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Presidents' Columns--Paul Mitchell & Joanne Beal

FINAL REFLECTIONS

Paul Mitchell

As I reflect on this past year, I am amazed at how quickly the year has gone. Looking back, I remember thinking, "will it ever end?", and now that it has ended, I wonder "where did the time go?" That's life in general, isn't it? Following are some highlights of our chapter's accomplishments this year.

ORALL Listserv

Yes, Virginia, ORALL does indeed have a listserv. It was begun this fall, and is being hosted by Cleveland State University Law Library. Many thanks to Jill Williams and Wayne Hogue of the Bartunek Law Library, along with the tremendous efforts of Randy Wilcox of Case Western Reserve Law Library and his Internet Committee.

Several ORALL members have subscribed, and the listserv has been the site of some great cyber-conversations already. The Internet Committee

CONFIRMED:

ORALLIENS SITED!
NUMBERS GROWING!

Joanne Beal

Last summer a middle-aged woman nervously sputtered before the national council, "There are over 300 of them. They are intelligent, highly communicative, and the size of the tightly knit group is steadily increasing."

An interplanetary invasion? Not really. As the Vice President/President Elect of ORALL that's how I rather clumsily described our growing organization of Indiana, Northern Kentucky, and Ohio law librarians to a select group of chapter presidents and AALL officers who had gathered for the Council of Chapter Presidents' Leadership Training Session held in Indianapolis in conjunction with the AALL Annual Meeting.

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will be working to define the role of the listserv in greater detail — identifying its mission, purpose, and scope. Look for instructions for subscribing elsewhere in this issue.

Publications

Anne McFarland and her Public Services Committee have completed the Ohio Legal Resources, 4th Edition. ORALL has formed a "strategic alliance" with the Ohio Library Council, to publish this wonderful resource. The chapter has agreed to split costs and (hopefully) profits with the Ohio Library Council. The publication will be marketed to libraries in Ohio, and law libraries in surrounding states. In addition, we advertised at our activity table in Indianapolis and Toronto.

The County SIG, headed by Rose Chrisant of the Akron Law Library Association, published both its salary survey and county law library directory. The salary survey featured colored charts; the directory was mailed to all SIG members, as well as each county library.

CLE Credit

This was a stellar year for Ohio CLE credit -- if you attended both the Indianapolis and Toronto meetings, you would be entitled to 22.5 CLE hours! Not only did the Ohio CLE Commission give credit for both meetings, but Indiana has actually given partial credit for the Toronto meeting! Jody Beal mailed details to all Indiana librarians concerning the Toronto sessions.

As far as the Indianapolis meeting (AALL), the total credits were 13 general hours, with activity number 2143-74625. The Toronto meeting activity code is 2659-75668, with 9.5 general hours. Please contact me or Jody immediately if you need a card; otherwise, forward your completed card directly to the CLE commission for credit.

Northeast Regional Meeting

The Northeast Regional Meeting was a rousing success, with attendance of around 450 people. Everyone there seemed to have a great time, not only socially, but intellectually as well. The theme "Libraries Without Borders" was timely, given the changes that we have seen. ORALL sponsored four programs; ORALL members were speakers at several other programs as well. Jody Beal worked ceaselessly to coordinate speakers, make travel arrangements, etc. Our programs were very well received, with many favorable comments from attendees.

ORALL Magic wins money for chapter

Congratulations to the ORALL "Magic" for their silver-medal placement in the West Law Library Decathlon at the Indianapolis meeting. It was a



Maybe I was nervous because I perceived some earlier remarks to have been condescending toward chapters as a whole and also pointedly critical of ORALL. Concerned over my singular lack of savvy in handling such situations I deftly listened for a positive remark upon which to build. It came, of course, from the winsome Roger Parent, Executive Director of AALL. One word he used that day set in motion the critical process in my mind of assessing ORALL, AALL, and professional associations in general.

The word that Roger Parent so offhandedly used that day was "overlap." It's an easy word to say and generally means something nice. I was still mentally groping for an explanation for why ORALL has remained such a successful chapter and upon hearing the word I picked up a pencil and wrote the following on a napkin:

"emphasize the similarities - celebrate the overlap."

To me this seems to have been the credo of ORALL. This describes the attitude of our members and this is why a professional organization of over 300 continues to describe itself as "tightly knit."

Let me use my own background as an example. From the fall of 1966 until June of 1970 I was happily and warmly ensconced on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, fully enjoying the Hoosier way of life. I then returned to my home town of Cleveland to pursue my library degree at Case Western Reserve University and to begin my professional career in the CWRU Law School Library. In 1974, I moved to the Cincinnati area and served for two years as Librarian for the law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister. At the end of 1976 I traveled to Dayton to begin what has speedily turned into 20 years of service to the Dayton Law Library Association. It is with deep affection that I feel closely affiliated with the entire ORALL region.

In addition, throughout all of my years in ORALL, twenty-five of them now, I have relished the regular and unpretentious support of the members not only as

wonderful party with a fitting theme, since many of us were missing the "real" Olympics. Our team members demonstrated that we know our stuff — and can really move!! Congratulations to Al Podboy, Captain; Nancy Armstrong, Co-captain; and team members George Baker, Keith Blough, Kathy Carrick, Kyle Passmore, Peter Pogacar, Michael Slinger and yours truly! The chapter won \$1000 to use as we see fit -- at this point we are considering using it as seed money for the chapter's 50th anniversary celebration.

Now, looking forward, by the time you read this, Jody Beal will have assumed the reins of our organization, with the most capable hands. Jody has a number of things in mind for our chapter, and along with AALL's new commitment to improving chapter relations, I am sure that she will be moving ORALL forward to be one of the foremost chapters affiliated with AALL.

The listserv will continue to grow in use, and become a vehicle for more time-sensitive announcements, such as job placement notices. Perhaps now we need to consider a web site!

We are anticipating that 1999 will be memorable for everyone -- it is our chapter's 50th anniversary. Shortly, the membership will receive an announcement of a select committee that will be planning events for our Golden Anniversary year.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this column, this has been quite a year for all of us. I could not have done it without the help of so many. I would especially like to thank Jody Beal and the rest of the Executive Board for all their contributions to our chapter. Thank you all for your hard work, your kind support, and your enthusiasm to make our chapter so successful. Many of our members have worked behind the scenes -- both at the chapter and national level committees, or preparing materials for publications, or continuing to promote librarianship to your patrons/users/ customers. You are all a great group of people. As we progress into the new year, let's set our vision on new sights, and our new leader. Jody, take it away!.....

Beal Musings, continued



I have migrated from city to city but also from library type to library type. We are such a strong and cohesive group, respectful of the legitimate concerns of librarians currently employed in the distinctive types of libraries. We appreciate each other's needs and we depend upon each other's strengths. We do continue to emphasize the similarities in our workplaces and we do observe the parallels in our duties and goals as reinforcement of our purpose.

It is true that ORALL is known for its presentation of well-planned and timely programs that are suited to all types of law libraries, but in my mind it remains that the success of our chapter is rooted in the attitudes of its members. During these evolving times of information management, membership in ORALL is a tremendous professional asset.

Can't the overlap of professional commitment of both AALL and ORALL be just as productive? What should be the mission of ORALLiens on the AALL planet? Will our well-meaning efforts be relegated to the X-Files?

A primary focus of AALL during 1997 will be to study, evaluate, and establish a statement of alliance between AALL and the regional and local chapters of law librarians. A draft statement has been reprinted in this issue of the *Newsletter*. Enjoy reading it and, if you feel so inclined, I'll be happy to receive and forward any comments to Sally Holterhoff who is presently serving as Chair of the Council of Chapter Presidents - for if there is one thing ORALL surely is, it's a UFO (Unparalleled, Freethinking Organization).



Joanne (Jody) Beal
ORALLien Leader
1996 - 97

Draft Prepared July 11, 1996

Background:

Frank Houdek, President-Elect invited the following AALL members and Chapter representatives to serve on a Chapter Relations Ad Hoc Advisory Group: Karen Schuh, Chair Council of Chapter Presidents, Carol Avery Nicholson, AALL Board, Sally Holterhoff, Past-President Chicago Association of Law Librarians and in-coming-chair of the AALL Council of Chapter Presidents, Hal Brown, President Southern California Association of Law Librarians, and AALL staff Martha Brown, Director. of Programs and Roger Parent. Executive Director.

The Group met in Chicago on June 26-27, 1996 and drafted the following vision statement, and proposed objectives and activities for an improved AALL Chapter Relations Program. They were asked to advise the AALL Board and the Council of Chapter Presidents on appropriate means for addressing our strategic plan. The plan calls for "strengthening relationships between AALL and its Chapters".

Comments on this draft should be sent to either Frank Houdek, President-elect or Sally Holterhoff who serves as Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group.

Draft Vision Statement:

Acknowledges that there is strength in the numbers of law librarians and that AALL and the Chapters will work collaboratively to influence and shape issues of national importance.

Respects the need for Chapters and AALL to remain distinct and independent entities and recognizes and nurtures the unique strengths of each.

Communicates regularly and determines together how to benefit jointly and separately from the Alliance.

Draft Objectives/Purposes:

AALL and the Chapters will:

Promote the value of law librarians and libraries to employers and other users of legal information.

Develop and ratify public policy statements when it is essential to speak with one voice.

Assist members in redefining the profession in response to the changing, environment.

Support diverse educational opportunities for members.

Develop new leaders and provide ongoing training and support.

Recruit and involve members in national and chapter activities.

Engage in more frequent and effective communications.

Provide the means for creating, collecting and sharing association information and resources.

Establish effective governance, AALL administrative support, adequate budgets, and clearly defined roles and responsibilities.

Draft of Possible Activities:

1. MEMBERSHIP

1-1 Gather and share data that will assist recruitment of members at both the national and Chapter levels, especially information about Chapter members who are not AALL members and vice versa.

1-2 Prepare a sample membership recruitment package that can be distributed to each Chapter.

2. INFORMATION SERVICES

2-1 Review and revise the Chapter Biography Form to insure that key information is collected.

2-2 Develop other methods for gathering and updating information about the Chapters throughout the year.

2-3 Produce a master calendar of AALL and Chapter events, activities, deadlines, etc.

2-4 Develop a mechanism for sharing information that is gathered both periodically and on demand.

3. COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION

3-1 Establish annual conference calls between Chapter and AALL Leaders.

3-2 Establish a closed Chapter listserv for elected leaders.

3-3 Develop a mechanism for direct, regular, frequent communication among Executive Board and Chapter Leaders.

4. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TRAINING

4-1 Provide training for Chapter Leaders: strengthen, expand, broaden current programs for Chapter Presidents

4-2 Create programs and resources to support other Chapter Leaders.

4-3 Explore partnerships and co-sponsorships for providing educational programs.

4-4 Explore ways to increase AALL support for Chapter educational programs.

5. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND ADVOCACY

5-1 Establish a mobilization network of law librarians to impact public policy.

5-2 Develop a campaign with Chapter involvement to promote the value of law libraries and to utilize the Task Force's Tool Kit: *Law Librarians Making Information Work*.

5-3 Provide assistance to Chapters in developing or strengthening Chapter-level Government relations programs.

6. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT

6-1 Investigate feasibility and advisability of Chapter dues.

6-2 Develop an organization structure in AALL for a Chapter Relations Program: establish a Chapter Relations Committee; establish a Chapter Relations Officer at AALL; consider a revised structure for the Chapter Council that might include such changes as multi-year appointments and representatives rather than presidents serving, as members of the Council.

6-3 Establish an AALL budget for Chapter Relations.

SCANNING THE NEWSLETTERS

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

Terry Cullen, *From Netiquette to Web Page Design: Marketing Your Law Firm or Library on the Internet*, CoALL SHUTTLE (Colorado Association of Law Libraries), October 1996 at 3 (covers Internet tools available for marketing including e-mail, listservs, newsgroups and the Web).

Citing the Sites: MLA-Style Guidelines and Models for Documenting Internet Sources, WPPLA NEWSLETTER (Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association), September/October 1996 at 4 (provides guidelines for citing to various material available on the Internet).

Rick Crawford, *Social Security Numbers in a Brave New World*, WPPLA NEWSLETTER (Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association), September/October 1996 at 12 (outlines threat to privacy posed by widespread use of Social Security Numbers).

Terry Cullen, *Technology in the Law Library: The Trouble With Neutrality: An Analysis of the ABA Special Committee on Citation Issues Draft Report*, SWALL BULLETIN (Southwestern Association of Law Libraries), May 1996 at 22 (discusses some of the problems with the proposed new citation format including the difficulty of providing pin point citations).

Christopher Anglim, *Wills and Trusts: Digital Imaging and Preservation*, SWALL BULLETIN (Southwestern Association of Law Libraries), May 1996 at 15 (this first of a two part series discusses benefits of digital imaging as a preservation tool).

Terry Cullen, *Non-Legal Resources on the Internet*, CoALL SHUTTLE (Colorado Association of Law Libraries), July 1996 at 3 (discusses and gives addresses for some of the more useful and frequently used non-legal resources on the Internet, including phone directories, maps and quotations).

Jan Lewis, *Election Web Sites*, VALL NEWSLETTER, Fall 1996 at 7 (in addition to providing Web address for the recently completed campaign, this article also lists the Web sites for many of the political parties in the United States).

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: shaun@pop.uky.edu.

NE '96 Regional Conference Program Reviews

submitted by Katherine Malmquist, Cleveland Marshall College of Law Library

Presentation by James E. Baker

Since February 1994 Mr. Baker has been the Deputy Legal Advisor to the National Security Council and the President.

Mr. Baker stated that computers need funds and since some organizations and individuals don't have the funds to allow for a great use of computers it is important that the printed material continue to exist for future research. Law Librarians can guide and shape research. Mr. Baker stated that he prefers to use the Law Library and he has a great respect for the two law librarians who work with him.

Mr. Baker noted that the NSC is not a free existing organization but was a 1947 statutory creation to advise and assist the President in integrating of domestic and international policies for national security purposes. The group rarely meets as council since the daily work is done by committees. There is no authority to the group -- it is all advisory in nature. There are about 70 professional staff plus another 100 support staff. There are 10 functional and 8 geographical groups. Mr. Baker is one of three attorneys in his group.

There are three duties Mr. Baker and staff perform for the NSC: issue spotting and giving advice, act as the agency general council, and draft and review presidential documents relating to NSC.

In the area of spotting legal issues and giving advice, Mr. Baker reviews all bills that involve foreign or security issues. He must research and answer questions that pertain to the bills. A decision memorandum is written that will look at funding authority for all bills and acts. The legal research is basically a factual research.

Mr. Baker stressed that it was important for him to be involved in the working groups before policies percolate up to the top so policies are formed correctly the first time.

Acting as the general counsel for the NSC means becoming the ethics advisor for employees and giving advice on the scope of presidential authority where needed. Lastly, the drafting of documents is very important to be sure that all bases are covered.

Mr. Baker explained that it is a very fast paced environment. While at a private law firm one might have a week or two to handle research most work is done in just a day or two at the NSC. But the benefit with working for the NSC is that one can call upon and work with any other governmental attorneys and that is done quite a bit.

Lastly Mr. Baker stated that he considers the law librarians as part of his team, an essential part.

Mr. Baker pointed out the reasons for "transboundary" research (intellectual property theft, alien property seizure, Congressional/Presidential Acts that affect other countries and their people) and stated how much easier research is with the computers and Internet services. Combined with the telephone and the fax it is much easier to get fast results. But Mr. Baker pointed out that older legislation and documentation is not on-line so one should not rely solely on computers. He also said that depending on security classifications some staff are not allowed to have Internet access in conducting business. Lastly, staff are to remember that e-mail is considered part of governmental records.

On-line services are expensive, too expensive for some people. Mr. Baker explained that sometimes even time may not allow for computer searching (which is where the law librarian can assist by narrowing a search) or what is really needed is judgement -- not text. It is the actual interpretation of a case, document or bill and not the citation that may control. Lastly, some information is classified and will not be found on-line.

Mr. Baker ended his talk by discussing how the government is declassifying many documents. The Freedom of Information Act means that staff are actually being evaluated on their responsiveness to requests. Mr. Baker also noted that all "reading room" material is to be on-line soon -- a great resource not used very often. There is also information, on a daily basis, to be found on the White House webpage: <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

Copyright Enforcement: An Exercise in Futility?

All three speakers were from Canada and they

focused on a Canadian court case and Bill C-32. But it was interesting in that there were some comparisons to the American version of the copyright issue.

Professor Margaret Ann Wilkinson spoke first. She first asked what is an infringement? To get the answer you need to ask a series of questions: Is the "work" with which you are dealing subject to someone's copyright rights? Are you doing anything which is included in those rights? Are you dealing only with an "insubstantial portion" of the work? Are you given a legislated exception which allows you to do what you are doing? What is my risk if I go ahead when the answers to some of the previous questions were "yes"? Professor Wilkinson then discussed in detail how to look at the above questions, specifically in regards to the issues facing Canada today -- poor funding for courts and on-line services. One interesting point is whether browsing electronically is actually copyrighted since one must "copy" the information to one's computer before one can see it. Is there an intent to "keep" and is there an exception for libraries? Professor Wilkinson pointed out that while the US has the guidance of the Supreme Court the same can not be said in Canada -- which is why there is so much interest in the case between Canada Law Book, Inc. and the Law Society of Upper Canada.

The next two speakers were from those two organizations but because the case had not been settled by the time of the conference they were unable to speak directly to the issues. Instead they tried to give their side and opinion on whether there was actual copyright infringement or not. GERALYN CHRISTMAS is Vice President of Publishing at Canada Law Books, Inc. Ms. Christmas pointed out that copyright infringement is not a "victimless" crime. The publishers and authors are damaged when their books are not bought by libraries and other users. When a consortium buys one book and photocopies articles, pages or chapters for the other libraries and their patrons to use when needed then there are fewer books sold and the cost of the product must be increased to make up the difference. So cost of the product increases with the cost of the infringement.

MARY EBERTS, Lawyer and former chair of Libraries and Reporting Committee of the Law Society of Upper Canada, discussed how one is to access information when one is faced with serious budget cuts. If a library can not afford to buy an item it must rely on borrowing the item from somewhere else. The library and/or its patron may not be able to afford the loss of information in a small part of an

item just because the cost of acquiring the whole item is prohibitive. Ms. Eberts also pointed out that it is the court that gives the opinion and it is the public that supports the court (through wages, rent, utilities, etc) and now publishers are claiming the whole opinion for their own use (and copyright protection) because of the "added value" of headnotes.

Professor Wilkinson ended the discussion by asking several questions -- When should one join a consortium (in this case it was Cancopy)? How much are you doing is already free? If much or all of your work is under the area of free (non-copyrighted) then it would not be worth it to join a copyright consortium. In Canada it is the "fair dealing" test that one must use, and this is a qualitative test using a substantial portion of the material. Also one should remember that normally there is no relation between the actual cost of copyright of a specific item and what that license costs when one joins a consortium.

Educating Potential Attorneys: How to Bridge the Gap

This discussion was a "how-to" in setting up a Bridge the Gap program. All the speakers had been part of their library's Bridge the Gap and so they were able to give first hand information on what to do (and not do) in designing and running the program. All the participants pointed out that it was Georgetown University that originated the idea and all of them gave their thanks for the support they received from Georgetown and other libraries that instituted the program.

Why have a "Bridge the Gap"? Most law firms want their associates to come ready to work and give them cost effective quality research. It is important that schools assist the new associates in any way possible to give them the skills to practice law.

When Seton Hall, New Jersey started their program it was a half-day (9:00-2:00) free Saturday program for summer associates. Lunch ended the day (they noted that food and beverage really helped keep the interest of participants). The program was the weekend before Easter, being careful about holidays and school breaks. The program was broken into five one-hour segments: basic reference techniques, legislative history, administrative sources, looseleaf services, and business survival/practice techniques. The program started with a role play showing a new summer associate being handed an assignment. The program then followed the problem through each of the five segments. Participants received sample

pages in a booklet (suggested using double-sided copying to keep the booklet manageable).

Seton Hall relied on the AALL Bridge the Gap starter kit which can be found at the AALL Research Institute Clearinghouse. Georgetown and Bruce Kennedy were also very valuable in their start-up. It was suggested to videotape the sessions, both for review and for assistance next year. Speakers were from the chapter and while commercial reps were originally used they were dropped because of inconsistent information and teaching. No computers were used (this was print research). While the participants were not charged the program did ask firms to become a sponsor at \$100 to offset the cost of food, copying, advertising, etc. To get participants the law firms were asked to suggest their associates attend the program by writing to them on their letterhead -- this seemed to get the associates attention. Lastly, evaluation forms were found to be very useful. One evaluation was done immediately after the program (before lunch) and another one was sent to participants in the fall asking them if they found the program information useful during the summer. To get a high rate of return there was the incentive of a raffle for a \$100 prize.

When LLAGNY started a training program it ran for four consecutive Wednesday nights. They also charged \$100 for the program. There were four modules of two hours each. Two faculty teamed up to teach each night. But they found that it was too small, there wasn't much continuity and it was too much of a traditional legal research class. So they turned to the Bridge the Gap program. It was run on a Saturday from 9:00-3:30. Participants were not charged for the program but later the participants were charged a small fee (\$10-\$20) because it seemed that only half of the people who signed up for the free program would actually show up -- and a small fee might give potential participants a feeling of actually getting something worthwhile. While law firms were asked to sponsor the program for \$200 they discovered that very few actually wished to do so. A role play started it off using a national problem (later they made it more regional in nature) and they took the problem from the initial interview to the end of the research. It was noted that this is just a "refresher" for the participants so the program wasn't trying to give them everything they ever needed to know. One important part of the program was that a judge, law firm partner and a former summer associate were invited to come in and tell the participants what they expected of their summer associates. This was to get across how important was the information they were getting from the program. Another aspect of the program

was librarians sitting in with the audience. This allowed the participants to see librarians help with the questions and information when needed. Lastly, the group hopes that in the future they can create a video to sell to law schools and small law firms.

Paul Mitchell, our esteemed ORALL ex-leader, was the next speaker. He discussed how he assisted the Detroit program start by giving suggestions and advice. They wanted a program that emphasized the practical and would show participants that the librarians were a "safe-harbor" when they began to work in the law firms. The Bridge the Gap committee was made up of both private and academic librarians. The program was in June and was actually hosted by the Bar Association Library. It ran for five sessions (going from 1:00-4:30) and it started with a video tour of the library. Other areas were non-legal material (e.g. medical, government documents), looseleaf services, general research, etc. It was emphasized that one must get a commitment from the librarians for participation on committees and the actual program. There is a lot of work to put on a program, from planning the schedule, setting up the location, lunch or other food and drink, advertising and working with law firms to get associate participation, working on the problem and pulling together the information booklet, etc. It is important to be sure to get the law firms behind you as most associates will be missing at least a half-day of work and billing time. To be sure participants show up it really works to have the law firms write the associates on their letterhead.

The last speaker, Andrea Battel, discussed the actual work involved in setting up the program. She pointed out that the planning begins in October for a March/April program. The problem fact pattern to be used should be thoroughly researched. Try to remember to bring in the realities of working at a law firm -- bring in a lawyer who can give some survival tips. Committees must be pulled together with willing participants and deadlines must be adhered to by all persons. Use of assignments and checklists are very helpful to be sure everyone stays on track and on schedule. When going to a law firm for either sponsorship or to encourage them to get their associates to attend emphasize the direct benefit the law firm will receive from a well-trained associate. When working on the fact pattern be sure to use items that are common to most libraries and law firms. While a specific item may be very useful for the fact pattern if it isn't found in most places then it will be useless to the associate. Be sure there is a lot of interaction with the audience and librarians in the audience is a help.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The ORALL Nominations Committee is beginning its work on the slate of candidates for the 1997 elections. We will be seeking candidates for Vice-President/President Elect, Treasurer, and one member of the Executive Board. We ask that you consider and nominate those members that you feel would make good officers of ORALL. You may also indicate your own interest and willingness to serve. Please contact any member of the committee with the names of possible candidates by mid-January. The committee members are: Jo Ann Fisher (Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, Cleveland), Deborah Ward (Hancock County Law Library, Findlay), Donna Bennett (Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University), Mahnaz Moshfegh (Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis) and Jane Underwood (Capital University Law School, Columbus). We thank you in advance for your assistance and input.

The Nominating Committee

ORALL Public Services Committee Publishes New Edition of *Ohio Legal Resources*

The newest edition of *Ohio Legal Resources: An Annotated Bibliography and Guide* was published in October and was first displayed at the Toronto conference. The Bibliography is an ongoing project of the Public Services Committee, and Anne McFarland, Associate Law Librarian at the University of Akron, edited the volume. A number of ORALL members contributed pieces to the edition: Mary Ann Chulick, Martha Cox, Romi Fox, Ken Kozlowski, Lynn Lenart, Jan Ryan Novak, Anita Shew, and Jil Williams.

Most of the basic sections have been updated, including the Outline of Basic Legal Materials, the Guidelines for Legal Reference Service, Lawbooks for Laymen and the central bibliography itself. The sections on Supplementation and Selection and Acquisition Tips provide special guidance to those who do not generally work with legal materials. The Selected Law Publishers section is much larger and contains many e-mail and web addresses.

In addition, there are three completely new sections. Ken Kozlowski provided comprehensive material on Internet Resources, Lynn Lenart compiled an extensive list of Ohio CD-ROM Resources, and both Judy Floyd Evans of Lexis and Lee Gasaway of Westlaw contributed to a new section on Computer-Assisted Legal Research.

ORALL and Ohio Library Council are partners in the publication of this edition. Past editions have been published by the Council, which has had total financial control of the project. However, the two entities will share both costs and profits equally for this edition. With the advances in printing between the third edition in 1990 and the fourth in 1996, Diane Underman, secretary in the Law Library at the University of Akron, was able to produce a camera-ready manuscript, thus bringing down the costs of printing.

ORALL and OLC will both seek to publicize the book to their respective audiences. Aside from its obvious relevance to legal collections, the book is also valuable to public and academic librarians. Any suggestions for places to announce the availability of the book can be sent to Anne McFarland at 330/972-6352 or amcfarland@uakron.edu.

The 93-page book (up from 55 pages in 1990) is priced at \$20 and is available from the Ohio Library Council, 35 E. Gay Street, Suite 305, Columbus, OH 43215-3138; FAX: (614) 221-6234.

**THIRD NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAW LIBRARIES:
"LIBRARIES WITHOUT BORDERS"**

Program Summaries

submitted by Joanne Beal

No Librarian is an Island: Developing Alliances with Strategic Professionals

Speakers:

Sheila O'Hare Barrows, *Data Base Specialist & MIS Liaison, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, New York, NY*

Donald J. Dunn, *Interim Dean, Western New England College School of Law, Springfield, MA*

Judith Gill, Librarian, *Wood County Law Library Bowling Green, OH*

The presenters discussed the more formal and the less formal aspects of personal "networking" and how strategic alliances have enhanced their talents and credibility as law librarians. When working in tandem with other professionals in strategic disciplines, taking advantage of a new perspective and different expertise, the goals of an organization are more readily achieved. In addition, the knowledge and skills of the librarian are expanded which enhances his, or her, value to the institution. Regular association with other professionals within the larger organization makes the librarian a "team player" who can be part of a change and not suffering change from without. It was clearly the consensus of the participants that a little bit of good will goes a long way in developing lasting and beneficial alliances. Personal accounts of diplomatic techniques provided much food for thoughtful consideration.

The Monograph and the Microchip: A Cautionary Tale

Speakers:

Roger Jacobs, *Associate Dean & Professor of Law, Director of the Library Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, IN*

Keith Blough, *Library Director, Columbus Law Library Association Columbus, OH*

Eugene Mayl, *Professional Books Services, Dayton, OH*

The question of "Where do we go from here if we throw out all the books?" was clearly answered by the presenters. "Don't throw out all the books." Law

librarians are continuing their love affair with media integration and electronic access, but not so all their patrons. Due to the archive ability, portability, authenticity, and permanence of books, the law book has not died and is not likely to expire soon. However, this fact of life does not diminish the role of the information professional to utilize to the fullest the electronic resources which provide access to worldwide sources of information. Amid numerous examples, concern was raised over the fact that the publishers and producers of law and law-related information need to be aware and responsible enough to address the varied needs of the legal researcher and the law librarian.

The Information Access Shuffle

Speakers:

Al Podboy, *Director of Libraries, Baker & Hostetler Cleveland, OH*

Cindy Spohr, *Product Development & Marketing Director, LEXIS-NEXIS, Dayton, OH*

Anne K. Abate, *Librarian, Dinsmore & Shohl Cincinnati, OH*

It was "SHOW TIME!" or maybe only "Round one" when the three ORALL members presented their views on the direct marketing of information to attorneys by vendors. Is there a definite role for librarians in law firms as a "filter" when it comes to selecting an avenue for accessing information? Of course there is. Both Cindy and Anne agree. However, negotiating contracts and selecting services should allow for direct attorney input and assessment. Advertisements directed to individual lawyers rather than firm librarians continues the sales practices of law book peddlers of years past. The new concern is that an agreement can be signed, the information accessed, and a sizable cost incurred before the librarian has the opportunity to evaluate the impact on the information center's budget. "Partnership, partnership, partnership" was preached by Podboy and in the spirit of good fun and cleansing laughter, possibly the differing opinions are now better understood.

Building and Maintaining a Library Web Site

Speakers:

Kristen Garlock, *Associate Librarian, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI*

Sherry Piontek, *Associate Librarian, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI*

Based on their book, *Building the Service-Based Library Web Site*, published by ALA, speakers Kristen Garlock and Sherry Piontek walked the participants through the practicalities of creating a useful web site. Many helpful guides were offered to ease the detail-ridden process. Throughout the project always keep in mind what the patrons' expectations for the web site are and how it will be of value day-to-day. There must be a commitment of time on the part of the parent organization to support the creation of the site and also for the maintenance of it. Strongly suggested was that a disclaimer be included stating that the organization cannot guarantee the accuracy of any information not directly provided by the law library. From the examples displayed it was certainly apparent that a library web site can be considered as public relations on the cutting edge.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

In an effort to rejuvenate the files of the Placement Committee, please begin sending any job notices to the Chair of the Committee, Anne Abate. We would like to help the members of ORALL to find jobs and to fill jobs as a priority, but we will also take notices from outside the region. As soon as there is a file, we will be able to recommend that you refer job seekers to the Committee Chair. The Committee will also communicate with other regional associations to gather more job listings. We would also like your suggestions for anything else the Committee could be doing in the efforts of placement. Please send any comments to the Chair, Anne Abate, through e-mail at abate@tso.cin.ix.net. Job notices may be sent through e-mail or to Anne K. Abate, Dinsmore & Shohl, 255 East Fifth Street Cincinnati, OH 45202-3172.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

According to **Bylaw IV**: "Any person or institution interested in law libraries may become a member of the Association by filling out an application form provided by the Membership Committee and paying the prescribed membership fees to the Treasurer." This application form may be used to apply for membership. If you have questions regarding membership, please refer to **Bylaw IV** or ask an officer or Executive Board member.

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CETL at the University of Cincinnati Law Library: The Birth of the Electronic Library

submitted by Cynthia Aninao, Acquisitions Librarian,
University of Cincinnati College of Law Library.

The Center for Electronic Text in the Law (CETL) is located at the University of Cincinnati College of Law Library. Founded in 1993 by Law Library Director Taylor Fitchett, its current mission is threefold: 1) production of full-text databases that will facilitate legal research; 2) research in the management of electronic legal text; 3) instruction for the College of Law community in electronic text management tools.

The reasons for starting CETL are outlined on CETL's homepage on the World Wide Web (see address at the end of this article): "The past decade has witnessed the movement toward increased access to computerized legal materials. Instantaneous delivery of information from libraries around the world is becoming an expectation of the legal researcher. Only recently have libraries had the technological capability to convert hard copy collections into electronic format. Broad ranging issues that arise from the application of this technology, including copyright, database structure, technological standardization, and the capture and preservation of electronic information for future generations require the establishment of such a center."

After three years, CETL has become an integral part of the UC Law Library. Although CETL is definitely an entrepreneurial venture and is utilizing cutting edge technology, it has many similarities to the "traditional" library. The long-held mission of the library has been "to acquire, organize, and make retrievable information".

Beginning with mission statements and collection development policies, libraries have selected and acquired information, cataloged it, processed and labeled it, preserved it, helped patrons find it, and circulated it.

CETL currently has three databases or areas of "collection development": human rights, corporate law, and supporting faculty research areas and student needs. DIANA is the database of human rights literature which is named after the late Diana Vincent-Daviss, former Director of the Law Library

at Yale Law School and a noted human rights bibliographer. The Corporate Law database contains securities acts, forms, regulations, and rules to assist lawyers in the practice of corporate and securities law. CETL also supports the law school in making available law school exams for the law students. Other faculty research areas are also planned.

CETL also acquires information. The information is acquired in electronic form or converted from paper to electronic format by scanning and marking up the text for circulating on the Internet. Text is marked up in Standard Generalized Markup Language--SGML--an international standard (ISO 8879) which is a set of instructions for encoding the structure a document. There are several versions of SGML. CETL uses the Text-Encoding Initiative (TEI) version, which was designed for scholarly documents in the social sciences and humanities.

Libraries have always managed budgets and dealt with highs and lows from their funding sources. CETL also receives a share of the Law Library's acquisitions budget. Initial start-up costs were funded by the Ohio Board of Regents, the United States Institute of Peace, the National Center for Automated Information Retrieval, the Ford Foundation, and Electronic Book Technologies.

The historical *raison d'etre* of the library profession--cataloging--is also done at CETL by the Law Library staff. Each electronic document is preceded by a TEI Header which contains information about the text. The TEI header is analogous to the MARC record containing the bibliographic description. The TEI header is also called "metadata"--data about data. It includes author, title, place, publisher, file size, series, notes, language, and added entries.

Preservation of the electronic text is also a consideration at CETL. Early in the project, SGML was chosen as the markup standard over Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). Although HTML is widely used as a markup language for presentation of documents on the World Wide Web, it has limitations in searching and usefulness on other hardware and software platforms. Because SGML

encodes the intrinsic structure and meaning of parts of a document, it allows transport of a document with minimal information loss to other hardware and software environments.

The staffing at CETL consists of a director, assistant director, scanner operator, text editors, and catalogers. The CETL Director is Nick Finke, a Harvard Law School graduate who practiced securities and corporate law at Jones, Day, Reaves and Pogue in Cleveland and also worked at Lexis-Nexis. Nick does much of the research in the management of electronic text, is the "brains" of the group, and also gives seminars and workshops. Assistant Director is Greg MacGowan, a graduate of the Syracuse University School of Information Studies (IST). Greg manages the daily technical operations of CETL and supervises the markup of electronic text. Scanner operator and cataloger is Akram Sadeghi, a former Head of Technical Services at Tehran University in Tehran, Iran. Akram is working on an MSLS at Indiana University College of Library and Information Science. Text editors are UC graduate students Angeles Beristain-Flores, Tom Dinsmore, Nainsi Houston, Amy Scrivner, and Mark Tolley. The text editors do the markup using TEI-conformant SGML.

In summary, CETL is a new kind of library. It is the beginning of a true electronic library. It is one of the many efforts which has been established to acquire, organize, and make retrievable electronic information to researchers around the world.

For more information, visit CETL's homepage on the World Wide Web : <http://www.law.uc.edu/CENTER/> or email CETL@law.uc.edu.

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: shaun@pop.uky.edu.

COMMENTS, PLEASE!

The ORALL Board is planning our annual meeting that will be held in Cincinnati next October. The dates are October 22-24; we will probably begin with our usual tours and committee meetings on Wednesday afternoon, have substantive programs on Thursday and complete the conference after lunch on Friday. Taylor Fitchett has generously arranged to have a computer training lab available to us on Thursday, Friday and possibly Saturday for hands-on training sessions.

We want to offer good, specific/appropriate/useful training to our membership that will be at our cost and productive to you. Therefore we want to design the training sessions around YOUR schedules, needs and interests. Our main question to the membership is "What are you interested in receiving direct computer training on, and when would be the best times to offer the sessions.?" Again, the training will be on the campus of the University of Cincinnati in an attractive lab with 25 computer terminals. Here are our suggestions and thoughts -

- we could offer a half day session 11:00 - 4:00 on Wednesday; we could offer another one Wednesday evening after the reception; we could offer one Friday afternoon and/or one Saturday morning. These could be on various topics or offer similar training experience - depending on demand.

- we could offer a course in searching the Internet for specific topic research, for example, how do you search the Internet for government documents? what kind of international material is available?; we could offer beginning or intermediate Internet search training; we could offer training on dealing with formats - i.e. how to convert ascii into....., how to use search engines to identify legal sites and resources.

Please think about how you could best be served by such a training opportunity. Then please let us know - by either answering to this forum or by sending me (kxc4@po.cwru.edu) a message or by talking to any Board member. Local arrangement folks are Ann Abate and Carol Bredemeyer, and Taylor is hosting these sessions; I know all involved are open to your ideas and comments.

I do hope that you will voice your interest and time preferences. Jody and I feel strongly that ORALL is a democratic and open regional that has as a basic goal the service of its membership. Please participate - vote early and often, the polls won't close for a while!

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**COUNTY LAW LIBRARIANS MEET
"WITH OUT BORDERS"**

The Ohio County Law Libraries SIG met during the Northeast Regional Conference on Thursday, October 17 at the County of York Law Association in Toronto. Current directories were distributed, accompanied by the much anticipated Long Range Plan for Ohio County Law Libraries 1997-2001.

Chair Rosemarie Chrisant acknowledged that the OSBA Law Libraries Committee has approved the plan but has not yet prepared to take action. A "call for action" letter, soliciting people to serve as an administrative body to keep it alive, would be the first step to get going. Some discussion was had concerning Goal #7 -- public access. She called the group's attention to the fact that the Cleveland Law Library Association now has a Website that incorporates the Ohio County Law Libraries in its directory of information services.

Rose Brown commented on her presentation of The Plan to her Board of Trustees, in light of the Defiance County Law Library 7% funding loss last year. Being that other county law libraries may be facing the same situation, a question will be added to the next county law libraries survey. Compilers Billie Grey of Cincinnati Law Library Association and Eileen Litchfield of Greenville Law Library Association, will be asked to add questions regarding compensating for funding decreases; networking, including connections to other county governmental bodies, and providing for branch libraries -- ordering, paying and updating.

In other business, kudos and thank you's were given to Rosemarie Chrisant for her tireless efforts in formulating the Long Range Plan; to Corliss Davis for editing the directories- to ORALL for paying for the printing, and to the County of York Law Association for their hospitality. Audrey Mosley, retiring from the Geauga County Law Library, thanked many members of the county group for their many years of support.

Sally Davis from Medina County accepted the nomination of Chairperson-Elect. Anyone wishing to submit program ideas for the Spring Meeting can contact Carol Suhre, incoming chair, in Clermont County. The next meeting will be held in Findlay in April.

ORALL MINES SILVER

by
Al Podboy

On Monday night, July 22, 1996 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Westin Grand Ballroom, history was made. During the first West Law Library Decathlon, the ORALL "Magic" mined the silver metal in an exciting competition.

The team comprised of Nancy Armstrong - Ohio State University, George Baker - the Cincinnati Law Library Association, Keith Blough - the Columbus Law Library Association, Kathy Carrick - Case Western Reserve University Law Library, Paul Mitchell - LEXIS-NEXIS, Kyle Passmore - Thompson, Hine & Flory, Peter Pogacar - Calfee, Halter & Griswold, Michael Slinger - Cleveland State University Law Library and team captain, Al Podboy - Baker & Hostetler in their royal purple uniforms entered to the thunderous applause of the crowd, while chanting "rock & roll, rock & roll....."

The team which was given by spectators Allison and Melissa Podboy "no chance" quickly started to accumulate points. Keith Blough started the team with a thrilling discus competition. He was followed by a brilliant performance by George Baker in the sailing competition. Peter Pogacar was perfect on the rings in gymnastics. Kathy Carrick energized the team with an outstanding performance in the slalom and javelin, while Michael Slinger anchored the ORALL Dream Team in basketball. The team of Paul Mitchell, Nancy Armstrong and Kyle Passmore were outstanding in the triple jump and the team of Keith Blough, Kyle Passmore and Nancy Armstrong anchored the "Magic" in the relays. Al Podboy pulled it off in his final attempt at the long jump and Nancy Armstrong iced the competition with her brilliant performance in the shot put.

The team could barely contain their exuberance as they received their silver medals from incoming AALL Vice President, Judy Meadows. Kyle Passmore accepted the \$1,000 silver prize in ORALL's behalf from the President of West Publishing Information Group, Brian Hall.

The "Magic" is planning a reunion at the White House "Rose Garden" in Washington, D.C. this fall.



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Lawbooks for Laymen - A bibliography of titles that can be of great help to a patron with a legal problem.

Ohio CD-ROM Resources - A new section on the proliferation of material available on CD-ROM.

Annotated Bibliography - The core of the book, containing titles that are authoritative for Ohio legal research.

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**Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
Business Meeting
Third Northeast Regional Conference, 1996
Toronto Marriott Hotel at Eaton Centre
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October 18, 1996**

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by President Paul Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell thanked the membership for coming to ORALL's business meeting. He appreciated everyone's willingness to scoot in and "become friendly" over lunch. As he only expected fifty people to attend the meeting, he only made fifty copies of the handouts. Those in attendance wishing to have the handouts should contact Mr. Mitchell. The handouts included the treasurer's report and a draft copy of "The American Association of Law Libraries Chapter Alliance: A Vision for the Future."

Minutes: President Mitchell asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. The Executive Board meeting minutes were corrected to show that Anne Abate and Carol Bredemeyer are the co-chairs for the local arrangements committee for ORALL's 1997 meeting. Kathy Carrick is the chair for the 1997 meeting. Carol Bredemeyer moved the minutes be approved, and Beth Blondin seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Kyle Passmore reported due to the ORALL team's showing in the West Publishing Olympics in Indianapolis, ORALL received \$1000 of income. The balance on hand as of September 21, 1995 is \$29,049.05. There is \$13,129.78 in the checking account and a balance of \$15,919.27 in CDS. Total income for the period is \$17,453.14, with total expenses of \$20,792.43. The report was approved as distributed.

Committee Reports and SIG Reports

AALL Arrangements: Deb Ward reported that the ORALL/MichALL breakfast was held on July 22, 1996 at 7:00 a.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana. There were 64 people in attendance with 49 librarians from ORALL and 15 librarians from MichALL. A brochure promoting the attendance at the national convention was put together by Deb Ward and Carol Suhre. The brochures were sent to all ORALL and MichALL members along with all 88 county law libraries in Ohio.

Bylaws/Guidelines: no report was submitted.

Education: Kathleen Carrick reported the ORALL Education Committee again offered scholarships to both the Annual AALL conference and the ORALL meeting. A \$600 grant was offered to attend AALL and \$150 grant was offered to attend the ORALL meeting. We received no applications for the Annual meeting and no scholarship was awarded. The Fall ORALL meeting was held in Toronto, Canada as part of a multi-regional conference. Tammy Bottomley was the recipient of a scholarship to attend that meeting.

Government Relations: no report was submitted.

Membership: Susan Schaeffgen reported there are currently 303 members of ORALL; last year's membership was 304, including life members. Thanks to Banks-Baldwin Law Publishing Company for printing the directories at no charge to ORALL, and to Candice Hatton for her assistance in compiling and publishing the directory. Thanks to Tom Hanley for his many years of service in maintaining the mailing labels and informing us of changes in the membership list. Thanks to Marcia Siebesma for maintaining the membership list, updating the directory, and welcoming the new members. Susan urged the members to pick up directories for themselves and anyone they'll see in the next few weeks at the ORALL section of the Registration Desk. She also urged members to pick up the separate list of additional members and corrections. Directories not picked up will be mailed. Please report any errors or changes in the directory to Susan or Marcia Siebesma and any changes of name or address to Tom Hanley.

Newsletter. Shaun Esposito was not in attendance, but President Mitchell noted that he had posted a notice on the ORALL listserv, and is soliciting articles on the meeting.

Nominating: No report was submitted.

Placement: No report was submitted.

Public Services: Jill Williams reported the main focus of the committee this past year has been the completion of the 4th edition of Ohio Legal Resources. Anne McFarland has done an excellent job as editor, overseeing the project from start to finish. The publication is now available to review and flyers with ordering information are available. Plans for the promotion of this publication have been discussed but are not yet finalized. Updating and maintaining the Core Legal Bibliography of Ohio Materials has been discussed but no decision has been made. It was suggested that this publication be made available on the WWW and each section be maintained by one person. A listserv for the Public Services Committee has been set up and is available to facilitate communication for the coming year.

Special Internet Committee: Randy Wilcox was not in attendance, but President Mitchell reported the new ORALL listserv is up and running. The next project of the committee is to determine what purposes the listserv should serve. There's a short survey in the newsletter. It was mentioned some members do not have access to e-mail. Richard Humphrey is coordinating the survey.

County SIG: Carol Suhre reported the group met in April in Columbus with a larger turnout than usual due to the central location. The speakers were representatives from the State Auditor's office, fielding questions from the participants. Another topic of much discussion was the unveiling of the County Law Libraries Long Range Plan. Each goal was discussed thoroughly with many viewpoints being represented. The final version of this important document was distributed when the county group met Thursday, October 17 at the York County Law Association. Much credit is due to Rosemarie Chrisant for her diligence in promoting the committee's work on this publication.

Private Law Library SIG: No report was submitted. President Mitchell mentioned the SIG needs a chair, and several candidates are in mind.

Academic SIG: No report was submitted. It was mentioned that the Ohio Regional Council of Academic Law Libraries is the consortium for the academic law libraries.

President's Report

CLE: President Mitchell announced ORALL has been given 13.5 CLE credits for Indianapolis. No substance abuse or ethics hours are included. The Toronto meeting was approved for 9 hours CLE credit for Ohio, 9 hours CLE credit for Kentucky, and Indiana gave 4 sessions credit. Jody Beal sent out a letter to the Indiana librarians on CLE.

Ohio Legal Resources: President Mitchell thanked the Anne McFarland and Jill Williams, along with other members of their committee. The Ohio Chapter is good on promoting and publishing materials. Ohio Library Council is splitting the cost of producing it and sharing the profits with ORALL. It was last published four years ago. The last time the OLC didn't report copies sold or profits made. Melanie Putnam is going to ensure accountability by the OLC.

ORALL Listserv: President Mitchell thanked Randy Wilcox and the committee for giving ORALL members a better means of communication.

County SIG: President Mitchell thanked Rosemarie Chrisant and the committee for the salary survey, the educational programs, and the directory of members.

Upcoming Meetings: The 1997 meeting is October 22-24 at the Omni Netherlands in Cincinnati. Kathleen Carrick is in charge of the program, with Carol Bredemeyer and Anne Abate in charge of local arrangements. It will concentrate on the substantive issues technology generates, such as copyright issues, obscenity online and on the web. They are considering a very-hands on half or full day training session like one done by the Private Law Libraries SIG a year ago in Cleveland, to give ORALL members more training on use of the Internet and web sites.

In 1998 there will not be a Midwest regional conference, but there will be an ORALL chapter meeting instead.

1999 is ORALL's 50th anniversary. We are considering a special thing for that meeting, perhaps including a prominent speaker. A committee is going to be in place soon.

New Business

Susan Schaeffgen announced that the Ohio Legal Research Guide is being published by Hein. It should be out in a few months. President Mitchell congratulated her.

President Mitchell said he enjoyed an interesting year being president, with new developments such as the new edition of Ohio Legal Resources and the listserv. He thanked everyone for their contributions and their talents.

Executive Board

Jo Anne Fisher is leaving the Executive Board. Judy Rodgers is the OCLIS liaison. The new Executive Board members are Jane Underwood, Kathy Carrick and Beth Blondin.

AALL Chapter Alliance

Frank Houdek, AALL President and Roger Parent, executive director of AALL were guest speakers at the business meeting. Mr. Houdek, as ORALL's chapter visitor from AALL, discussed the Chapter Alliance program, which grew out of AALL's strategic plan. He joined ORALL when he came to work at Southern Illinois in 1985, and has contributed several programs to chapter meetings.

The major initiatives of AALL to help the chapters have included the AALL toolkit, which is aimed at private law libraries. It came out of the task force on the value of law libraries. It includes statistics to use when discussing the library with management. It is ten items in a folder and may be requested from headquarters.

The new publication AALL Spectrum is solid and substantive, and not just for law librarians. AALL-net is also up and running. It is being updated daily.

He urged all ORALL members to attend the meeting in Baltimore.

The national leadership for AALL comes from the chapters. The Chapter Alliance program is predicated on strong support for and an equal relationship between the national organization and the chapters. The document is a draft to move us ahead, and was created last spring. Sally Holterhoff is the chair of the committee. Mr. Houdek is soliciting comments on the document and the program itself from the chapters. It will not be a static program, but will evolve. AALL has committed funds for solid regional programming that will interest the chapters.

Anita Shew asked how the current Council of Chapter Presidents fit? He answered that the structure of the Chapter Alliance is in the document, and there are possible ways it might exist in tandem. The program is led by a chair that's a past president. Perhaps they need one like ALA that doesn't change every year. At the moment AALL doesn't have a committee on chapters. Martha Brown and Roger Parent work with the chapters.

Paul Mitchell commented on the terms of the structure. Our chapter has mentioned the board needs to expand the structure to a house of delegates to broaden the power structure. Mr. Houdek replied he is aware of the house of delegates issue, but has not received much discussion of it. There is a special SIS council of chairs of committees who attend AALL Board meetings. They participate in discussions but do not vote. There are serious questions on how to enable this group to participate. The ad hoc committee on chapter relations may raise this issue again. If there is a groundswell of requests, they may move toward this structure. Mr. Houdek noted that this issue has been mentioned only by ORALL and not the other chapters.

The Toolkit and Spectrum are of benefit to the chapters, along with AALL's production of regional programming. These are part of the professional development program, and are not considered part of the Chapter Alliance. Mr. Houdek mentioned there is a list of initiatives at the end of the draft document that could be part of a program. He wants feedback to the committee on members' priorities. Please forward any ideas you may have to Sally Holterhoff.

President Paul Mitchell handed over the gavel to the new president, Joanne Beal. She thanked Paul for all of his efforts on behalf of ORALL during his presidency. Paul noted he would always be in touch and available. In appreciation of his service to ORALL, President Beal presented Mr. Mitchell with a set of bookends.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Underwood, Secretary

**Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
Executive Board Meeting
Toronto Marriott at Eaton Centre
Toronto, Ontario
October 19, 1996**

A meeting of the ORALL Executive Board was called to order at 12:35 p.m. Those in attendance were Immediate Past President Paul Mitchell, President Joanne Beal, Vice President/President-Elect Kathleen Carrick, Treasurer Kyle Passmore, Secretary Jane Underwood, and Executive Board members Beth Blondin and Melanie Putnam.

Dues:

The majority of dues are in with the total as of this meeting \$4000. ORALL will receive a share of the profits from the Northeast Regional meeting in Toronto. Ms. Passmore mentioned it should be a month before ORALL knows the amount of its share.

Meeting Registration:

Ms. Blondin brought up the issue of the two different registration fees. The initial registration fee for the regional meeting was \$185. Because of currency problems and bank fees, the amount was changed to \$125 U.S., with checks going to George Pike at the University of Pittsburgh and the amount being forwarded to Toronto. Whether or not this difference in registration fees is going to be reimbursed to members who paid the earlier, larger amount is going to be posted to the ORALL listserv. Ms. Beal will call Kathie Sullivan for this information.

Membership Directory:

Mr. Mitchell brought up the issue of the membership directory. He noted there will be major restructuring within West Publishing with the merger of West and Thomson. Banks Baldwin, a wholly owned subsidiary of West Publishing, has ORALL's membership directory information in order to print our directory. On occasion, it has been difficult to work on the directory. A discussion followed concerning bringing the list into ORALL and perhaps distributing the list on a disk along with the directory to the members. Ms. Blondin then mentioned access to the membership list has been restricted in the past. Mr. Mitchell asked if this was because of vendors being members. Ms. Beal suggested going through past minutes to find the reason for restricting access to the membership list. Members of the board who were present who have a lengthy history with ORALL agreed to look through their old minutes to find the reasoning behind the restriction.

Education Committee:

Cindy Spohr helped handle the awarding of this year's grants and scholarships. Notices concerning the availability of grants and scholarships will be posted on the listserv.

Placement Committee:

Anne Abate is in charge of the Placement Committee. Ms. Blondin mentioned putting the job notices on the listserv so members may have timely access. It was noted by several at the meeting that not all ORALL members have Internet and e-mail access. A buddy system was suggested for those members who do not have electronic access.

Private Law Librarians:

It was noted that the chair for the private law librarians group was empty. Ms. Blondin asked if anyone was being considered for the position. Mr. Mitchell mentioned several candidates as possible chairs. Ms. Carrick mentioned in passing there was no such vehicle in ORALL for the academic law librarians.

No other issues were discussed at this time. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Underwood

INTERNET COOKIES : MAGIC OR MISCHIEF?

submitted by Ken Kozlowski, Public Services Librarian, Cleveland Law Library Association

Just when you think you're starting to get a leg up on all of this Internet stuff, you discover something else. This time, it's the "magic" cookie.

If you're unfamiliar with the term, get in line. Although the amount of literature concerning the cookie is continuing to grow, it was only within the past few months that people have been voicing concerns about this practice.

A cookie is a piece of information that is sent to your browser from a World Wide Web server. The information, which is written to your hard drive, consists of about 255 characters. The content of a cookie is a name, expiration date (usually sometime in the next century), path, and domain name. If you use Netscape, you can look at your cookies. First you must open up a word processor or text editor. Next, find the file `c:\netscape\cookies.txt` and open it. It looks pretty innocuous, but when you return to a site that has previously set a cookie, the site's server will know exactly what you did on your previous trips. Although one server cannot read cookies set by another server, it all sounds a little insidious.

According to what you read or who you talk to, cookies are either the progeny of Big Brother, or the best thing since sliced bread.

That there are marketing or online shopping advantages to the cookie are evident. According to the proponents (1), the cookie can be used to gather information and store it on the user's computer. The next time the user returns to the site, the site server uses the information to "personalize" its response. This may help the user to cut through massive amounts of unwanted information to get to desired material. Another use is as a virtual "shopping cart." The cookie can keep track of items selected for purchase as the user travels among various web sites, then total up the items at the end of the shopping trip.

Privacy advocates feel that the cookie is an unwanted intrusion. They would like to see standards or a code of conduct promulgated for the use of the information. From the literature I've read, nothing has been done thus far.

Although a cookie cannot be used to get data from your hard drive or steal your e-mail address, it can be used to track where you travel over a particular site. You can combat this by "disallowing" cookies. If you use Netscape, go to the "Options" menu and choose

"Select Network Preferences." Then select "Protocols" and click on the box named "Accepting A Cookie." You will now receive an alert box each time a server tries to set a cookie. You can then click on "cancel" to disallow it. Of course, if you do a lot of browsing on the Internet, be prepared to file that Workers' Compensation trigger finger claim. There are a lot of servers setting cookies out there.

Personally, cookies as a marketing tool don't bother me. What may be problematic is if someone accesses your `cookies.txt` file and discovers all of the strange places you have been surfing. I delete the contents of my file periodically. I also read an article posted on the Internet Tourbus (2) site that stated it was possible to delete the cookies file every time your system boots. For PC users, you can edit your `AUTOEXEC.BAT` file to include "if exist `c:\netscape\cookies.txt` erase `c:\netscape\cookies.txt`". I haven't tried it (I don't like to fool around with `AUTOEXEC`), but you're more than welcome to give it a go.

If you would like to learn more about all of this rigmarole, here are a few sites to visit:

Andy's Netscape HTTP Cookie Notes
<http://www.illuminatus.com/cookie.fcgi>

Netscape

http://home.netscape.com/newsref/std/cookie_spec.html

MacWorld (excellent article)
<http://www.macworld.com/netsmart>

Malcolm's Guide to Persistent Cookies Resources
<http://www.emf.net/~mal/cookiesinfo.html>

The above sites will also lead you to a multitude of other sites, both pro and con, concerning the ubiquitous cookie.

P-Trak taught us that privacy is a myth. The cookie lets us know nothing is sacred. Cookies delenda est (with apologies to Cato).

ENDNOTES

- (1) These explanations were taken from the web site of the Jasmin Consulting Corporation (<http://www.jasmin.com/cook0696.html>)
- (2) Go the archived issue for Nov. 14, 1996 at <http://www.worldvillage.com/wv/hotel/tourbus>.

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

April 11-14 ALA/ACRL 8th National Conference, Nashville, TN

April 13-19 National Library Week

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

October 22-24 ORALL Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH

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OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Profile

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An annual conference is held in the Fall of each year. ORALL publishes or 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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