committee has been following through on the plan initiated by our President, Jim Bailey, last fall, namely, that of serving as a clearing house for members of ORALL who would like to visit other law libraries. At that time, and again this spring, Jim sent out a mailing to be filled in and returned asking who might be interested in visiting or in hosting other librarians. We received a number of replies, and it is from these that we have been working to effect several visits. At this time we have three completed visits to report, and we hope many more of you will choose to follow suit after you hear some of the comments made by our "revving" librarians!

The first visit we arranged was for Carolyn Ray, a recent employee of the Dayton Law Library. She wanted to visit other academic libraries, so we found a match for her at the Chase Law Library in Covington, Kentucky, where she drove herself down and then visited the law school all day Monday, May 9th, returning home to Dayton that evening. Of her experience, Carolyn said:

I came back with some new ideas, saw some new products I wasn't aware of, and some new ways of doing things we might incorporate into our procedure. I only hope that we can participate in many more of these exchanges - it's a terrific idea and I'm sure will benefit all the association.

We, at Case Western, hosted the two other visits we have to report to date. The first was that of Cathy Roberg, a new Assistant Law Librarian at the firm of Hahn, Loesser, Cleveland. Cathy visited us on two successive afternoons, since her job at present is only part-time, mornings. Cathy wrote about her visit:

I am employed in a private law firm library which has little bibliographical control or organization. One of our first tasks, therefore, is to create records of the firm's library. My visit to the Case Law Library provided me with the opportunity to compare their Kardex with the one we anticipate setting up . . . I found my visit to Case informative and enjoyable and think librarians within the same specialty and even those from other disciplines can benefit by an exchange of ideas and techniques through inter-library visits.

Another visitor to Case for an afternoon was Jackie Fox, Circulation Librarian at Cleveland State Law Library. Since we do a great deal of loaning back and forth between our libraries, Jackie and I were glad to have some time together to compare notes on the different emphases and strengths of our collections. As a result of her visit we agreed to try to work out an arrangement to stagger the binding of our journals so as to have a volume available at one or the other of our libraries at all times. Jackie said of her visit:

It was invaluable to me to see how another library, similar to my own, works. I came away with some new ideas and, perhaps attitudes about how I can improve my own operation. I feel that having procedures explained to me and then seeing them implemented was a most helpful experience. Also, being able to discuss problems and concerns with my counterpart in another library was enlightening to me and has certainly helped me to view my own job more objectively. The visit also came at an excellent time, in that we will shortly be moving into a new building and so will have an opportunity to make changes-some because of what I have seen at CWRU.

So, as you can see, whether it be a mini-visit or a more extensive one, an exchange program with other libraries can truly be a continuing educational experience, and we would like to encourage more of you to contact us as to where you would like to visit, or perhaps to offer your library as host to your fellow librarians.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) Anne B. Watkins, Chairman
ORALL Continuing Education Committee

MODEL BIBLIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE- Spring 1977

The chairman was able to talk with most of the committee members and to form tentative plans to begin core collection bibliographies for the states of Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky. Carol Bratton reported that the 1976 edition of the Model Bibliography for Ohio county libraries has been printed through the Ohio State Bar Association and will be distributed by the bar association.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Capute, Chairman
ORALL Model Bibliographies Committee

MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY COMMITTEE-Spring 1977

This letter will constitute the report which you (President James F. Bailey) asked for in your letter of May 2, 1977.

Our Treasurer, Bernice C. Frank, reported in a letter dated May 2, 1977, that our Association has gained 31 new members thus far this year. The names of these individuals will be added to our directory which will be out this fall.

During the forthcoming year the Membership and Directory Committee will not only work on the directory but will also attempt to draft criteria for O.R.A.L.L. life memberships.

The outgoing chairman of the Membership and Directory Committee, Ms Barbara Rennolet, left everything in excellent shape and deserves commendation for her outstanding work.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Lindsey, Chairman
ORALL Membership and Directory
Committee

UNION LIST COMMITTEE-Spring 1977

Since our fall 1976 meeting, three libraries have purchased the Union List. Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York; Loyola University School of Law Library, Los Angeles; and the Theodore Levin Memorial Library, U.S. District Court, Detroit, Michigan.

A total of fifteen libraries currently participate in the Union List, and a total of twenty-five libraries subscribe. An additional library, Indiana University Indianapolis School of Law Library, has indicated a desire to participate.

Forms for the revision of the Union List will be mailed within two weeks. A cut-off date of August 1, 1977, has been established for the return of the completed forms. This will permit the publication of the revised Union List before the beginning of the Fall terms of most law schools.

Libraries wishing to participate in or subscribe to the Union List may obtain further information from the Chairman of the Union List Committee or from the Louisville Information Referral Center.

Respectfully submitted,
John D. Zimmerman, Chairman
ORALL Union List Committee



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