

## President's Column-Keith Blough

### SAY WHAT?

A couple of years ago a broker recommended an investment to the library that was supposedly innovative and was being offered by a major financial institution. The investment was structured such that the principal amount was not at risk and substantial gains could be made based upon an index of several foreign stock market funds. A few weeks later the bottom fell out of the Asian markets and I was extremely relieved that I had never contacted the Association's Treasurer regarding this offer.

The funny thing is that I cannot recall any of the major financial publications predicting the fall of the Asian stock market. However, I seem to recall that the gist of many articles appearing in numerous business publications after the fact was one of; sure, we knew it all the time. Whether they knew it or not I have to give **Business Week**, August 23-30, 1999 the prize for their cover story, **21 Ideas for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**. To their credit, the ideas presented are just that, ideas and not predictions. As they appropriately pointed out in the preface many predictions of the past that were based upon extrapolations were just plain wrong e.g., in

1929 a Yale University economist stated that stock prices had reached "what looks like a permanently high plateau." In 1973 there were economists who said that oil prices would reach \$100 a barrel by 1980.

Among the ideas presented in the Business Week article is one that projects computers evolving beyond human intelligence by 2012. Ideas once relegated to science fiction are becoming more plausible with the passing of time. A head of cybernetics at a British University and a project leader on building silicon brains at a Japanese research institute express concerns about the potential for computer creations to subject humanity by 2050. The most bizarre idea presented comes courtesy of Raymond Kurzweil, president of Kurzweil Technologies, inc. Kurzweil says that by 2099 a minority of people will inhabit biological bodies. "Most humans will have transferred their minds into electronic circuits-and attained immortality as a result."

I think we are all intrigued by the future because

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as law librarians many of us have seen our roles shift from gatekeepers to navigators. To be sure law libraries are still places to visit for legal information, but much less so than in the past when electronic databases were prohibitively expensive and less sophisticated. The future of law libraries and law librarians is uncertain. It would be foolish to pretend otherwise. People who never set foot in libraries are discovering the wonders of information at their fingertips. No matter that they may be unsophisticated and think that boolean has something to do with soup broth. And what about those former regulars who do know something about research and do most of it from the office or home?

Now of course we know that not everything is "online" and that there are still many lawyers who prefer to get most of their information from books. I am extrapolating so I could be wrong, but I do not think this will continue much longer. The new generation is the Internet generation and the Internet is spreading its tentacles by the thousands as we speak. There is an enormous rock called change hanging over us and supported by a fraying rope. If we do not position ourselves to deal with it before it comes crashing down, we may not get up. Help, I've fallen and I can't get up!

**"In Your Face" Reference Service** by Anne Grodzins Lipow, **Library Journal**, August 1999, pp. 50-52 is on point in asserting changes needed in library reference services. The author contends that there is an emerging consensus among reference librarians that their basic role of assisting patrons with their information needs is in trouble. In a nutshell, she recommends that we need to become more visible and to think of ourselves as "remote from our users" rather than the opposite. We can clearly see businesses adapting to the realities of a connected world through the increased use of e-commerce and as these methods evolve and become engrained in our culture, the structure of the economic and social world will change dramatically.

Unlike for profit businesses, the member libraries of ORALL have the potential to work together on a higher level to achieve a common purpose. In spite of the different missions of our respective institutions and law firms, the basic purpose of providing access to legal information is the same. We have long recognized that no one library can fulfill its mission alone, hence the formation of OCLC, OhioLink, OPLIN and a myriad of library networks designed to promote resource sharing and library reference services.

Reading the aforementioned Library Journal article, brought to mind the web site of the Jenkins Memorial Library in Philadelphia. (<http://www.jenkinslaw.org>) Jenkins is a good example of a well established and funded law library that has recognized the concept of being remote from its users.

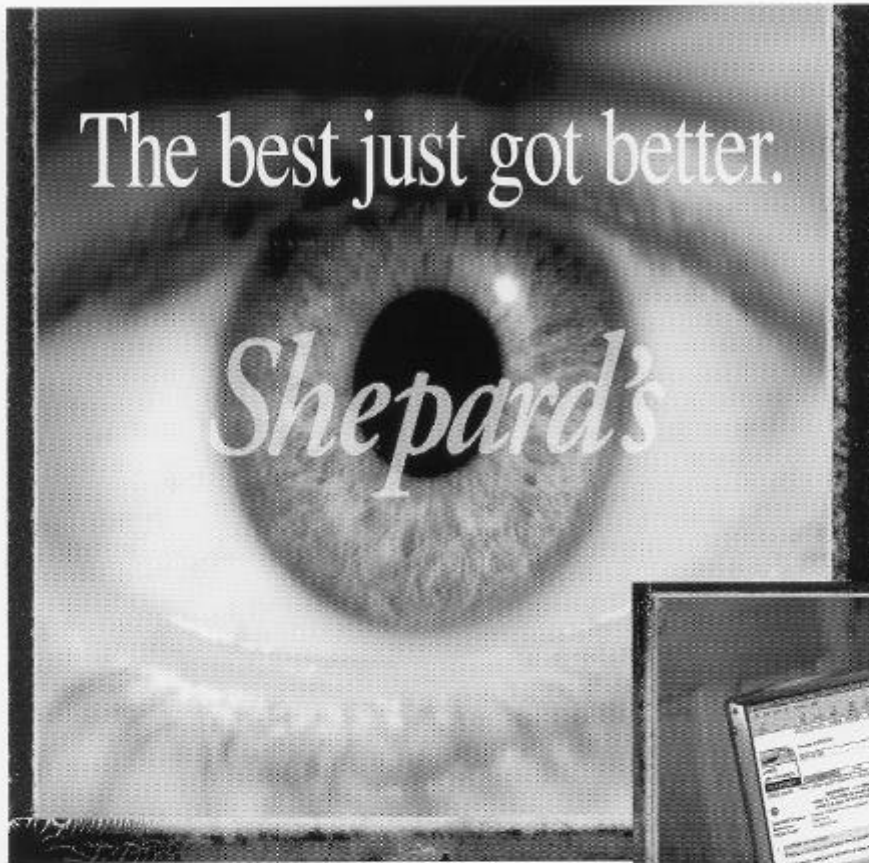
Of course many ORALL libraries have recognized the concept as well and have developed web sites to increase services to remote users. But the fact of the matter is, most of us are understaffed or otherwise under funded and are struggling just to meet the objectives of 100 plus year old mission statements. Never mind that we are experts and should be well positioned to play a leadership role in the new information environment. No one will listen if we do not make some noise and we will eventually be bypassed without so much as an afterthought if we continue to operate on our own. Take the old real estate slogan and turn it around. It isn't location, location, location, anymore.

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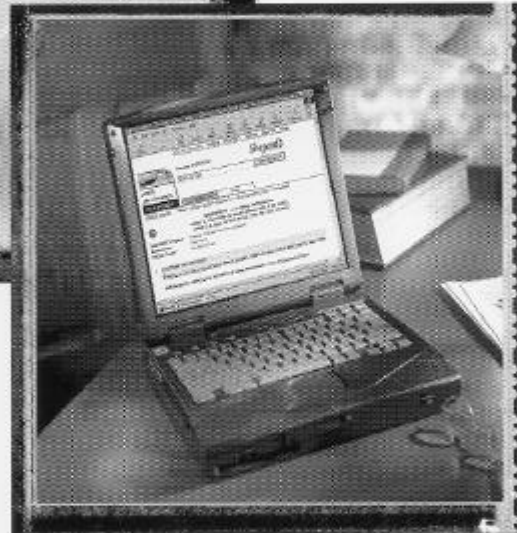
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**1999 ANNUAL ORALL CONFERENCE  
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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1999**

12:00 - 5:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	TOURS
1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	COUNTY, PRIVATE LAW LIBRARIES AND INDIANA LAW LIBRARIES SIG MEETINGS (Tentative)
4:15 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Tentative)
7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.	OPENING RECEPTION

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1999**

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION
8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	<u>PROGRAM</u> E-COMMERCE: TOMORROW'S BUSINESS TODAY

**SPEAKER:** Anne Abate, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

Electronic Commerce is a current buzz phrase. But how many of us actually know what these words mean? Anne will explore the aspects of electronic commerce that will have an impact on libraries and library users. She will discuss the issues of access, advertising, security and training. This will be a great crash course in the future of business as we know it.

10:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.  
11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

**BREAK**  
**PROGRAM**  
**WHAT'S PAST IS PROLOGUE: AALL  
AND ORALL RACING INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup>  
CENTURY AS ADVOCACY PARTNERS.**

**SPEAKER:** Mary Alice Baish, AALL's Associate Washington Affairs Representative.

**PANEL:** Billie Grey, Cincinnati Law Library Association, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jan Ryan Novak, Director, Cleveland Law Library Association, Cleveland, Ohio; and Alvin M. Podboy, Jr., Director of Libraries, Baker & Hostetler, Cleveland, Ohio.

The history of the American Association of Law Libraries reflects an acknowledgment by our founding members that a vital part of the association's mission, from its earliest days forward, was to be advocates for a national information policy to ensure timely and equitable access to legal and government information for all citizens. Mary Alice will highlight this long-standing tradition and will focus on current federal and state legislative initiatives where strong chapter support and grassroots advocacy will be crucial to our success.

The panel will discuss their involvement in the Ohio legislative process and provide insights into ways other members can help.

12:45 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**LUNCH**  
**PROGRAM**  
**THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS: THE VIEW  
FROM HERE**

**SPEAKER:** Robert C. Berring, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, University of California School of Law.

Bob Berring is one among many native ORALLiens who have distinguished themselves as leaders in our profession. Bob will relate ORALL's history to that of law librarianship in general and will provide his unique insights into the future world of legal information management in the millennium ahead.

2:15 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.

**PROGRAM**  
**KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**

**SPEAKER:** Paul Mitchell, Ernst & Young LLP, Cleveland, Ohio

3:45 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

BREAK  
The Perils of Not Using Electronic Resources

6:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

COCKTAILS  
50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER WITH  
ENTERTAINMENT BY THROAT CULTURE  
AND ORAL AWARDS

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1999**

8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.  
9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  
PROGRAM  
INSIDE LOOK

PANEL: Private Law Librarians of Cincinnati (PLL): Frost & Jacobs; Taft, Stettinius & Hollister; Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease; Thompson Hine & Flory; Keating, Muething & Klekamp; Strauss & Troy; Graydon, Head & Ritchey; Greenbaum, Doll & McDonald; and Dinsmore & Shohl.

Inside Look is a program sponsored by PLL of Cincinnati. It was designed to allow summer law clerks an opportunity to obtain insight, from practicing attorneys, on what it is like to practice law in general and what it is like to practice in a specific area of law. The panel will present a more detailed description of this program and outline both its beginnings and its evolution.

10:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.  
10:30 A.M. - NOON

BREAK  
PROGRAM  
COPYRIGHT UPDATE

SPEAKER: Kenny Crews, Associate Professor, Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis and the IU School of Library and Information Science.

Kenny Crews' principal research interest has been the relationship of copyright law to the needs of higher education. His book, *Copyright, Fair Use and the Challenge for Universities: Promoting the Progress of Higher Education*, reevaluates understanding of copyright in the context of teaching and research.

NOON - 1:30 P.M.  
2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

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## **Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries**

### **Executive Board Meeting**

held at Hueston Woods Resort

College Corner, Ohio

February 27, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by President Keith Blough. In attendance were Keith Blough (President), Richard Humphrey (Vice President/President-Elect), Shaun Esposito (Newsletter Editor/Webmaster), Kathy Carrick (Immediate Past President), Tom Hanley (Treasurer), Claudia Zaher, Deborah Bobinets, Nancy S. Clark (Secretary). Also present were Joanne Beal and Mary Persyn.

Keith had a copy of the minutes of the October 30, 1998 Board Meeting.

Tom moved the minutes be approved.

Richard seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Tom Hanley passed out copies of the Final Financial Report from the Cleveland Meeting, October 1998. The net income was \$6,264.64. He also reported ORALL currently has \$39,509.15 check book balance. Tom is still receiving dues payments for 1999. ORALL also has \$18,000 in Certificates of Deposit. Kathy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Keith seconded the motion.

#### **Chapter VIP Program:**

Keith had contacted various officials and other law librarians for suggested VIP names. He is waiting to hear back.

Kathy asked what this entails. Probably a Saturday through Monday commitment. Airfare over weekend lower. AALL suggested \$800.00 per person which includes airfare, hotel, and special transportation. AALL will waive the registration fee. Richard said the VIP Reception is Saturday night and a Chapter Representative is expected to come. Richard volunteered to go, if Keith was not able to. Kathy suggested stating the \$800 expense budget in their invitation letter.

#### **50th Anniversary Committee Report:**

Keith reported on the highlights from the 50th Committee Meeting held Friday, February 26.

Kathy inquired if the Washington Reception invitations will say semi-formal or dressy attire. Richard suggested black-tie optional. Carol Bredemeyer is taking care of the Washington Reception at the Renaissance Hotel. She had presented the 50th Committee with a sample invitation at the meeting on Feb.26. Deborah asked if the \$15 for additional tickets could be part of the AALL Registration form, therefore, one check could be cut for all expenses. Tom added the need to have an RSVP date for appropriate food count to give the caterers. Kathy suggested to leave the date up to Carol and whatever mechanism she wants to collect the money.

An article will be written for the AALL Spectrum. Invitations will be sent to Past ORALL Presidents.

#### **Education Committee Report:**

Richard gave a brief overview of the speakers he has lined up. Additional suggestions from the committee included Tom Sanville - OhioLink., Miko Pattie - Kentucky Commonwealth Former Librarian, and Jay Jordan - President & CEO of OCLC. Mary posed a question about a speaker from Indiana. She suggested someone to talk about "Inspire," Indiana's virtual library. In conjunction with academic, public, school, and special libraries in Indiana, Inspire gives access to commercial databases and other electronic resources. Twenty-five million pages are added per day. The budget for Inspire was \$1,000,000./year with The Lily Foundation giving \$250,000. It is free to the Citizens of Indiana, from home or office. Claudia said the informational aspect was good, even if told in smaller speeches. Richard will consider the possibilities.

Keith will order two tables from AALL for the ORALL display in Washington DC. He has the pole and tassels.

#### **Other Committee Business:**

Keith mentioned the 2000 Meeting will be held in Lexington. Sue Burch at University of Kentucky has scheduled the Hyatt Regency for the meeting.

#### **Scholarships:**

Keith mentioned Cindy Spohr will help. Keith asked Shaun to put scholarship information in the Newsletter and on ORALL web site. Kathy reported that ORCLL donated \$1200.00 for scholarships, earmarked for Academic people. Tom added that law library students could be included.

Nancy suggested the scholarships be used for attendance to ORALL in Columbus, goes further if we had 4 - \$300.00. Discussion followed. Possibly one scholarship from each state and/or Kent State Library School.

Kathy made a motion to offer four \$300.00 scholarships, open to ORALL members and Graduate Library Schools & Law Schools. Preference to Library Science Students.

Claudia agreed and Tom seconded the motion. Tom suggested the application ask about experience in law libraries. The Nominating Committee consists of Tom Hanley, Claudia Zaher, Cindy Spohr, Keith Blough, and Richard Humphrey.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Kathy reminded the board of the history of the retreat format for the Spring meeting. There is continuing interest to keep this format, however, scheduling of the park at an earlier time would eliminate the need to change the date like we had to with this retreat. Other suggestions included Salt Fork, near Cambridge and Deer Creek, south of Columbus.

Shaun was asked about Kentucky State Parks. General Butler State Park is a possibility.

Looking at a year 2000 calendar, Fridays, March 23 or 30, are possibilities. Easter weekend is April 23. Nancy complimented ORALL on the "no" registration fee for the Hueston Woods retreat.

Keith read Jill William's Internet List letter addressing concerns about ListSers. Deborah said Jill was worried about being spammed, it was wise for us to think about it. We currently have no official policy. The use of discretion is appropriate. Deborah made a motion to adopt. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Shaun mentioned the deadline for the March Newsletter. Call for nominations in the June Newsletter. June Newsletter deadline is May 15.

This year's AALL Chapter Breakfast with Mich/ALL is their responsibility in the continued alternating schedule of shared responsibility. Billie Grey is chair of the AALL Arrangements Committee. Kathy Gamache, at Clark Hill, P.L.C. in Detroit, is the Mich/ALL President.

Keith will check what dates are available for the ORALL Executive Board Meeting in Washington DC.

Mary Persyn said according to the ORALL Bylaws XI: AWARDS (copy of 1983 version passed out to board members), the Distinguished Law Librarian Award and Outstanding Service Award were listed. It is unclear how the two awards were dropped from the Bylaws in 1990. There is an interest to reinstate the policy and procedures for these awards. It would take a resolution of the Executive Board to reinstate. Kathy made a motion to reinstate the two awards and the procedure to do it (nominations). Richard seconded, the motion passed.

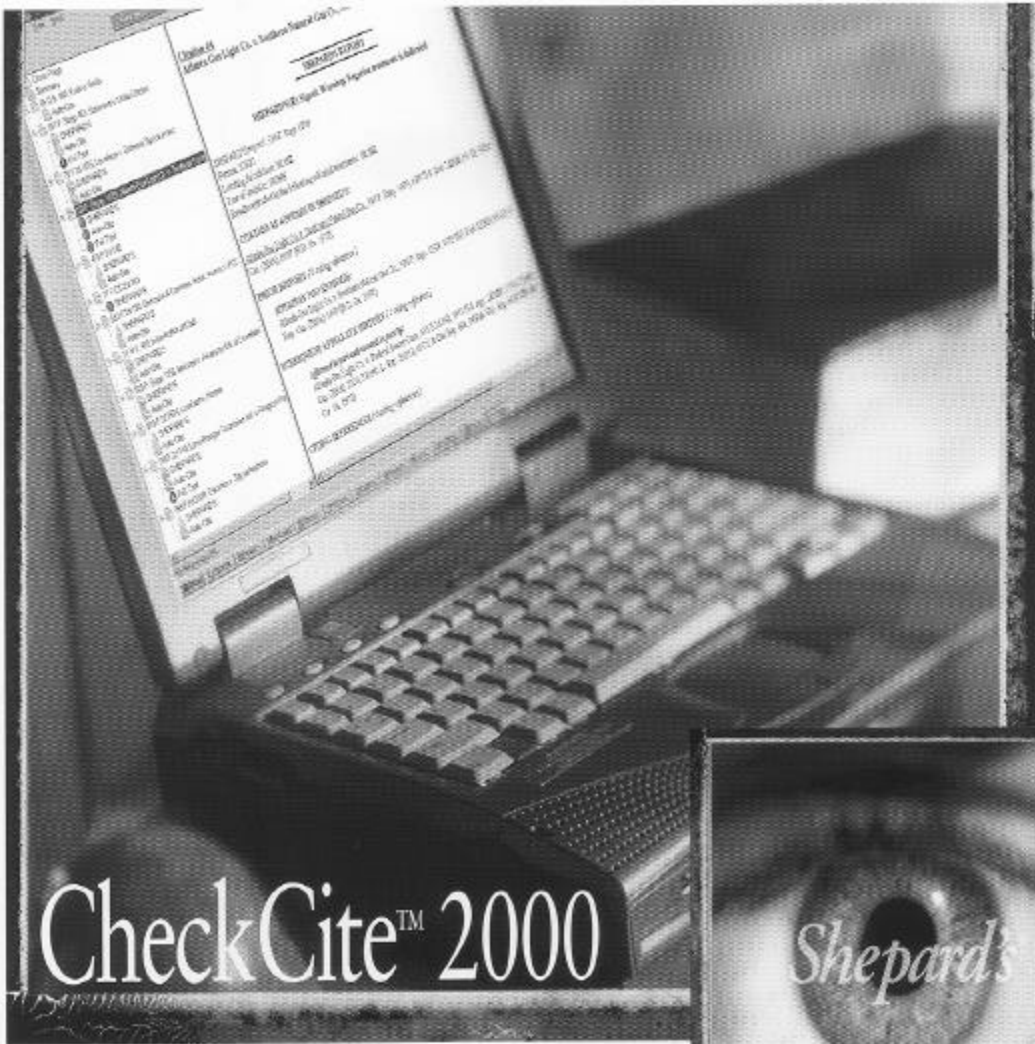
The ORALL Handbook, last revised August 1993, has nothing about the awards. Claudia moved to charge The Bylaws and Guidelines Committee to update the ORALL Handbook. Tom seconded her motion. The 1998-1999 Bylaws and Guidelines Committee includes Mary Persyn, Chair, Beth Langton, and Claudia Zaher.

Nancy shared a suggestion from former Secretary, Jane Underwood, to continue the President's Notebook for archival material. Jane had recently gone through the ORALL Archives at OSU and copied minutes, etc. A President's Notebook could be handed down to each new President to help track how things go. With the event of e-mail, many items are electronic only.

Deborah suggested we digitalize ORALL documents and put on the web. A password would be needed to retrieve. Richard suggested we create an Office of Historian. Nancy Miller had been it when she was at OSU. Will OSU keep the files (archives) forever? Keith suggested scanning archives into an agreeable format, the committee could decide. Deborah, Keith, and Shaun volunteered to be on this committee.

Tom moved the meeting be adjourned, with Richard seconding his motion.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy S. Clark, Secretary  
July 15, 1999



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## 50 Reasons To Celebrate ORALL's 50th

*The following ideas are listed in no particular order of importance! We look forward to seeing you in October!*

Open a door to new information!  
Refresh your professional image!  
Listen to Bob Berring!  
Meet colleagues!  
Celebrate the past!  
Participate in today!  
Create the future!  
Sing your praises!  
Introduce yourself to a new ORALL member.  
Share ideas!  
Voice concerns!  
Experience a happening!  
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Applaud your professional accomplishments!  
Connect @ Columbus!  
Explore the newly renovated Ohio Statehouse!  
Motivate a colleague!  
Forget vmail and email!  
Play!  
Advocate your positions!  
Discover new friends!  
Eat scrumptious food!  
Vote on current ORALL issues!  
Learn!  
Sway to the music!  
Capture memorable moments!  
Network!  
Congratulate your profession!  
Question the system!  
Challenge a paradigm!  
Support your professional organization!  
Discuss your relevance!  
Anticipate new ideas!  
Reflect on past achievements!  
Change a perspective!  
Educate your mind!  
Ask questions!  
Respond to questions!  
Pose for photos!  
Laugh!  
Attend a SIG meeting!  
Dress down!

Dress up!  
Participate in ORALL business!  
Sleep in!  
Relax!  
Wear an ORALL 50th denim shirt!  
Win a prize!  
Enjoy our adventure to knowledge!

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Vinyard,  
Member of Local Arrangements Committee



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### Breaking Program News!!!!

The TBA slot at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday is hereby Announced: The Perils of Not Using Electronic Resources. Presenters will be Mike Whiteman of University of Louisville and Kurt Metzmeier of University of Kentucky. It is based on an entertaining and informative presentation the pair gave at the AALL Annual Meeting.

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**COMMITTEE PREFERENCE FORM**

This committee preference form is for the selection of 1999-00 committee members.. Please take your earliest opportunity to complete this form and return it to Vice President/President-Elect Richard Humphrey at the address below by September 30, 1999. Thank you for your participation.

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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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