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President's Column - Nancy S. Clark

Every Vote Counts

As I write my first President's column, the United States Presidential Election is still "Too Close to Call." While I'm not here to tell you how I hope the election results turns out, I do encourage participation in such a democratic process. Another place where your vote will count is in the ORALL Needs Assessment Survey the Executive Board will produce later this year. Participation in this survey will get your vote heard and may change things, if needed, by the outcome. No recount will be necessary.

One reason why we should undertake a needs assessment survey for ORALL is a concern about low attendance at recent meetings, both the Annual and Spring Retreat. If we specifically look at the last two annual meetings, why was attendance low for such great events? The 50th Anniversary Local Arrangements Committee, of which I was a member, worried and thought of back-up plans for members if the block of rooms at the Adam's Mark Hotel would sell out. We optimistically thought this special and proud celebration of our Chapter's great history would bring in members from all corners of our three states. While attendance was around 100, it fell short of our expectations and previous years' numbers. Did the dates for the meeting conflict with your busy schedule? Did the programs not meet your professional needs at that time?

Similarly, as a Realtor's famous cry of "Location, Location, Location," why didn't the warm and beautiful location of Lexington,

Kentucky draw more members? We had approximately 86 paid registrants. Was the distance too far to come? Was your institution not willing to pay for your attendance? These are sample questions we need to address with our membership.

Margaret Maes Axtmann, AALL Immediate Past President, attended our Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. Besides addressing the membership on AALL news during Thursday's Luncheon, she asked if there were any remarks we wanted her to share with the Executive Board during either of our two pre-planned meetings. I asked her to address attendance issues and volunteerism. Margie's comments to the Executive Board concluded that this problem was not uncommon with other Chapters as well as with AALL. To better understand the needs of its members, AALL conducted three needs assessment surveys in approximately the last 10 years. Their

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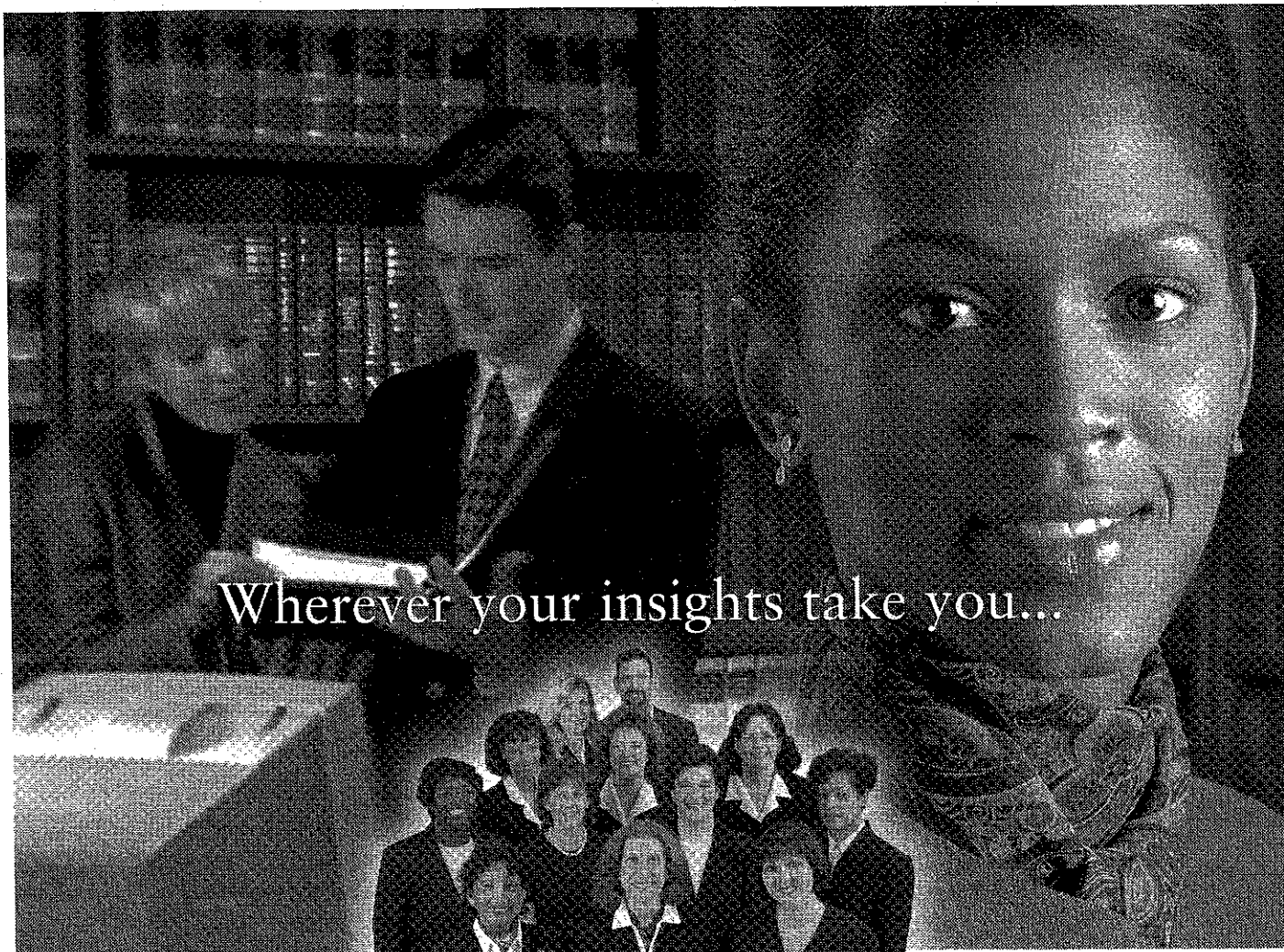
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Profile

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

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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President's Column (Cont.)

1996 Survey of Members, for example, contained 38 questions broken down as follows:

- 8 questions that pertain to your employment and demographics.
- 11 questions that pertain to membership in the AALL.
- 14 questions that pertain to services AALL provides to members.
- 5 questions that pertain to technology.

From re-examination of member's needs and implementing programs to support that goal, AALL has started to see an increase in attendance numbers.

While ORALL can not be all things to all people, we can strive to listen to and understand our membership better. An ORALL needs assessment survey can help determine our strengths and weaknesses and help refine our programs accordingly. When the survey is ready, please participate. Make your voice heard, make your vote count. Every vote matters.

Employment Opportunity

Cincinnati Law Library Association is a private not for profit corporation operating a Bench and Bar Law Library located in the Hamilton County Courthouse. The Law Library uses the Horizon (Sunrise) integrated library system and WebPAC. Interviewing will begin when qualified applications are received.

Responsibilities:

This position performs the cataloging of the library. Newly received materials are usually cataloged using copy cataloging. There is a substantial collection of older legal materials which require more detailed cataloging. There is an uncataloged collection of pamphlets, bound at the Cincinnati Law Library in the early 1900s, requiring original cataloging. The Law Library has portraits and photographs which require cataloging. There are a variety of duties which may be assigned to this position, including computer responsibilities. The position is directly supervised by the Law Librarian.

Qualifications:

A combination of education and experience sufficient to demonstrate the ability to catalog a variety of law related materials accurately and in compliance with standards. The combination of an M.L.S., with a cataloging course, and work experience in cataloging would be considered sufficient. Other combinations of education and experience will be considered. Computer skills and experience with the Horizon system are preferred.

Salary:

The salary will be at a professional level but is dependent upon skills and experience. Please provide your salary requirements in the application letter. Employees are covered by Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and full time employees have a generous benefits package.

Position Description and list of benefits are available on the website (www.hamilton-co.org/cinlawlib) or will be sent by U.S. Mail, fax or e-mail upon request.

Please direct application letter and resume to:

Billie J. Grey, Law Librarian
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County Law Library Funding

Why It's Still Important

By Billie Grey

Library Director, Cincinnati Law Library Association

The OSBA Law Libraries and Legal Information Resources Subcommittee and the ORALL County SIG met to discuss County Law Library Funding Reform. The consensus seemed to be that any attempt to reform funding, such as House Bill 440, is doomed to fail. Funding reform is viewed by many state legislators as transferring public dollars to a resource for wealthy lawyers. Increasing funds for County Law Libraries means decreasing funds for another County or State entity.

House Bill 440 was originally drafted by an OSBA Law Libraries Subcommittee. The report, dated September 12, 1992, from the Committee to the OSBA Council of Delegates is as relevant today as it was then. Interestingly, the funding proposal was viewed in 1992 as a stop gap measure and was supposed to be accompanied by the establishment of a long range planning group.

Before we discard entirely the idea of funding reform, we should review the limitations of the current funding scheme. These limitations exist now, as they existed 10 years ago when House Bill 440 was drafted. Those limitations would cripple any proposal that relied upon the current funding mechanism.

The Current Statutory Scheme

The current statutes developed from an 1872 statute. That law authorized the payment of a law librarian salary, not to exceed \$500. A portion of the fines and penalties, not to exceed \$500, was paid to a law library association which provided free of charge use of the law books to all county officers and the judges of the courts of the county. Funding was only available to Counties with population, less than 150,000 but more than 50,000.

Interestingly, the limitation of the salary of the law librarian to \$500 per year was not removed until 1995. It had been modified in 1976 so that the limitation only applied to Counties with a single Common Pleas judge. This is indicative of the attention paid to this statutory scheme. County Law Library Associations developed methods to avoid the limitation. The obvious arrangement was to have a practicing attorney or full-time court employee appointed as law librarian. If there was a person employed in the County Law Library, that person was designated as the Assistant Law Librarian, and could be paid more than \$500.

ORC 3375.48 provides for the employment of a Law Librarian and two assistants. The statute divides the responsibilities for the position with the Law Library Board appointing the person, the Common Pleas Judges set the salary which is paid from the County treasury. Local autonomy is preserved and the County need not employ 3 persons unless the Board determines that they are required. However, this division of decision making authority has proven problematic. The Board tries to appoint someone, but the County does not fund the position. Alternatively, the salary is set by the Judges at an

amount insufficient to attract qualified candidates. In some Counties this section has been circumvented by an agreement between the Law Library Board and the County. The Board agrees to turn back to the County Statutory Funds sufficient to pay the staff costs each year.

The statutes provide for the cost of Law Library staff and space to be borne by the County General Fund. ORC 3375.49 requires that "suitable" space will be provided along with sufficient and suitable bookcases. This has been the subject of litigation and Attorney Generals opinions. Since the statute requires that the County provide librarians and space, the determination has been made that the Associations may not use statutory funds for those purposes. If the Law Library staff and space costs are borne by the County, statutory funds can be reserved for the library collection.

Funding Sources and Limitations

Funding is drawn from various types of fines and fees. However, the amounts paid under most sections have been capped. These caps were set so long ago that the amounts are now de minimus. ORC 3375.52 requires that all Common Pleas and Probate fines and penalties as well as forfeited bail be paid to the County Law Library. The section was written in 1939 and was capped at \$1,250 per year for each court. What was generous funding in 1939 is now sufficient to purchase one major looseleaf treatise. The majority of the funding is drawn from the uncapped sections, mainly traffic fines. This results in funding which is determined by traffic enforcement, including which agency does the ticketing. Unfortunately, traffic enforcement is not an accurate predictor of need for a County Law Library.

Traffic fines are paid to the County Law Library monthly. Unfortunately, the factors determining the amount of income are not known to County Law Library managers. Thus, budgeting and planning is a matter of guess work. An increased emphasis on community service will reduce County Law Library income, as will a major snow storm. An enforcement push to collect payment on old tickets will result in a temporary increase in income, as will heavy ticketing at an Interstate Highway Construction area. Unexpectedly small and large checks make planning difficult if not impossible.

Additionally, traffic fines have been diverted from the County Law Libraries. The most recent instance is HB 138, effective November 3, 2000. This law funds trauma centers with seat belt and child safety restraint fines. The actual impact on County Law Libraries appears to be small, estimated by the Clerk of Courts in two Counties at 2.5% and 5%. Mayor's Courts which are enforcing local ordinances do not contribute to the County Law Library. In some Counties, notably Cuyahoga, traffic enforcement is done in Mayor's Courts and the County Law Library funding is small.

If the caps were raised or removed, County Law Library income would have several sources. The increases and decreases in specific areas would average into a more level flow of funds. This would better enable the County Law Library to plan purchases and responsibly manage the collection.

The Statute imposes an impossible deadline.

ORC 3375.56 requires that the Trustees provide a detailed statement to the County Auditor concerning the amount of fines and penalties received and of the money expended. Requiring a report seems prudent. However, the report is required on the first Monday of the year. This is an impossible

deadline. In 2000 and 2001 the first Monday of the year is the first day of the year. Bank statements and other essential documents are not available.

During the Audit of 1997 and 1998, Huron Law Library Assoc. was cited for failing to complete its Annual Report on time. Similarly, Morgan County Law Library Assoc. was the subject of a finding about financial activity which included reference to the failure to complete the Annual Report promptly.

County Law Libraries management is open.

There is a misperception that County Law Libraries are secretive organizations, spending public funds without oversight. Each County Law Library files an annual report with the County Auditor. Each County Law Library is audited, usually biannually, by the State Auditor. Those County Law Libraries which are 501(c)(3) corporations annually file a Form 990 with the IRS. County property used in the Law Library is inventoried annually, as required by the ORC. These documents are public. In fact, the Financial Audits by the State Auditor can be retrieved online from the Ohio Secretary of State Website.

Conclusion

The current patchwork of funding has provided a County Law Library in each County. There are very few other states with a full system of County Law Libraries. However, the funding is drawn from local sources and unencumbered funds must be returned to the locality.

All of the problems which were identified by the OSBA Law Libraries Committee Funding Task Force still exist. The value of the amount provided by the capped sections has continued to decrease. Counties with small funding have either reduced their expectations or identified alternative funding sources.

Predictably, those libraries which are well funded are willing to share, requiring only reimbursement of actual costs. Those which are marginally funded, try to allow others the benefit of their collections but expect to supplement their funding. Those which are not adequately funded do not see any way that they can share, and wish to avoid being parasites.

Requiring public access in an unstaffed County Law Library is absurd. Similarly if the County Law Library is a few bookcases in an office, public access would present serious difficulty. If the public is able to use the County Law Library for free, what is the justification for charging attorneys? Conversely, what is the justification for allowing professional, profit making entities to use a public asset to support the business?

Until the funding mechanism actually provides for a basic collection, housed in suitable and sufficient space, with appropriate staff, each County Law Library will focus its own needs. Only when funding, statewide, allows all County Law Libraries to look beyond the urgent needs within their borders can we expect them to be innovators, provide services to the public, and cooperate with other similar institutions.

County Law Library Funding Reform

Deciding what to ask

*By Billie Grey, Cincinnati Law Library and
Jan Morley, Columbiana County Law Library*

Both the ORALL County SIS and the Ohio State Bar Association Law Libraries and Information Resources Committee are reviewing the Ohio County Law Library funding with an eye to reform. However, what that reform will include needs to be decided. There are eighty-eight counties in Ohio and the Law Libraries are as different as the Counties.

The process of review and consensus building has started. Drafting will only begin when there is consensus and a solid legislative proposal. Then a legislative sponsor must be identified and the proposal supported through the legislative process.

The ORALL County SIS met on October 25 and discussed the lack of progress on HB 440. The OSBA Committee met as a Legislative Subcommittee on October 30. Steve Stover, OSBA Legislative Counsel, met with the Subcommittee and provided valuable insight. The subcommittee reviewed the County Law Library funding mechanisms in other states. The work of the AALL County Law Library Funding Taskforce was reviewed. A drafting committee of Kathy Carrick and Al Podboy was formed.

The OSBA Committee will meet again in Columbus on January 19, the main item on the proposed agenda is developing a proposal. During the ORALL Retreat in March, there will be an open forum to discuss County Law Libraries. One focus of this discussion will be to discuss the role of County Law Libraries. Private and Academic Law Librarians will be encouraged to participate. The first week of May, the County SIS will meet at the Atwood Lake Resort & Conference Center in Dellroy, Ohio for an extended discussion of County issues, including legislative reform. Local legislators have been invited to discuss our developing proposal. The OSBA Committee will meet again on May 11 in Dayton during the OSBA Annual Convention.

The purpose of this process is to build both a consensus and a proposal. Together, these could be presented to the OSBA for formal support. They could also be presented to individual legislators in search of sponsors. With the combined efforts of the County Law Librarians and the Attorneys who rely upon them, it may be possible to pass legislation which will improve all the County Law Libraries in the State of Ohio.

Coming Soon...

Union Catalog for Ohio County Law Libraries

by Niki Domenick, Director, Stark County Law Library

This past August the Stark County law librarians invited all the county law librarians from Ohio to discuss the prospects of creating an electronic union catalog. A general invitation was issued on the ORALL listserv to attend a meeting in Canton at the Stark County Law Library. The directors of the thirteen county law libraries located closest to Stark County were invited by personal letter. The ten law librarians who attended the meeting represented seven county law libraries.

There was no overwhelming support for the union catalog at this meeting. Except for a few, most librarians who attended felt the time was not quite right to undertake such a project.

I hope the time is right soon. As the law library director for Stark County, I will have to devote a huge expense to replace our current online catalog within the next year. I was very disappointed by the lack of support for a shared catalog at the meeting in August. What was really disappointing was the unwillingness to look beyond the boundaries of individual counties. No one seems to be able to envision a future time when the law libraries in Ohio are part of a cooperative system. Other libraries do it. Public libraries joined together in OPLIN. Academic libraries teamed up to create OhioLink. The State Library of Ohio keeps a connection with all public, private and special libraries. Why do the county law libraries keep resisting the next logical step in the evolution of the way we provide services?

I will not resist the opportunity to collaborate with other librarians, because I need them. I need them to help me create an electronic union catalog. This catalog is not just for the Stark County Law Library. It will serve all county law libraries in Ohio. I am not just the law librarian from Stark County, I am a professional law librarian from Ohio. I am looking out for the interests of every county law library in Ohio. That is what cooperation is all about--needing each other and knowing that we have to cooperate in order to improve services. Other types of libraries see themselves in the big picture. I hope other county law librarians will see the larger need we all have for an electronic union catalog, and in turn, the need for a state-wide law library network to administer it.

After that meeting in August, I am more determined than ever to create an electronic union catalog. In fact, I am excited about it. I met with a consultant at the State Library of Ohio to begin the process of submitting a grant proposal. I can request the total cost of a shared electronic catalog, which I am now estimating to be about \$100,000. This amount includes Web-based catalog access. Currently, Trumbull and Tuscarawas counties are the only other libraries involved in this project.

This grant project is going to be an enormous amount of work for me and my staff. But we are willing, able and excited about the outcome. We know that we are part of a larger vision for the law libraries in Ohio. Until we have a statewide network and while we work toward that end, we can build this union catalog.

If you are willing to cooperate, see your library in the big picture and are ready to improve the services provided by the county law libraries in Ohio, please join us. You can contact me at the Stark County Law Library, 110 Central Plaza, South, Suite 401, Canton, OH 44702. Phone me at 330-451-7380 or email me at niki@starklawlibrary.org.

**Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
Executive Board Meeting**

**Hyatt Regency Hotel
Lexington, KY
October 25, 2000**

Present: Richard Humphrey, President; Nancy S. Clark, Co-Vice-President and Secretary; Tom Hanley, Treasurer; Ellen Quinn, V.P.-elect; Claudia Zaher, Secretary-elect. Not present: Shaun Esposito, Co-Vice-President; Billie Grey and Keith Blough, Immediate Past President.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Humphrey at 1:32 p.m.

General Announcements

Margie Axtmann's plane was fogged in and would not make our first meeting. Billie Grey had her Library Board Meeting in Cincinnati and would not make it either.

Approval of Minutes

Nancy handed out copies of the minutes from the July 17, 2000, Executive Board Meeting held during the AALL Conference. The minutes were printed in the ORALL Newsletter, September 2000 issue. Tom made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Claudia seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Tom presented a statement of Revenue, Expenses & Bank Balances from October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000. This report does not include the registration money from the Lexington Meeting. The balance in the ORALL checking account on October 1, 1999 was \$33,497.84 and ending balance on September 30, 2000 of \$17,964.98. ORALL CD holdings as of September 30, 2000, is \$19,932.40, with total assets of \$37,897.38.

Committee Reports:

Internet Committee

Richard gave the Internet Committee report written by Kurt Metzmeier. Kurt, as ORALL Webmaster, has proposed moving the ORALL website to the University of Louisville. He is leaving the University of Kentucky to go to the University of Louisville starting December 1, 2000. The University of Louisville IT Department would need to approve the move. He has generously agreed to continue as our Webmaster. Kurt suggested registering the ORALL domain name, orall.org. The costs are approximately \$35.00/year, with the first two years paid in advance. Discussion followed. Tom made a motion to advise Kurt to proceed with the website move and registration with caution. Nancy seconded the motion. Claudia made a motion to give authority to the Treasurer to pay a "reasonable amount" for the registration fees. Ellen seconded the motion.

Old Business:

ORALL 2000 Meeting, Lexington, KY

Scholarships

ORALL awarded three \$300.00 scholarships per Committee Chair, Cindy Spohr's report. The recipients are Theodora Artz, University of Dayton, Dayton OH; Cynthia Ripley, Allen County Law Library Association, Fort Wayne, IN; and Patricia Bowron, Indiana Supreme Court Law Library, Indianapolis, IN.

Educational Program and Local Arrangements

Nancy gave a brief report on the educational programs and local arrangements on this annual meeting in Lexington. Thanks to Shaun Esposito for assistance with the programs, Sue Burch for coordinating local details, and Kurt Metzmeier for handling the audio visual needs for our programs. There are approx. 90 registrant names, including speakers, on the list provided in our registration bags. We were reminded to pass on the Planning Books, prepared by Carol Bredemeyer, to the new President, Vice President, and Local Arrangements Chair. Nancy will check with Carol about the updating of the books.

New Business:

Handbook Updates:

Richard presented sections from the ORALL Handbook, given by Mary Persyn, for the Board to discuss if any changes were needed.

Archives: no changes.

Bibliography Committee: while this committee has not met for sometime, it was determined to label it as "Inactive since October 2000," but not eliminate it from the handbook.

Membership Committee: Lately, Tom Hanley has been the sole member of this committee handling many duties of the Chair and actions relating to the two subcommittees. The wording in the handbook will remain the same since we will continue to encourage members to join, not only to help Tom, but also fulfill the duties of the subcommittees.

Treasurer's duties:

Duty #8 currently reads: Prepares an annual budget before the annual meeting. Discussion followed about when the budget is made. The new wording should be:

At the request of the Executive Board, prepares an annual budget. Duty #9 currently reads: Ensures that mailing labels are available as needed by the Association. Discussion followed whether this duty should remain here or be moved to the Membership Committee instead. It will be moved to the Membership Committee Duties, Part B: Policy Subcommittee, under number 2 which already talks about the mailing list. The Treasurer is automatically the Board Liaison to the Membership Committee.

Bylaws Changes:

Provision for filling un-expired terms of officers: The wording in Bylaw VIII, Section 1, is OK and will remain unchanged. Richard was commended for his sensitive handling and open communication with the membership concerning the Vice-President vacancy last December.

AALL 2006

ORALL support for Cincinnati location

AALL approached the Greater Cincinnati Convention & Visitors Bureau about the Cincinnati Convention Center as a possible site for AALL in 2006. They are bidding against Chicago and St.

Louis. The question is will ORALL send a letter to the AALL person supporting the bid for Cincinnati. The preliminary determination we should make is whether or not we want to support the bid for Cincinnati. Discussion followed about the amount of help available from local members. Claudia will survey the members of the Greater Cincinnati Association of Law Libraries for their interest.

Wrap-up discussion

Judith Gill, Wood County Law Library, was unexpectedly unable to attend the Lexington Meeting at the last minute. Discussion followed of refunding the total registration expense. Tom made a motion to refund the full expense. Claudia seconded the motion. By voice vote, it carried unanimously.

Richard received a small box containing a letter and 3 ping-pong balls from the William S. Hein & Co., Inc. about their desire to continue the successful ping-pong competition started in the exhibit hall at AALL in Philadelphia. They want to encourage the Chapters to hold trials ahead of time and possibly send the winning person or team to compete in Minneapolis, site of the next AALL conference. If a ping-pong table is not available, Hein is willing to purchase one for the Chapter which can be kept for future competitions or donated afterwards to a local charity. The Board liked the idea of donating the table to a local charity, however, tabled this discussion to be continued at the Friday Board Meeting. The new Board might have suggestions on a coordinator for ORALL participation.

Nancy received a letter from the Kentucky CLE Commission for their request to see the Annual Meeting handouts before they would grant CLE credit. It was suggested she call the Commission back to ask if any procedure or rule had changed since ORALL had been granted CLE credit continually in the past.

Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Claudia seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy S. Clark, Secretary and Co-Vice-President
November 15, 2000

Conference Reports

Whenever an ORALL member attends a conference, we want to hear about it. Reports concerning programs at the ORALL Annual Meeting, ORALL Spring Retreat, and AALL Annual Meeting are always welcome, but we also want information from any other seminars and training programs you may have attended. Association members can always gain insight from the experiences of other members.

ORALL Annual Meeting
Oct. 25-27, 2000 - Lexington, Kentucky

ORALL HONORS ITS OWN *By Teddy Artz, University of Dayton*

- ✓ Several ORALL members were honored at the General Business meeting in Lexington, Ky. on October 27. Jody Beal received an Outstanding Service Award for her work in preparing the Fiftieth Anniversary booklet on the history of ORALL.
- ✓ Shaun Esposito also received a gift of thanks as an outgoing board member and for his years of service as newsletter editor and creator of the ORALL web site.
- ✓ Nancy Clark received an award for service above and beyond the call of duty when she served as both Secretary and co-Vice President this past year after Shaun Esposito moved to Arizona.
- ✓ Retired member Carol E. Meyer was voted Life Membership status. She was a very dedicated and active ORALL member.

**Congratulations to all of these ORALL
achievers.**

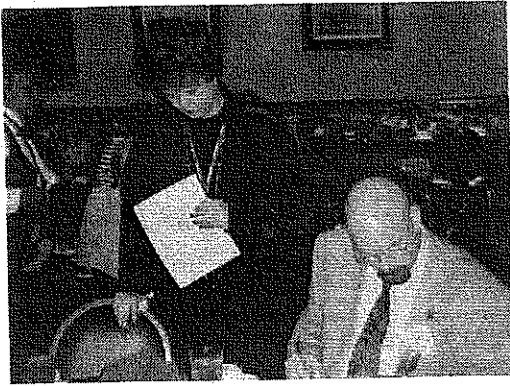
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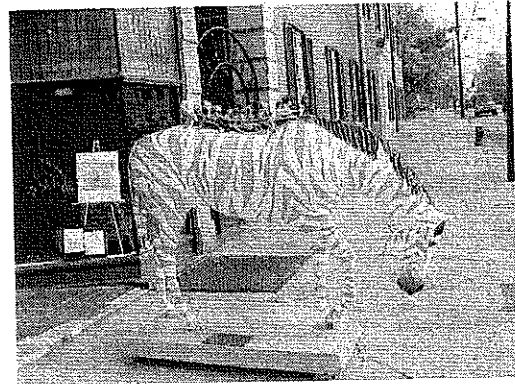
**A bird's eye view of the breakfast
area.**



**Outstanding Service Award
presentation to Jody Beall.**



The mantle of the ORALL Presidency passes to Nancy S. Clark for 2000-2001



Can't go to Lexington without seeing the horses.

Internet Librarian 2000 Nov. 6-8, 2000 - Monterey, California

CONFERENCE REPORT *By Ken Kozlowski, University of Dayton*

Under very sunny northern California skies, *Information Today* put on Internet Librarian 2000. It is a very different type of conference for those used to the glitz of an AALL Annual Meeting. Internet Librarian is more of a "working" conference than a social conference. At least that's the feeling I came away with. I'm not saying that there weren't chances for socializing, but the conference offerings were just fantastic, with a lot of the speakers being leaders in their respective fields.

The conference puts on programs on the Saturday and Sunday before its official start. Monday through Wednesday is the core of the conference, with meetings offered along four separate tracks each day:

- Monday: Webwizards' Symposium, Navigating the Net, eResources, and Intranet Pros Institute
- Tuesday: Web Tools, Search Engines & Training, Content Management, and Portals
- Wednesday: Systems & Web, Virtual Communities, eRoles & Careers, and Knowledge Management & Information Architecture

Evening programs that are less structured are offered as well, with one of the highlights being the Election Party held on November 7.

The conference is a little pricey at \$325, plus hotel and airfare. However, the amount of Internet training offered is phenomenal. For anyone who has to keep on top of the latest web happenings, attending Internet Librarian would be a way to recharge the batteries and be exposed to new ideas. Also, Monterey is a beautiful place, and the seafood is in abundance. □

Membership News

- ✓ **Al Podboy**, Director of Libraries at Baker & Hostetler, is on the slate for the AALL Executive Board that will be voted on in Spring 2001. Let's support Al and get some local representation on the Board.
 - ✓ **Kurt Metzmeier** and staff from the University of Kentucky recently published the Kentucky Legal Research Manual. It is available for purchase from the University.
 - ✓ **Beth Langton** of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs and **Kate Kennedy** of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, fresh off rave reviews at the ORALL meeting in Lexington, will reprise their excellent program, "The Incredible Shrinking Library," at the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.
 - ✓ **Ken Kozlowski** of the University of Dayton is authoring the 3rd edition of The Internet Guide for the Legal Researcher. He hopes to be done by the end of December with copies available sometime in April or May of 2001.
 - ✓ **Don Arndt**, formerly of the University of Nebraska, has started his new position as the Associate Director and Head of Public Services at the Library at the University of Toledo School of Law. He can be reached at 419-530-2945 or darndt@utnet.utoledo.edu
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Important Dates

- ❑ March 8-10, 2001 / **ORALL Spring Retreat** at Heuston Woods State Park, College Corner OH
- ❑ April 1-7, 2001 / **National Library Week**
- ❑ May 2-3, 2001 / **ORALL County SIG Meeting**, Atwood Lake Resort & Conference Center
- ❑ July 14-19, 2001 / **AALL Annual Meeting**, Minneapolis, MN
- ❑ October 3-5, 2001 / **ORALL Annual Meeting**, Maumee Bay State Park, Toledo OH
- ❑ **ORALL Newsletter deadlines**: February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15

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