President’s Message

For a number of years the Executive Board has been concerned with the production of the Newsletter and the direction and the purpose of the Publications Committee. ORALL publishes the Model Bibliography, the Directory and the Union Lists; annually, the Handbook occasionally, and the Newsletter three-four times per year. All but the Newsletter are handled by separate committees who recommend content or printing changes to the Executive Board for its discussion and approval. These ORALL publications have never been routed through the Secretary who, according to the Constitution, is Chairman of the Publications Committee.

Last year, Cathy Gillette, Debbie Cannaday, Lorie Potash, and I formulated a proposal to establish in the Publications Committee the responsibility for the Newsletter alone and to make the Newsletter Editor Chairman of the Publications Committee. This would essentially take the Secretary off the hook since the President appoints the Newsletter Editor, the one with whom AALL other chapters, and ORALL members are most apt to communicate when information needs to be published in the Newsletter. This proposal was adopted in Akron at the Business Meeting. It also provided that the Editor would be a member of the Executive Board, since attendance at Executive Board meetings is vital to understanding the news of the Association.

According to the Constitution, the Executive Board is composed of elected members of ORALL. It was not our intention to make the Editor an elective office; therefore, voting membership on the Board is not appropriate. The proposal should have read "non-voting member of the Executive Board."

Although this proposal was favorably voted on by a majority of the membership at the Akron Business Meeting, it cannot be enacted because its substitution of the Newsletter Editor for the Secretary as Chairman of the Publications Committee requires amendments to our Constitution and By-laws. Additionally, our intent was to make the Editor a non-voting, non-elected member of the Executive Board. When the Handbook is finished, our intended proposal will be made in the form of an amendment to the Constitution and an amendment to the By-laws. It is expected to be voted on by the membership at the Fall Meeting in Indianapolis.

Another recommended procedural change is the combination of the Constitution and By-laws and the Guidelines Committees, since the three documents published by these Committees are to conform. These basic documents, along with ORALL’s history and some AALL information pertinent to our Association, will be published in the Handbook. Through a misunderstanding on my part, Betty Busch and Jody Beal were assigned to the Constitution and By-laws Committee without confirmation by them. At this time they are unable to take on Committee membership. So I would like at least two VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE, who have the time (continued on page 3)
Welcome New Members!

Sharon Bradshaw
Lawrence County Law Library Assn.
Court House
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Deborah Elkins
Marshall, Melhorn, Cole, Hummer & Spitzer
14th Floor
National Bank Building
Toledo, Ohio 43604

Warren E. Gick
Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.
Law Library
1200 Firestone Parkway
Akron, Ohio 44317

Marsha A. Rattermann
Frost & Jacobs
2500 Central Trust Center
201 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

OSBA Will No Longer Publish Official Advance Sheets

On February 5, 1982, the Supreme Court of Ohio notified the Ohio State Bar Association of the cancellation of their agreement to publish the advance sheets of certain Ohio Court opinions in the Ohio BAR. The Supreme Court of Ohio did not give any reasons for the cancellation. In response to the Supreme Court's action, the above Resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association on March 5, 1982. Although the OSBA has requested reconsideration of the Supreme Court's action, John A. Howard, President of the OSBA, has stated the Bar Association's intention "to continue the Ohio BAR as a service to members with the same content as in the past."

Effective July 1, 1982, The W. H. Anderson Company in Cincinnati will publish the advance sheets of Ohio Supreme Court opinions and select Ohio Court of Appeals opinions. The Anderson Company has yet to determine the title and the publication format of these advance sheets.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ohio State Bar Association has had a continuing relationship with the Supreme Court of Ohio for 54 years for the publication of the advance sheets of the opinions of that Court and certain Court of Appeals opinions selected by the Reporter for publication; and

WHEREAS, less than three years ago, in order to modernize, improve and expand its printing and publishing capabilities to further this relationship, the Ohio State Bar Association purchased a state-of-the-art printing plant in Columbus, and in so doing undertook a substantial indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, without any advance warning from the Supreme Court and without being offered an opportunity to answer complaints or to present its views, the Ohio State Bar Association was given notice of termination of such long-standing arrangement for publication of Court opinions and a contract was let by the Reporter to another publisher with the approval of the Supreme Court;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association that the President and the Executive Director are directed to seek from the Supreme Court of Ohio an opportunity for representatives of the Association to meet and discuss with the Court the Court's action in this matter, and that the Court be requested to reconsider such action taken by it.

Two Awards Proposed

The Executive Board of ORALL is considering the establishment of two Outstanding Service Awards to reward individual accomplishments, to stimulate tangible activities, and to acknowledge professional growth of self and ORALL.

Many organizations have such awards, and momentary difficulties in choosing qualified and deserving candidates should not override the more positive goal of recognizing service to ORALL and to the field of law librarianship.

The following By-law amendment will be proposed at the ORALL Business Meeting, May 14, 1982 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The membership will vote to either "support the adoption of By-law XI" or "oppose the adoption of By-law XI."

**BYLAW XI**

**AWARDS**

Section 1. Distinguished Law Librarian Award.

This award is to honor an individual who has been in ORALL at least five years and who has shown a professional commitment to law librarianship and ORALL by serving in leadership roles on committees or as an officer, by taking an active role in other Association activities, and by contributing to the literature or advancement of law librarianship. This award is to give special recognition to a person who has contributed above and beyond the expected level on a consistent basis.

Section 2. Outstanding Service Award.

This award is to honor an individual for a specific achievement in the form of an idea, publication, or organizational project that benefits ORALL members.

Section 3. Nominations.

Nominations for each award may be made by writing to the Nominations Committee who shall be solely responsible for deciding the recipients of the Awards. Further guidelines for the determination of these awards may be developed by the Nominations Committee.

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Membership: $15 per year

For extra copies of the ORALL Newsletter write Melanie Solon-Kochheiser, The Ohio State University College of Law Library, 1559 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

For membership information contact Aynn Roby, Baker & Hostetler, 3200 National City Center, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

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Member News

New member, Sharon Bradshaw, was appointed Assistant Law Librarian of the Lawrence County Law Library Association in March 1981. Formerly she was a Lawrence County Deputy Sheriff for five years. Sharon is a pianist/organist whose music is very important to her.

Jose D. Coutin, former Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor at the University of Dayton Law School, has been appointed Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at Antioch University Law School, Washington, D.C.

Deborah Elkins, new member, has been the Librarian at Marshall, Melhorn, Cole, Hummer & Spitzer in Toledo since May 1981. Her flexible schedule allows her to attend the University of Toledo Law School part-time. She received her M.L.S. from Indiana University and formerly was on the staff of the Toledo/Lucas County Public Library.


Former Assistant to the President, Craig W. Fraser, became on March 1, 1982 Vice President/Marketing of Banks-Baldwin Law Publishing Company.

On January 11, 1982, Charles W. Geron, former Law Librarian at the Greene County Law Library Association, was killed in a car accident. At the time of his death he had resumed a private practice near Centerville, Ohio. ORALL will surely miss Chuck’s contributions.

New member, Warren Glick, has been the Librarian at Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. since October 1, 1981. Warren received his M.L.S. from Kent State University in 1976. Prior to joining Firestone, he was on the staffs of the Pratt Public Library in Baltimore for three years and Carrollton Press in Washington, D.C. for one and one-half years.


Effective April 1, 1982, David Melpillo, former Assistant Law Librarian for Acquisitions and Reference at the University of Akron, became Director of the Texas Southern University Law Library in Houston. David received his Master of Law Librarianship in 1980 from the University of Washington.

Since December 1980, Marsha Ratte, new member, has been the Librarian at Frost & Jacobs in Cincinnati. She received her B.A. in English in 1975 from Mount St. Joseph College.

Peter C. Schanck was appointed Director of the University of Kansas Law Library effective May 1982. He was formerly Associate Professor and Director of the Law Library at the University of Detroit School of Law.

Marlyn D. (Penny) Schroeder has left Capital University Law Library. She and her family have moved to Austin, Texas.

Sheila M. Sweeney has succeeded Lorraine A. Kulp as Legal Staff Librarian at the General Motors Corporation. She received her A.B. (69) and A.M.L.S. (77) from the University of Michigan, and her J.D. (81) from Wayne State University. She was formerly Librarian at Warner, Norcross & Judd in Grand Rapids.

P. Michael Whipple has been Associate Law Librarian and Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Toledo as of January 4, 1982. He received his J.D. from the University of Iowa and practice law in Phoenix for five years. He received his M.L.L. from the University of Denver in 1980 and then served as Reference Librarian at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu.

As of May 1982, Merlin Whiteman, formerly on the staff of the Indiana University School of Law Library, Indianapolis, took up practice with the law firm of Danni, Pecar, Newman, Talesnick & Kleinman in Indianapolis. Merlin intends to continue his active involvement in law library organizations.


Reminder

Due to the increase in the cost of postage, all dues notices for 1982 ORALL membership were sent out in March. If you have not yet forwarded your ten-dollar check, payable to ORALL, please do so immediately. Please send your invoice and check to:

Alvin M. Podboy
ORALL Treasurer
Baker & Hostetler
3200 National City Center
Cleveland, Ohio 44114
The Toledo WESTLAW Experience
by Brenda Woodruff

Beginning in the 1970's computer-based legal information retrieval systems were becoming increasingly utilized tools of legal research. In response to this trend the Toledo Law Association in early 1981 installed WESTLAW, the computer-based legal retrieval system from West Publishing Company.

One of the Toledo Law Association's primary reasons for choosing WESTLAW over Mead Data Central’s LEXIS was that at the time WESTLAW was the only system available for public installation. (Since that time, in response to consumer demand, LEXIS has installed public terminals.)

West Publishing Company makes IBM equipment available for lease or purchase and Toledo Law Association uses the IBM equipment, although other hardware systems can be used to access WESTLAW.

After it was decided that the Toledo Law Association would lease WESTLAW, a policy statement covering use of the system and responsibilities of the Association was written. The terminal is available during library hours unless other times are arranged with and approved by the Law Librarian. Users are encouraged to schedule use 24 hours in advance if possible.

While most searches are performed by the Law Librarian for a patron, WESTLAW may be operated by any person authorized/trained by the Association. Anyone else desiring to use the system must be approved by the Law Librarian who then supervises the individual's use.

All users are encouraged to first traditionally research the question in order to narrow the issue(s), thus allowing for the most efficient use of on-line time. Query Planner Forms, supplied by West, are provided to aid patrons in preparation of search strategies. These forms organize the patron's identification of the issue's key terms and their synonyms or alternatives. Connectors to the key terms are chosen along with the fields, i.e., court or headnote, to be searched.

Ohio County Law Libraries Open to Public?

On March 3, 1982, Senator Ronald L. Nabakowski introduced Senate Bill 506 in the Ohio General Assembly. This bill requires a county law library association that receives money from fines for its operation to allow the use of its books free of charge to "members of the General Assembly, judges serving on the several courts in the county, officers of the county and of the municipal corporations and townships in the county, attorneys-at-law, and persons representing themselves in any case or proceeding before any court in the county." On March 18, 1982, SB 506 was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The introduction of this bill was prompted by a complaint from a Lorain businessman. Although he was representing himself in a legal action, he was refused access to the Lorain County Law Library because he was not an attorney.

When the Law Librarian is performing a search for a patron, the questions to be searched should be submitted in writing and discussed with the Law Librarian prior to the search. In most instances the patron should also be present while the search is being conducted, so that he may choose the direction of the search as the material is retrieved.

Because the results of a search are directly related to the quality of the inquiry, the Toledo Law Association denies responsibility for, and will not guarantee the results of any inquiry.

At the conclusion of each search, the on-line time is printed out and a bill is submitted to the patron. Only on-line time is charged. Patrons failing to make payment within ten days (for attorneys), or pursuant to an agreement made prior to the use of the system (for courts), will have all library privileges, including use of WESTLAW, suspended until payment is received in full.

If you have any questions regarding Toledo Law Association's use of WESTLAW and its policy statement, contact me, Brenda Woodruff, and I will be happy to answer your questions.

Currently each county law library has a great deal of discretion in allowing access to its facility. The Board of Trustees for each county law library association adopts rules regarding usage, dues and membership in order to make the law library function according to its own needs. Two considerations which are weighed in adopting county law library rules are whether the physical size of the law library limits the number of patrons who can be served, and whether the size of the law library staff limits the amount of assistance they can provide these patrons. These two considerations may in turn affect the security of the law library.

The question of public access is controversial because virtually all the funding for the county law libraries is received from public funds—county and municipal fines and fees.

The present Ohio code sections are silent on even attorneys' use of the county law libraries. Senator Nabakowski has attempted to remedy this situation by expanding the bill to include attorneys. If the bill were enacted, it could eliminate the dues requirements for attorneys' membership in some county law library associations. This may create a financial hardship on some county law libraries.

Considerable thought is being given to the present policies of the county law library associations and the ramifications of the bill's passage. This topic will be discussed by the Law Library Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association at its meeting on May 14, 1982 during the OSBA Convention in Cincinnati. The Committee will consider the services and functions of the Ohio county law libraries. At that time they will probably develop a position statement.

The General Assembly is due to break in May and then return for a short time in June. The possibility of the bill's enactment is minimized not only by its introduction so late in the session but also by its introduction by a Democrat in a predominantly Republican legislature. In spite of this, Senator Nabakowski's office has had tacit approval of the bill by other Senators, thus increasing its chances of reintroduction in the next session of the General Assembly.
I.U. Law Library Surpasses 300,000 Volumes

The Indiana University School of Law Library, Indianapolis, recently surpassed 300,000 volumes. The item chosen to serve as the 300,000th volume was Volume One of the English Year Books, Les reports des cases argu & adjuge in le temps de^roy Edward le Second.

Executive Board Business Meeting: Highlights

The ORALL Executive Board met at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio on Friday, November 13, 1981. In attendance were: Lane Fichtenau, Robert Begg, Deborah Cannaday, Alvin Podbey, Cathy Gillette, and Wendell Johnsing. On the agenda was an evaluation of all committees.

The Executive Board discussed the abolition of the Legislative Committee. This was based on the consideration that information generally available to the Legislative Committee would better inform the membership through publication in the Newsletter.

It was suggested that the Membership Committee incorporate into the Membership Directory a biographical section along with a listing of each member's title beside their name under the institution.

Responsibility was established in the Placement Committee Chairman to supply information to library schools so that library students are aware of ORALL's existence and its placement services.

Publication of the Model Bibliography was re-evaluated. It was thought that the Model Bibliography would better serve the legal and library communities through wider publication, i.e., legal journals such as the Practical Lawyer or the appropriate state bar journals. This committee was entrusted with the study of these possibilities.

The Union List Committee was charged with the investigation of entering the Union List into OCLC.

The Executive Board decided that as long as ORALL continues to coordinate programs with the Ohio State Bar Association the opportunity to tour the exhibits at the OSBA Annual Meeting would automatically be a part of the ORALL program.

As Promised, You Are About To Be Surveyed!

by Matthew P. Downs

The ORALL Education Committee is preparing a survey of computer applications in law libraries. It will be disseminated to ORALL member libraries early this summer. As the primary purpose of the Education Committee is to provide information to the ORALL membership, the survey will attempt to do more than find out who has what; it will attempt to find out why. The why will solicit considerations, such as factors of cost, efficiency and capabilities that went into the decision to automate.

The survey will be designed to cover all areas of library service and management. It will include technical services (OCLC, RUN, etc.), reference (BRS, DIALOG, etc.), circulation (in-house, main frame, etc.) and office management (word processors and data processors).

Should ORALL members have interests in particular areas or specific questions regarding computer applications in other law libraries that they might want to cover, they may contact Professor Matthew P. Downs, Chairman, ORALL Education Committee, Valparaiso University, School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.

AALL Institute

The 1982 AALL Institute "Fiscal Management and Budget Control" will be held at Case Western Reserve Law School in Cleveland, Ohio on June 9-11. It will open on Tuesday, June 8th with a reception at the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum.

The program will include strategies for effectively presenting a budget, for constructing a budget document, for attempting to get a handle on costs, and for reacting in times of budget cuts. The program will, as much as possible, stress practical "how-to" approaches to problems, and will include speakers from law librarianship as well as from a number of other disciplines. Included among the speakers are Sally Williams, Budget Officer, Harvard University Library; Mary Cronin, M.B.A., of the Internal Revenue Service; Dr. Douglas M. Lawson of Lawson Associates, and Professor Elise Jancura of Cleveland State University. Institute Co-Directors are Mary Forcellon of the Cahill Gordon law firm in New York City and Professor Robert Berring of the University of Washington Law Library in Seattle. Have attempted to assemble a group of speakers that will provide practical help and general strategy for budgeters in all kinds of law libraries.

The Local Arrangements Committee is headed by Loree Polash of Case Western Reserve Law School. THERES STILL A FEW PLACES AVAILABLE. Interested in attending the Institute (the tuition is $225) should contact either Mary or Bob as soon as possible. Their phone numbers are Mary Forcellon (212) 825-0100 and Bob Berring (206) 543-4089.
PLACEMENT NOTICES

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Head Law Librarian. Case Western Reserve University. Requirements: J.D., M.L.S. and significant law library experience including administration. Duties: Responsible for the administration, short and long range planning and development of the law library, and teaching a course of legal bibliography. Salary. Competitive. Available: July 1, 1982. Contact: Professor Arthur D. Austin, Chairman, Search Committee or Simon L. Goren, Law Librarian, The School of Law, Case Western Reserve University, 11075 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

Ohio Death Penalty Manual

The Ohio Death Penalty Task Force, organized by the Ohio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, has prepared a 300 plus page Manual to assist defense attorneys representing defendants charged under Ohio's new capital punishment law. The Manual provides an analysis of constitutional issues raised by the new law, strategic concerns, pre-trial matters, defenses, various aspects of the penalty phase, and a discussion of post-trial matters. The Task Force expects to periodically supplement the Manual as the new capital punishment law undergoes interpretation in the courts.

The Ohio Death Penalty Manual is available at a cost of $30.00. Anyone interested in ordering the Manual should send a check, payable to the Ohio Death Penalty Task Force, to Associate Professor Margery Koosed, Coordinator, University of Akron Law School, Akron, Ohio 44325.

The Door to Ohio Appellate Decisions Opens

They have been called "phantom opinions," thousands of opinions written by the Ohio Courts of Appeals that have never been reported or indexed. Reflecting every type of litigation in Ohio, the opinions range from everyday domestic relations cases to the sensational murders that make headlines. Is it defamation of character when Hustler Magazine publishes an obscene cartoon about rival publisher Bob Guccione? Is a pie thrown at Dorothy fuldheim a harmless prank or a criminal act? Can a city zoning ordinance prevent the construction of a hazardous waste facility?

In a cooperative effort, the Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC) and Banks-Baldwin Law Publishing Company have now brought the opinions written since 1981 by all twelve Ohio Appellate Districts together in a reasonably complete manner as possible. Now, after an opinion is written by the Court of Appeals, it has a long journey ahead.

In each of the twelve Appellate Districts a voluntary law library or the court itself collects the opinions and sends them to Banks-Baldwin where they are sorted by month, alphabetized, and assigned a microfiche number. Each opinion is then indexed online. The indexing is kept in one database and each item of an opinion's indexing, i.e., subject heading, case name, code section cited, is "tagged" in order to produce derivative indexes. By a simple sorting routine, the General Index, the Tables of Cases, and Tables of Laws and Rules Constrained are produced from this one database. Next the opinions are shipped to Jerry Dupont, president of the Law Library Microform Consortium in Hawaii, where Ohio Appellate Decisions on Fiche is produced.

The Decisions on Fiche will be available from the Law Library Microform Consortium in June. The indexes (in separate Civil and Criminal volumes) to 1981 opinions will be available from Banks-Baldwin in May; indexes to 1982 opinions will be published beginning quarterly in June 1982 with a year-end cumulative index to appear in early 1983.

With the ready availability of these opinions and the creation of their indexing, users will be able to find precedent from Aggravated Robbery to Zoning for the issue in their immediate case. No more "phantom opinions"—ever again!

Start June 14th Off Right!

ORALL will hold its Chapter Breakfast Meeting during the 75th AALL Annual Meeting on Monday, June 14, 1982 at 7-8:45 A.M. at the Westin Hotel. Rise early and join other ORALL members for the full menu breakfast:

Juice, Eggs, Bacon/Sausage, Hash Brown Potatoes, Petit Danish/Muffins, Coffee or Tea.

The cost is $7.85 per person including tax and gratuity. Payment for your reservation must be received by Tuesday, May 25, 1982. Please complete the ORALL Chapter Breakfast Meeting Reservation Form and return it to:

Janet L. Wallin, University of Toledo College of Law Library
2801 West Bancroft Street, Toledo, Ohio 43606
Model Bibliography Contest

GRAND PRIZE: Registration and Group Meal Functions at the ORALL Fall Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 1982.

Official Rules
1. The Contest is open to all members of ORALL.
2. Print or type your name, address and phone number along with your suggestion for the new title of the Model Bibliography on the contest form.
3. Submit as many suggestions as you wish, but mail each suggestion on a separate contest form to:
   Sue A. Dillon
   Hancock County Law Library Assn.
   Courthouse
   300 South Main Street
   Findlay, Ohio 45840
4. All contest entries must be postmarked by midnight May 28, 1982 and received by June 1, 1982. All suggestions will become the property of ORALL. Entries will not be returned.
5. Sue Dillon will assign the postmark date and matching numbers to each half of the contest form. She will then separate the halves of the form and forward only the suggestion half to the Executive Board.
6. The winner will be chosen by majority vote of the Executive Board. In case of identical winning entries, the earliest postmark will win. The winner will be announced in the next Newsletter.

MODEL BIBLIOGRAPHY CONTEST

Name
Institution
Address
Phone
Postmark

The new title for the Model Bibliography should be:

ORALL CHAPTER BREAKFAST MEETING

AALL Annual Meeting
Westin Hotel, Detroit, Michigan
Monday, June 14, 1982

Please reserve ___ places at the Chapter Breakfast Meeting. Enclosed is a check/money order, payable to ORALL, for ___ to cover the cost of $7.85 per person.

Name
Institution
Address