Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

ORALL NEWSLETTER


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Letter from the Editor

The Executive Board of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries authorized the establishment of an ad hoc Publications Committee at the 1978 Spring meeting in Dayton, Ohio. The Secretary of ORALL, in his capacity as publisher of the NEWSLETTER, formed the Committee at the Marx Law Library, University of Cincinnati.

With the help of the University of Cincinnati Printing Department the ORALL Publications Committee established a format for the NEWSLETTER and began implementing ideas accumulated over a period of several weeks. The result, of course, is this landmark publication.

This issue and the upcoming one in the autumn are experimental. With these the Executive Board hopes to determine the feasibility of continuing the publication in the established format. The main constraint, obviously, is the cost of publication.

The Association also authorized the Publications Committee to go about selecting a name and logo for the new publication. For the first issue the Publications Committee chose to use the traditional name and logo in lieu of selecting more appropriate ones. The Committee does, however, intend to select permanent ones by the time the next issue is produced.

The selection of a name for the NEWSLETTER seems to be the most difficult. The Committee has considered several possibilities but has yet to hit a happy medium between an unsophisticated term such as NEWSLETTER and something a bit too scholarly sounding as in THE ORALL RESTATEMENT. The Committee calls upon you, the membership, to give it some ideas. Give us a call, or drop a suggestion in the mail. Don't worry, your name will be held in confidence!

Andy Brann
For the Committee

Spring Business Meeting

In Dayton, Ohio, May 12, 1978...

Of the 237 members in good standing in this organization, there were thirty-nine voting members present at this business meeting.

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The meeting was called to order by Richard L. Beer, President, who welcomed the members and guests.

Announcements were made and a brief message was given by William Hein concerning publication of the Ohio State Supreme Court Records and Briefs.

Charlotte Dunnebacke was unanimously voted to a Life Membership in ORALL, and the Secretary asked to advise her of this.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the Fall, 1977, meeting. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was given by Barbara Rennolet, and was unanimously approved.

A brief report of the last two meetings of the Executive Board was given by Secretary Andy Brann, who also gave a report concerning his special assignment to upgrade the NEWSLETTER. He showed several conceptions of different newsletters, and gave prices. We will see the new edition when the next NEWSLETTER is published.

At this time, the Committee Chairmen were asked to report on their progress:

The Nominations Committee is creating a list of official duties to give to each nominee, so that they know what the position requires in the way of time and duties.

Chairman Beth Gwynn of the Ad Hoc Committee (Name Change) presented the results of a survey her committee had taken which showed that two names were receiving the majority preference. Lorraine Kulpa made the motion that those two names be submitted for a mail ballot, but the motion was withdrawn because of parliamentary procedure. It was pointed out by Peter Kempel, the Parliamentarian, that the names suggested for change must be voted in sequential order, as the survey had been taken. Each name was allowed full vote, with the one reaching a majority first, (20 votes), winning. The voting was as follows:

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No name generated a majority. The original name, Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries, will be retained. The Ad Hoc Committee was dismissed.

Constitution: Because of proposals passed by the Executive Board, the President read three position papers he had submitted to the Executive Board at the March meeting, and which require a Constitutional change.

The remarks concerning these papers were as follows:

Position Paper #1: Meetings.

The Parliamentarian ruled that Article IV does not require a Constitutional amendment in order to hold only one single annual meeting per year.

Position Paper #2: Officers.

A motion was made and passed by the majority, to take an advisory vote: That any proposed amendment presented by the Executive Board be changed to read "the officers affected by the changed amendment will take office in 1979, and thereafter, be voted for in odd numbered years".


During the discussion of this paper, it was pointed out by Alvin Podbovy that Article IV, in conjunction with Article VIII, prevents the opportunity of a full membership vote by mail. Therefore, this recommendation will need further study by the Executive Board and of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee concerning constitutional change.

The Audio-Visual Committee report was presented as a written report, distributed to the members present, and concerned the result of a questionnaire. The committee is now in the process of putting together composites of all the Cont'd p.3
Constitutional Amendments

INTRODUCTION:

This past winter your president, Richard L. Beer, presented three position papers to the Executive Board, proposing certain amendments to the ORALL Constitution.

The Executive Board approved the substance of the position papers for recommendation to the general membership for adoption. The amendment proposals were referred to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for drafting, and an initial, tentative draft of the proposed amendments has been prepared by that Committee. Copies of the Draft Amendments are assembled here for your consideration: If you have any objections, or recommendations, please submit them to any member of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will meet in June at the Rochester meeting to approve the final draft of the proposed amendments for submission to the membership. The final draft will be published in the next issue of the Association NEWSLETTER, with full discussion and explanation. This publication will constitute the sixty day notice required for consideration of the amendments at the "fall" Business Meeting. It is intended that the new officers elected at that time will hold office under the terms of these amendments, if adopted.

Peter M. Kempel
Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Recommended ORALL Constitutional Amendment #1: Annual Meeting

Draft #1, 5/12/78

Resolved, that Article VI (A) of the Constitution of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries be amended to read:

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A. Annual Meeting. There shall be a single annual meeting of the members of the Association at the time and place, and after such reasonable notice, as shall be fixed by the Executive Board of the Association,...

COMMENT: The present wording of the Constitution provides that there be only one meeting that is required to be held each year, while additional "special" meetings can be called at the instance of the "President or a majority of the Executive Board." ORALL IV (B). However, the practice and tradition of the Association has been to have two annual meetings, a Spring meeting held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Ohio Bar Association, and a Fall Business Meeting, held in mid-October for the purpose of holding the election of officers. The sole purpose of this proposed amendment is to alert the membership to the proposal to discontinue the annual Spring meeting as a regularly scheduled event.

Recommended ORALL Constitutional Amendment #2: Officers

Draft #2, 5/12/78

Resolved, that Article VI of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries be amended to read:

A. Offices. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers of the Association must be members of the Association in good standing and the President and Vice-President/President-Elect must also be members of the American Association of Law Libraries. No officers shall hold more than one office in this Chapter at one time, nor shall the President and Vice-President/President-Elect hold office for more than two consecutive terms.

B. Election

1) The Vice-President/President-Elect shall be elected annually by the asso- ciation.

2) The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected biennially by the Association in even numbered years.

C. Terms of Office

1) President. The Vice-President/President-Elect shall become President at the close of the Annual Business Meeting one year following his election.

2) Vice-President/President-Elect. The Vice-President/President-Elect shall assume office at the close of the Annual Business Meeting following his election.

3) Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall assume their respective offices at the close of the Annual Business Meeting following their election in even numbered years.

Recommended ORALL Constitutional Amendment #3: Nominations

Draft #3, 5/12/78

Resolved, that Article VI of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries be amended to add the following provision on Nominations:

D. Nominations

1) Nominations for officers shall be made by a nominating committee whose list of candidates shall be published as the "Report of the Committee" in the Spring issue of the Association NEWS- LETTER.

2) The nominating committee shall be appointed by the President and shall contain a member from each state represented within the regional confines of the Association.

3) Additional nominations may be made upon the written petition of five voting members in good standing submitted to the secretary no later than August 1. Such nominations by petition must be accompanied by the written acceptance of the nominee.

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4) The Secretary shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations, by petition. A brief biographical sketch of each nominee shall appear on the ballot.

By September 1, the Secretary shall mail a copy of the ballot to each voting member of the Association. Ballots shall be marked, sealed in plain envelopes, and returned to the Secretary before September 30. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected and the results announced by the Secretary at the Annual Business Meeting.

AALL News

Notice of Proposed Amendment to Constitution:

Please be advised that in accordance with Bylaw Article IV, the Executive Board, with the advice of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, will submit for discussion by the membership at its annual meeting the following constitutional amendment...

Constitution

Article V. Officers, committees and other organizations

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Section 3. Committees and other organizations. There shall be such committees and other organizations as the Executive Board shall create or shall be created by a majority vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Association.

Section 4. Appointments. The President shall appoint all members of committees and other organizations unless the Association shall otherwise direct.

Section 5. Terms of office. All officers and members of the committees and other organizations shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified.

Comment: It is the purpose of this amendment to authorize the creation of organizational units other than committees, special interest sections and chapters. This authority is necessary to create, if the membership so desires, an Ethics Commission of Law Network Corporation, as well as improve the constitutional standing of our Certification Board. After discussion at the meeting this proposed amendment will be placed before the membership by mail ballot.

Toward a Law Network is available from AALL Headquarters for a nominal fee of $7.50. This is a report of the AALL and the Association of American Law Schools to determine the feasibility of establishing a National Law Library Network.

The 1979 AALL Annual Convention will be held in San Francisco at the Fairmont Hotel July 1-4. Kathy Price of Duke University is Program Chairperson, and Thomas Reynolds of U.C., Berkeley, is handling local arrangements.

Lifted from the June, 1978, AALL NEWSLETTER:

The Arkansas Library Association offers a Copyright Warning T-Shirt. The front reads: "New c Law 1978"; the back: "Somebody's Watching."

The price is $4.50 per shirt. Check or money order should be made payable to Arkansas Library Association. Richard Reif, Rt. 4, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701 will fill your order.

Sizes available are medium and large; color is white lettering on black shirt.

(It is an editorial opinion that this garment far outshines the shirts seen last year in Toronto which read: "Librarians are Novel Lovers.")
Placement

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Associate Law Librarian for Reader Services. The American University. Requirements: JD and MLS. Some experience in an academic law library preferred. Duties: organization and everyday operation of department; serve as chief reference librarian; work with the beginning law students in their initial efforts to use the library. Salary: unspecified. Apply: immediately. Contact: Prof. Patrick E. Kehoe; Law Librarian; The American University; Washington College of Law; Washington, D.C. 20016.

Librarian (Law-Reference). Requirements: Established reference librarian to assist in fulfilling the reference and research responsibilities of U.S. Supreme Court. Contact: James R. Powers; Personnel Officer; Supreme Court of the United States; 1 First St., N.E.; Washington, D.C. 20543.

Head of Public Services, Georgetown University Law Center. Requirements: MLS, at least 3 years professional experience; administrative ability. Duties: administer public service operations; supervise public service activities. Salary: $23,000 or commensurate with qualifications. Available: May 1, 1978. Contact: Prof. Harry S. Martin, III; Law Librarian; Georgetown University Law Center; 600 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20001.

Chief of Information Systems Support Group. Requirements: Six yrs. general experience which has provided good basic knowledge of the principles of organization management and administration. Three years operational and managerial experience related to information systems. Contact: Patricia Harris; Department of Justice; Room 1264; 10th and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20530.

ILLINOIS


Assistant Law Librarian (Foreign Law). Requirements: MLS and JD required. Considerable experience in foreign and American Law and in legal reference or public service. Contact: Robert F. Delzell; Director of Personnel; University of Illinois Library, Urbana-Champaign; Urbana, Illinois 61801.

INDIANA


KENTUCKY

Law Librarian. Jefferson County Law Library. Requirements: Must have either law degree or library science degree. With law library experience, preferred. This is a challenging position. To be first full time law librarian of this library. To work with Trustees of Jefferson County Law Library. Salary: Open. Contact: Roger McCubbins; Court Administrator; The Hall of Justice; Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

MARYLAND

Law Librarian. Requirements: JD or equivalent experience and administrative experience required. Contact: Barbara
Harrison; P.O. Box 189; Columbia, MD. 21044.

MICHIGAN


Head Law Librarian. Requirements: MLS, JD or special experience with legal materials. Contact: Prof. James M. O'Fallon; Chairman, Search Committee; University of Detroit School of Law; 651 E. Jefferson Avenue; Detroit, MI. 48226.

OHIO

Serials Librarian. University of Cincinnati, Marx Law Library. Requirements: MLS; library experience preferred, especially serials experience. Salary: $11,000 to $15,000 depending upon qualifications. Available: August, 1978. Contact: send resume to Andrew R. Brann, Assistant Law Librarian; Marx Law Library; University of Cincinnati; Cincinnati, O. 45221. Tel.: (513) 475-3016.


Head of Cataloging Department. University of Dayton Law Library. Requirements: MLS, knowledge of AACR, current Library of Congress cataloging practice, knowledge of OCLC desirable. 3 years experience with supervisory skills. Responsible for general administration of department. Salary: negotiable. Apply: send resume and 3 reference letters. Contact: Dr. Jose D. Coutin, Director; University of Dayton Law Library; 300 College Park; Dayton, OH. 45469

Head Law Librarian. Requirements: Law Library management experience, MLS and JD. Contact: B.C. Gire, Law Librarian; C. Blake McDowell Law Center; University of Akron; Akron, OH. 44325.

Reader Services Librarian, Requirements: MLS. 1-2 years experience in public or academic library and background in Social Sciences. Contact: Jacqueline R. Fox; Cleveland State University; Joseph W. Bartunek, III Law Library; East 18th and Euclid Avenue; Cleveland, OH 44115

TENNESSEE

Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services. Requirements: MLS and 3 yrs. experience in public service. Contact: Donald R. Hunt; Law Director; University of Tennessee/Knoxville Library; Knoxville, Tennessee 37916.

VIRGINIA


Remember, if you have any positions to advertise contact MRS. MARTHA FISCHER, READER SERVICES LIBRARIAN, CHASE LAW LIBRARY, 1401 DIXIE HWY., COVINGTON, KY. 41011.
Michigan News

The Michigan Association of Law Libraries (MICH/ALL) held its semi-annual meeting on April 13, 1978, at the new State Bar Association building in Lansing. A panel presentation, moderated by Mary Jo Tormey of Michigan State University Libraries, included various approaches to legal reference by Karen Moss of the U.S. District Court Library in Detroit, how to deal with problem law library clients by Georgia Clarke of Wayne State University Library, and the professional ethics of law librarians by Peter Schanck of the University of Michigan Law Library. The presentations were interspersed with videotapes of vignettes depicting various law librarian-client situations.

Michigan librarians who are interested in this association can contact the president, Mr. Charles Wolfe, State Law Library, Law Building, P.O. Box 30012, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Tel.: (517) 373-0630.

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The NEWSLETTER has learned of the untimely death of Bernice Frank's husband, Albert Frank. The condolences of the ORALL membership goes out to Bernie and her family in their time of sorrow.

Memorials may be made in his name to:

Michigan Heart Foundation
16310 West 12 Mile Road
Southfield, Michigan 48076

IALL Meeting

The International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) and other Ecuadorians, United States and international organizations are sponsoring a WORLD CONGRESS ON LATIN AMERICAN LAW scheduled to be held in Quito, Ecuador, November 12-17, 1978. For further info contact: IALL Hdq., Vanderbilt Law Library, Nashville, Tenn. 37203. Tel.: (615) 322-2726

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