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President's Column--Paul Mitchell

The fall meeting at Maumee Bay is recent history; 1996 is upon us; and we are fast approaching the Indianapolis meeting. The past several months have been filled with planning the meeting, carrying out the plans, and then anticipating the new year.

The fall meeting on leadership was a great success! We brought in a consultant, Dave Germann, who on Thursday led us through a self-assessment of our own behavioral styles. Dave then applied behavioral styles to leadership principles, so we could all see how to become leaders, using our inherent styles. Dave also

offered some helpful advice on presentation skills, giving us advice on how to stand, how to utilize our voices, and how to produce effective visual aids.

More and more, we are called upon to speak, even to our own staffs, or our boards.

We had breakout sessions on "critical issues" ranging from marketing your library to information vendors as friends or foe, as well as a number of other topics. Some of the breakouts are reviewed in this issue.

Anita Shew, Al Podboy and Carol

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Bredemeyer, all past presidents of ORALL, all offered suggestions on how to be a good leaders in a panel presentation on Friday. Their ideas represented their individual qualities very effectively. Actually, I found that session to be as helpful to me as any of the others at our meeting.

Finally, Maurita Peterson Holland of the University of Michigan School of Information and Library Studies presented a look at the future of information and librarianship. She emphasized how our role has developed over time, and that as society becomes more reliant on electronic media, the need for navigation will grow. She made her point by talking about the changes in instructional technology, including pc-based videoconferencing and interactive web sites. Maurita also used Direct TV to illustrate how we have become more hungry for information, and how the industry has changed to meet the demand. She also discussed some initiatives by Michigan to develop a curriculum that is more progressive, and more in keeping with the changes in society.

Anne Grande, the new AALL treasurer, joined us for our meeting, and spoke at lunch on Thursday. The topic was, of course, the dues increase. It was a pleasure having her with us; I am sure the AALL Executive Board will hear a good report on our chapter.

Our meeting was a huge success! The evaluations were very positive, with many commenting that it was one of the best meetings they had attended. The setting was wonderful. I think everyone enjoyed the casual dress, and the atmosphere of the resort was a welcome departure.

This meeting would not have been such a success without the efforts of so many involved. I would like to thank them all for their tremendous help and support throughout the planning. First, the Activities Committee provided a great deal of input and suggestions on the program. Jody Beale, Nancy Clark, Judith Gill, Lucy Payne, Melanie Putnam, Laura Ray, and Barbara Silbersack gave me some wonderful suggestions on program topics and arrangement. In addition, they served as facilitators on the breakout sessions. Lucy Payne compiled a very thorough annotated bibliography on leadership, which was distributed at the meeting. Thanks, too, to Jo Ann Fisher, Carol Bredemeyer, and Randy Wilcox, who served as facilitators for the breakouts. Of course, Al, Anita, and Carol were wonderful speakers. I was especially glad for their comments, and pleased that they were willing to contribute. Dave Germann and Maurita Peterson Holland, experts in their fields, brought with them a unique perspective.

Having never worked on or with a Local Arrangements committee before, I had

nothing to use as a comparison. But I cannot imagine anyone doing a better job than Ted Potter and Anne Kirkhope. Ted provided a reassuring ear and voice many a time; Anne handled the situation with much quiet confidence. The activities they planned made the best possible use of the resort (unfortunately the weather chose not to cooperate), and their choices in accommodations were terrific. Our entertainment on Wednesday night at our Opening Cookout (Cook-in?) provided us with some good laughs. Hmmm. Jeannie Kirkhope (Anne's sister) designed a great t-shirt, and even planned to lead us in camp-fire songs Thursday. Opal precluded that.

Finally, I would like to thank the vendors who contributed to our program, either through financial contributions, donations, or exhibits. Specifically, those vendors were Anderson, Banks-Baldwin, LEXIS-NEXIS, Oceana, OPeN, Rothman, and West Publishing.

The coming year looks to be an exciting one, full of opportunities for us to enhance our professionalism. National Library Week will be April 14 to 21. Are you planning something special for your library? :) The Fourth National Legal Research Teach-In, sponsored by AALL Research Instruction Caucus, will be held during that week. You should be seeing information about that in upcoming AALL Newsletters.

Randy Diamond, president-elect of

MichALL, has informed me that their annual meeting will be held in early May in Lansing. The topic will be Time Management for Law Librarians, and their featured speaker will be Wes Cochran, director of Texas Tech Law School.

Both Special Libraries Association and American Library Association will hold their annual meetings in June; and then, in July, AALL will come to Indianapolis!! There will be plenty of opportunity for us to participate there. Already, our AALL arrangements committee has made plans for a joint ORALL-MichALL breakfast. The Indianapolis librarians will be glad for any assistance with registration, hospitality, etc., that we can provide. Think about it!

Be looking forward to October, when ORALL will join nine other chapters in Toronto for the Northeast Regional meeting. This meeting will replace the usual fall ORALL meeting; Ted Potter is chair of publicity for the Toronto meeting. The theme is "Libraries Without Borders: Legal Information Partnerships in the 21st Century". The program looks very exciting.

The year has a great deal in store for all of us. I'm looking forward to it. I hope you are too.

SCANNING THE NEWSLETTERS

Items of interest from recent local and regional law library association newsletters, compiled by Shaun Esposito:

Bibliographies

Marlyn Robinson, *Resources for American Indian Law*, SWALL BULLETIN (Southwestern Association of Law Libraries), September 1995 at 25 (bibliography covers major primary and secondary sources of law related to Native Americans).

Humor

Karen Westwood, *How Being A Librarian Helped My Golf Game*, MALL NEWSLETTER (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries), September/October 1995 at 19 (a light-hearted comparison between skills needed for librarianship and those needed for a good golf game).

Scott L. Fisher, *The Librarian As A Fictional Character In Film or How I Spent My Summer Vacation*, NJLLA IN BRIEF (New Jersey Law Librarians Association), September/October 1995 at 11 (reviewing a number of films with librarians as main characters).

Library Practice

Chris Anglim, *Archivists Paper Beltway!*, HALL NEWSLETTER (Houston Area Law Librarians), September/October 1995 at 13 (a review of programs and activities at the Society of American Archivists meeting).

Christine Herz, *International Business Law: Legal Transactions in A Global Economy*, GPLLA NEWSLETTER (Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association), Fall 1995 at 7 (this reviews the AALL Institute concerning international business law).

Management

Patricia Wellinger, *Promoting the Value of Law Librarians: Delivering the Message to Your Organization*, SWALL BULLETIN (Southwestern

Association of Law Libraries), September 1995 at 33 (discusses the importance of "proactive" action by law librarians in order to convince parent organizations to support library services).

Technology

William Frank, *Evaluating Internet Providers*, HALL NEWSLETTER (Houston Area Law Librarians), September/October 1995 at 9 (provides overview of types of services available from internet providers and suggests questions to pose to potential providers).

Anna Cherry, *Internet Column*, MALL NEWSLETTER (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries), September/October 1995 at 17 (provides highlights of internet sites of interest to law librarians).

Janet Reinke, *Reflections on the Computer Revolution: Some Obstacles to Effective Computer Research*, SCALL NEWSLETTER (Southern California Association of Law Libraries), September 1995 at 6 (discussing problems involved with doing computerized legal research).

Peggy Mahan and Don Arndt, *Making The Internet Connection: Electronic Publishing and Research--Training the Trainers*, GPLLA NEWSLETTER (Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association), Fall 1995 at 3 (this reviews in detail the Internet institute held this past summer at Case Western Reserve University).

Barbara Folensbee-Moore, *Inter Network: State and Federal Government Information on the Internet*, VALL NEWSLETTER (Virginia Association of Law Libraries), Fall 1995 at 9 (discussing sources of government information on the Internet).

Karen Schuh, *Using the Internet*, NJLLA IN BRIEF (New Jersey Law Librarians Association), November/December 1995 at 7 (discussing materials available on the Internet and how to discover what materials are available).

BALANCING LIBRARY RESOURCES

Program Review submitted by Cindy Spohr

Balancing Library Resources was one of the Critical Issues Break Out groups during the Thursday afternoon session of the Annual ORALL Meeting held at Maumee Bay State Park. Jo Ann Fisher facilitated a lively discussion group attended by librarians from law firms, public law libraries and court libraries. All of the organizations are looking at the various information formats currently available to determine the best mix to provide to the researchers. Balancing library resources includes not only the format of the materials, but the dollars spent on the information sources. Purchasing new types of information sources frequently requires cancellation of sources to maintain the budget rather than an increase in the budget to accommodate new formats. Most collection development decisions are made based by practice area, the materials and formats available, and the individual preferences of the researchers in the specific area. Some, but not all, participants review their collections on an annual basis to verify that all titles are still needed and the format provided meet the needs of the researchers.

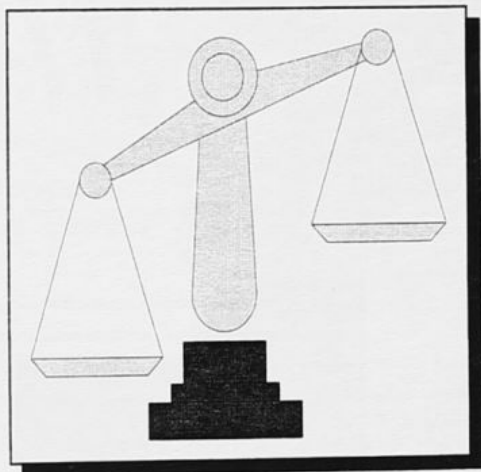
CD-ROM has been purchased to replace hardcopy and to reduce the number of copies carried in many libraries. All participants of the discussion agreed that in most cases in order to purchase CD-ROMs, print subscriptions had to be canceled.

Many group members also stated that contracts with LEXIS-NEXIS and Westlaw affect their decisions to purchase other formats. It becomes more difficult to justify purchasing case law CD-ROMs when a firm has a fixed rate contract. Several participants reported that the reduced online print charges make online printing more cost effective than photocopying from the print copy.

One concern with CD-ROM and online sources is computer literacy of the attorneys and their willingness to work with new formats. The court library can have additional concerns with networked systems because of confidentiality issues and the fact that the court libraries serve the bar in general.

The rising costs of print supplementation was also discussed. Members of the group have used several methods to reduce costs such as receiving supplements every other year or discontinuing supplements for little used sets. Concern was raised about publishers who have produced "unnecessary supplements" and the group felt that AALL could take a more active role in working with publishers on this issue. Several members of the group track the supplementation cost increase from year to year and reported that most publishers raise prices more than 6% each year. Everyone agreed that their library budgets are not increasing at the same rate as the publishers' increases.

All participants in the discussion agreed that it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep up with all the changes in technology (CD-ROM and online) and the print sources.



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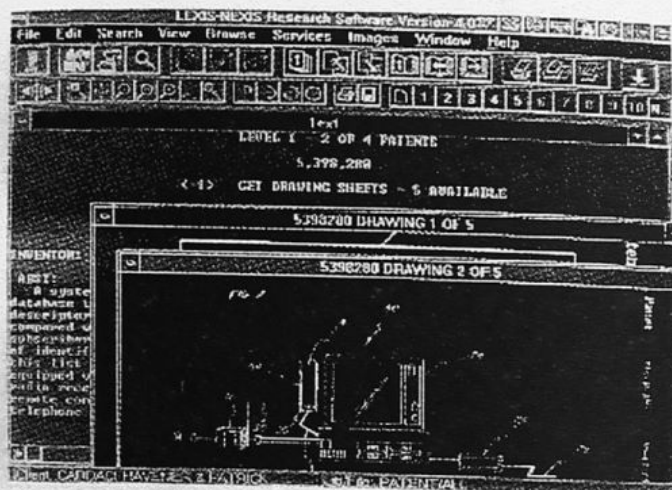
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ORALL County SIG Meets at ORALL Fall Gathering

submitted by Carol A. Suhre, Chair-elect

The county law librarians' group met on Wednesday afternoon at Maumee Bay, with Rosemarie Chrisant chairing. Rosemarie announced that the next survey will be published and distributed at the May 1996 meeting, including the top 10 law libraries, past years' funding, and other miscellaneous questions.

The AALL State, Court & County SIS is seeking input on the revision of its Standards and the current draft was distributed for discussion.

Also discussed was the Ohio Attorney General's Opinion 95-017 that was found to give a "mini history" of law libraries in Ohio, justifying their existence. The opinion addresses the issue of providing free online legal research to county prosecuting attorneys' offices. OAG 95-018 states that an employee formerly paid from law library funds and now paid as a county employee does not accrue benefits.

In other news, it was reported that the Criminal Task Force Report was passed by the OSBA's Board of Governors, but it remains unknown what will become of it. HB 284, removing the \$500 salary cap for law librarians in counties with one common pleas judge, has a sponsor. Current Chair of the OSBA's Law Libraries Committee, Jan Novak, has appointed a Committee to explore the idea of other types of libraries participating in this Committee's work.

Carol Suhre was elected the next SIG Chair, taking the seat in 1997.

An agenda item entitled "the most valuable purchase of the past year" highlighted the Kleinrock Tax Service on CD-ROM; the Lawyers Weekly periodical, and NEOUCOM's medical journals' index tool. Anita Shew from Butler County reported on her efforts to connect the Common Pleas Judges into her CD-ROM network. Martha Cox from Stark County addressed some problems with Shepards' products.

The Akron Law Library personnel recounted their use of various Internet providers, initiating a conversation on use of the Internet in the county law library setting. Anita Shew is using Tri-State Online for access to LawLib. Pat Wheeler from Washington County and Paul Allison from Seneca County talked about state monies earmarked to connect school and public Libraries via Internet. Martha Cox asked that ORALL explore a similar connection.

Before adjournment Rosemarie distributed a tentative outline to the SIG's Long-Range Planning Committee members and briefly highlighted her expectations. She solicited suggestions for program proposals and location of the May 1996 meeting.



CAREERING:

A Personal Approach

submitted by Peter J. Pogacar

On Friday October 13th, I hosted Margaret Ostrander for a personalized career day. While introducing Margaret to Calfee, Halter & Griswold's firm structure & library design/philosophy, I related to her my honest impressions of law librarianship, both in general and specifically the Cleveland area scene. I never pull punches, always attempting to lend a reasonable picture of possible employment opportunities. A balance between "what is" and "what appears to be" is desired: opinion tempered by experience.

Comparison and contrast is a technique I enjoy and thus employ in my day. Consequently, I took Margaret to the Federal Court Library, Cleveland Law Library (county) and two firms. At each stop we were able to see the different library design, collections and philosophies of the librarians employed there. I try to keep all aspects of the day informal but informative - and filled with much encouragement.

Why do this? Is being too busy a deterrent? I always make it clear whenever I host someone that interruptions may occur - it adds to a "day in the life of" I try to create. I remember the help I received when I first started in the field and feel it is my obligation to promote the profession. If someone expresses an interest why not encourage them - law librarianship always has room to grow! Giving someone a clearer picture of their interest can only result in more informed career choices. Besides wanting to earn a million dollars, all we really want to be is content in our chosen career!

Each time I host a prospective library employee, the experience allows me to reflect on the state of the profession and my attitude toward it. The day becomes a renewal of what I have gained (and lost) in choosing to become a law librarian. In the end, hosting such a day becomes a marketing tool, a public relations coop, a learning device and an opportunity to reflect all rolled into a pleasant day. I know that one such visit has helped in gaining one person full time work. Employment in Cleveland often comes in mysterious ways!

Peter J. Pogacar
Librarian

CONTRIBUTIONS INVITED!!!

All ORALL members are invited to submit articles, article ideas, and any suggestions to the ORALL Newsletter Editor. If you attend a workshop or other educational program, please consider writing a brief review for publication in the Newsletter. Please contact Shaun Esposito, ORALL Newsletter Editor, Univ. of Kentucky College of Law Library, 620 S. Limestone St., Lexington, KY 40506; (606) 257-8347(voice); (606) 323-4906(fax); e-mail: swespo1@ukcc.uky.edu.

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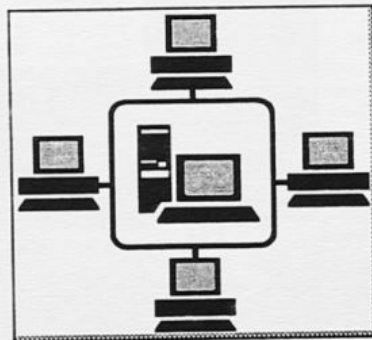
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES CALL FOR PAPERS

PURPOSE

The AALL Call for Papers Committee seeks submission of papers for its annual competition. The objectives of the contest are threefold: 1) to promote scholarship among practicing law librarians in areas of interest to the profession; 2) to provide a creative outlet for law librarians and a forum for their scholarly activities; and 3) to recognize the scholarly efforts of established members, new members, and potential members of AALL.

The winners of the competition will be recognized during award ceremonies at the Closing Banquet of the annual meeting. Co-authors of winning papers will share the award. Winners are given the opportunity to present the paper at the annual meeting of the Association. The paper will be forwarded to the Editor of the *Law Library Journal* for publication consideration.

ELIGIBILITY

OPEN DIVISION: Current AALL members who have been members for five or more years.

NEW MEMBERS DIVISION: Current AALL members who have been members of AALL for fewer than five years.

STUDENT DIVISION: Currently enrolled in library or a law school. Students need not be members of AALL.

No paper which has been published, or accepted for publication before April 15, 1996 in a journal other than *Law Library Journal*, will be eligible for consideration.

SUBSTANTIVE REQUIREMENTS

Papers must be original works. Papers submitted for courses are acceptable provided they otherwise comply with the requirements of this contest. The papers may address any subject relevant to law librarianship. The papers may be scholarly or practical in substance and tone; the subject should be explored in depth with appropriate reference to sources and documentation of assertions. Submissions for the Student Division should also include a supporting letter from an instructor at the institution at which the student is enrolled (preferably the supervising faculty members for the paper). Submissions will only be accepted in one division. To encourage wider participation, authors may win only twice in the same division (different years).

FORM REQUIREMENTS

The papers must be doubled spaced with one and one-half (1 1/2) inch margins. Citation and style must conform to the requirements outlined in *Law Library Journal*, "Author's Guide."

Each Submission must be accompanied by triplicate copies of a cover letter describing the purpose of the paper and research methodologies, a short abstract, and a completed Application form. Papers, applications, cover letters, abstracts (and instructor's letters) must be submitted in triplicate to the name and address noted on the Application Form.

JUDGING CRITERIA

50% - Significance, originality, usefulness to law librarians, analysis, depth of discussion, and comprehensiveness of treatment.

30% - Organization, manner of presentation, writing, and readability.

20% - Grammar, punctuation, citation form, satisfaction of submission requirements (i.e. triplicate copies of abstract, cover letter, supporting letter, paper, etc.)

PROCEDURE

To be eligible for an award, submitted papers, together with all required supporting documents, must be postmarked by April 15, 1996 and received by April 22, 1996. All decisions of the committee regarding eligibility will be final.

Papers will be reviewed by the Call for Papers Committee: Peter Schanck, University of Kansas Law Library (Chair); Edward Benefiel, Phelps Dunbar; Katharine Ewing, CUNY Law School Library.

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Calendar 1996-97

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April 14-21 National Library Week

June 8-13 Special Libraries Assoc. Annual Conference, Boston MA

July 20-25 AALL Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

October 13-16 LITA/LAMA Conference "Transforming Libraries: Leadership and Technology in the Information Age," Pittsburgh, PA

1997

February 14-20 American Library Assoc. Midwinter Meeting, Washington, D.C.

June 7-12 Special Libraries Assoc. Annual Conference, Seattle, WA

June 26-July 3 American Library Assoc. Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA

July 19-24 American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD

Newsletter Deadlines

February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15

OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Profile

ORALL is a 4-state chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries [Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan]. It was formed in 1949 "to further the development and usefulness of law libraries and to stimulate a spirit of mutual helpfulness among libraries of this region."

An annual conference is held in the Fall of each year. ORALL publishes and sponsors the following publications: *Core Legal Collection* [bibliographies for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan], ORALL Membership Directory, ORALL Newsletter, ORALL Union List of Serials, Ohio Legal Resources Annotated Bibliography & Guide, 3rd.

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