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President's Column - Ellen Quinn

Talk and Listen

One of the purposes of ORALL is the "stimulation of a spirit of mutual helpfulness and cooperation among law libraries of the Ohio region." To me that means, networking, meeting, talking, debating, whether as part of a meeting program or over dinner or refreshments with my ORALL colleagues. Talking and listening to others, whether our families, teachers or colleagues are important ways for us to learn. Programs can spark an idea, start you on the road to learning, or introduce you to a new concept, but the dynamic environment of live conversation with intelligent and interesting people can reinvigorate your work, help you work through a problem, or just make you feel better about your life, career and current employer. Sometimes you learn more from a post-program discussion among colleagues than you do from the presentation itself! This method of learning has strong grounding in the theory of adult learning that

states, "the adult learner is self-directed and desirous of a very active learning environment." A lively discussion of work related issues among ORALL colleagues seems to fit this model perfectly.

I have sometimes heard other librarians say that they cannot justify attending a meeting just for the social opportunities. Somehow employers or the cost benefit analysts among us think that this is not valuable - that it is goofing off. It has been my experience that these are the contacts and interactions that mean the most to me and have had the greatest benefit to my employer(s). Over the past 20 years there have been

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only a handful of AALL and/or ORALL programs that have made a big difference in my life but the many colleagues I have talked to, had dinner with, or hung around with talking in a hotel lobby have helped me more. I recognize the reality of justifying meeting attendance based on program offerings and I also don't want you to undervalue the educational value of a good meeting program. Instead I want to emphasize the importance of working and building professional relationships.

In Robert D. Putnam's book Bowling Alone, he states, "the core idea of social capital theory is that social networks have value, i.e. "social contacts affect the productivity of individuals and groups." His book seeks to explore the reasons for the decline in civic involvement (which includes professional associations such as ours). The main identifiable culprits contributing to this trend are the pressures of time and money - particularly with two career families, suburbanization or urban sprawl, the privatization of leisure time - i.e. television, and what he calls the generational change - the observable trend that we are less involved than our parents or grandparents.

Therefore if you agree that talking and listening to other law librarians is a valuable activity, we must work together to counter this trend toward disengagement. Attend a

meeting, go to a program, ask questions, talk to your colleagues, and instead of going to your room after the meeting to watch TV, go to the bar with your fellow ORALLiens - have a soft drink or a beer - and talk. It will help your career and our organization.

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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, Ohio Legal Resources Annotated Bibliography & Guide 3rd.

ORALL Executive Board Meeting
Maumee Bay Resort & Conference Center
Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Present: Nancy Clark – President, Ellen Quinn – Vice-President, Claudia Zaher - Secretary, Thomas Hanley - Treasurer, Richard Humphrey - Immediate Past-President, Billie Grey - Executive Board.

Guest: Al Podboy, AALL Executive Board Member – Chapter Visitor, was present for the latter part of the meeting.

1. President Nancy Clark called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.
2. The minutes from the 7/01 Executive Board meeting in Minneapolis were approved.
3. The Treasurer's report was approved.
4. Tom had refund requests from three members who were unable to attend the meeting. All three requests were approved.
5. Old Business:
 - a. (For a few more minutes) all speakers were in place for the meeting.
 - b. The Spring Retreat will be held March 1 & 2, 2002 at Salt Fork State Park, OH. The deposit has been paid.
 - c. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Quaker Square in Akron October 16-18, 2002. The acclaimed University of Akron Steel Drum Band will perform.
 - d. ORALL's OCLIS membership has been paid. Nancy will attend the meeting on November 13, 2001.
6. New Business:
 - a. Mary Persyn dropped off draft copies of the ORALL Handbook. She still needs information on the new Kentucky SIG and on the Internet and Scholarship Committees. She requested input on the "Duties of Officers" section. She has checked prices on printing and binding and proposed having 400 copies printed. Additional discussion was deferred until the Friday Board meeting.
7. The meeting was interrupted when Ellen received a phone call that Bob Berring, the keynote speaker, would not be able to attend. It was decided that the business meeting would be moved up to the Friday breakfast/ keynote speaker slot, and other programs would remain as scheduled.
8. More New Business:
 - a. We need a location for the Fall 2003 meeting. Suggested sites included Indiana, Cincinnati, and Northern Kentucky. Billie will see if there is interest in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.
 - b. It was determined that the Handbook should be added to the ORALL web site.
 - c. Billie reported that she had asked the Ohio State Bar Association to support the anti-UCITA bill, but they will take no position.

- d. On the County Law Libraries SIG request to secure grant money under ORALL's 501(c) (3) status: Nancy had one of her tax attorneys look at the proposal and he could find no problem with it. However, he did want to see the "determination letter" which Tom could provide. Al Podboy had asked Steve Ligda, AALL Director of Finance and Administration, and he said that they have no problem with it. The county law librarians want to set up a OhioLink-type network. The first step is to secure grant funding to do a needs assessment survey, which would be followed by design and implementation of the system. Some Ohio county law librarians have been suggested as a committee to write the grant proposal. (The ORALL SIG is being asked to make the request because the state bar association does not have the appropriate status to request grant funding.) The Board approved the County Law Libraries going forward with this project and seeking grant money under the name of ORALL. The Board expects to be informed as the process continues. The Board is aware of the educational and professional mission of the organization to all its members, and wishes to review additional steps in the process in light of that mission.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES
Annual Business Meeting
Maumee Bay Resort & Conference Center
Friday, October 5, 2001

1. The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Clark at 9:10 a.m.
2. President's Announcements:
 - a. She thanked the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Marianne Mussett and Gail McCain, for a job well done. She also thanked the vendors for their continued support.
 - b. She asked all members to turn in their program evaluation forms.
 - c. She reminded members to take directories for their colleagues who did not attend the meeting.
 - d. She sold the remaining 50th Anniversary portfolios!
3. President's Report: Activities over the past year include: exploring the possibility of a letter-writing campaign on a anti-UCITA bill and preliminary search for faculty who might be willing to testify if needed; work with the Ohio county libraries to establish a network and apply for a grant to begin the process; the formation of a Kentucky SIG; revision of the ORALL Handbook; and the distribution of a needs assessment survey. Nationally and regionally, voluntarism and attendance is down.
4. The minutes from the Lexington meeting were approved.
5. The Treasurer report was approved and Tom Hanley read the names of the new members.

6. Committee reports (attached)
 - a. Membership (Tom Hanley)
 - b. Newsletter (Tom Hanley for Ken Kozlowski)
 - c. AALL Arrangements (Billie Grey)
 - d. Bylaws (Mary Persyn)
 - e. Education (Ellen Quinn)
 - f. Government Relations (Mike Whiteman). No Report.
 - g. Internet (Kurt Metzmeier)
 - h. Nominating (Keith Blough). The nominees for officers, all unopposed, are Beth Langton for Vice-President/President Elect, Tom Hanley for Treasurer, and Kurt Metzmeier for Executive Board.
 - i. Scholarship (Cindy Spohr)
7. Special Interest Group (SIG) Reports (attached)
 - a. County Law Libraries (Marcus Hochstetler)
 - b. Private Law Libraries (Beth Langton for Kyle Passmore)
 - c. Kentucky – Mike Whiteman.
8. Old Business: the Spring Retreat will be held at Salt Fork State Park, March 1 & 2, 2002, and the Annual Business Meeting will be held in Akron, October 16-18, 2002. (The members especially enjoyed the drawings held throughout this meeting for Akron-related items. Thanks to the Akron local arrangements committee!) The Executive Board is accepting suggestions for a meeting place for the October 2003 Annual Meeting.
9. New Business:
 - a. The needs assessment survey is now being tabulated by Library Services, Inc. of Columbus Ohio, and the results will be made available to the membership through the ORALL listserv and the Newsletter. The survey was based on a similar survey from AALL that was recommended by AALL Past President Margie Axtman. Nancy has received some preliminary information from Library Services. 132 responses (an excellent response rate) were received on or before 10/1/01, the cutoff date for the prize drawing, and the prize winners were Phyllis Post of Capital University and Warren Rees of Notre Dame.
10. Other Business: Carol Bredemeyer read the answers from the Kentucky Trivia Quiz. The winner, Mary Persyn, received a basket of Kentucky goodies.
11. President's Remarks: Nancy thanked her employer Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, the ORALL Executive Board, the ORALL members and past officers and all the Columbus law libraries for their unfailing and continuing support. She passed the gavel to the new ORALL President, Ellen Quinn. Ellen thanked Nancy for her outstanding graciousness and leadership and presented her with a gift.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**ORALL Executive Board Meeting
Maumee Bay Resort & Conference Center
Friday, October 5, 2001**

Present: Ellen Quinn - President, Beth Langton - Vice-President, Claudia Zaher - Secretary, Tom Hanley - Treasurer, Nancy Clark - Immediate Past President, Mike Whiteman - Executive Board, Kurt Metzmeier - Executive Board.

Guest: Al Podboy - AALL Executive Board Member-Chapter Visitor.

1. The meeting was called to order by Ellen Quinn at 12:55.
2. Ellen welcomed new board members Beth and Kurt.
3. Old Business:
 - a. The states are requiring substantive legal programs before they'll grant CLE credit. Last year 11-12 members applied for Ohio CLE, 1-2 members for Indiana credit and 1-2 members for Kentucky credit.
 - b. Nancy reported on preliminary information from the needs assessment survey. Some emerging trends: most don't want 2 meetings per year, several questioned the purpose and scope of the Spring Retreat, everyone wants interesting programs. When more information from the survey is available, the Board will examine the option of other meetings, if needed, to handle important issues facing the SIGs. The Retreat scheduled for 2002 in Salt Fork State Park will still be held.
 - c. Ellen reported that she had a request from Mary Lynn Wagner for ORALL to sponsor the AALL Boot Camp for Teachers of Electronic Research. AALL requires about 3 months notice, and approximately 30 registrants. The program will last 1 ½ days, and costs about \$200 per person. The board approved exploring the options.
4. New Business:
 - a. Mike reported on the proposed activities of the new Kentucky SIG. The group wants to hold an introductory meeting in Lexington to introduce ORALL to law librarians in the state, with a special focus on private law librarians. This would be a social meeting with food provided. He asked if the limit on funding for SIG meetings could be raised above the current \$500 limit. Since the dollar limit on funding for SIG meetings is a special policy and not part of the by-laws, Tom moved (Kurt – second) that the limit be increased to \$1000. The motion passed. As required, Mike will submit to the Board a written request for funds, including estimated expenses.
 - b. We still need a location and a local arrangements committee for the October 2003 meeting. Billie Grey will check for local interest in the Cincinnati area. Indianapolis is a possibility although Richard had not found much enthusiasm there. Roger Jacobs had said that Notre Dame was a possibility – Ellen will check with him.

- c. Local arrangements for the joint Mich/ALL ORALL luncheon at AALL in Orlando will be ORALL's responsibility this year. Since committee assignments have not yet been formalized, a chair has not yet been appointed. Nancy volunteered to be Board liaison to the committee since she has previous experience as chair of the committee.
 - d. There is a sense that ORALL needs to do a better job at preserving and improving its institutional memory. The web can be useful for that, and we need better access to and better awareness of the organization's archives in Columbus.
 - e. The drafts of the handbook and by-laws that were distributed by Mary Persyn at Wednesday's Board meeting should be reviewed, and any suggestions and corrections sent to Mary. Realizing that there will never be a static time and that the document will always be undergoing change, it should now be printed and distributed with the updates drafted by Mary and the committee. A more comprehensive review is still needed. It is assumed that there are additional items that will require approval of the membership. A systematic review should be undertaken and items requiring approval of the membership should be gathered and prepared for submission to the members.
 - f. There were changes in the schedule for this year's meeting since Bob Berring, the keynote speaker, had to cancel. Moving the business meeting to the Friday morning breakfast was favorably received. Perhaps the Education Committee for the 2002 meeting in Akron would like to experiment with having the business meeting at sometime other than Friday after lunch, when it has traditionally been held.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Zaher

ORALL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2001-2002

AALL Arrangements

Matt Wagner (Chair)
Nancy Clark (Exec. Bd. Liaison)

Bylaws & Guidelines

Claudia Zaher (Chair)
Laura Ray
Ellen Quinn (Exec. Bd. Liaison)

Education

Beth Langton (Chair & Exec. Bd. Liaison)
JoAnn Fisher
Kyle Passmore
Deb Dennison
Carol Bredemeyer

Government Relations

Billie Grey (OH and IN) (Chair)
Edison Ellenberger (Federal)
Mike Whiteman (Exec. Bd. Liaison)(KY)

Internet

Kurt Metzmeier (Chair & Exec. Bd. Liaison)
Lisa Farmer
Eric Kistler
Eric W. Young
Lynn Lenart

Membership

Tom Hanley (Chair & Exec. Bd Liaison)
Lisa Peters
Judith Gill
Amy Osborne

Newsletter

Ken Kozlowski (Chair)
Leslie Pardo
Denise Carpenter
Robbie Robertson
Teddy Artz
Ellen Quinn (Exec. Bd. Liaison)

Scholarship

Cindy Spohr (Chair)
Schuyler Cook
Tom Hanley (Exec. Bd. Liaison)

Nominations

Richard Humphrey (Chair)
Nancy Clark (Exec. Bd. Liaison)
Mike Whiteman
Anita Shew
Jody Beal

2002 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshop Grants

Deadline: April 1, 2002

The AALL Grants Committee is now accepting applications for grants for the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshops. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or library school students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession.

Funds are provided by vendors, AALL and AALL individual members. Grants cover registration costs at either the Annual Meeting or Workshops.

Preference is given to newer, active members of AALL or of its chapters. For additional information, including the application form, see

http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp

The deadline for applications is April 1, 2002.

CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF SUCCESS

National Legal Research Teach-In 1993-2002

The 2002 Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past nine years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In 2002 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 14-20, 2002). As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with the West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS to prepare unique instructional and promotional materials. Thanks to generous donations from the two companies, the MATERIALS WILL again BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE. It is a true measure of their commitment to the law library community that both West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS continue to underwrite this activity, as they have since its inception ten years ago.

RESEARCH TRAINING KITS

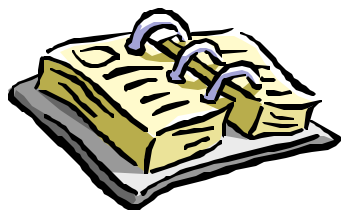
New spiral bound kits topped the "BESTSELLER" list last year! -- West Group distributed approximately 750 kits to law librarians all over the world! The 2002 Teach-In resource kit will revisit classic areas of legal research integrating traditional legal resources and the newest electronic sources in one convenient package. The kits are designed to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. They may include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myriad of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. One kit per institution is available free of charge from the West Group. Contact Marketing Support, West Group, by fax 1-800-854-1597 or email mkgsupport@westgroup.com. Be sure to provide your name, address, institution, telephone number, and, if available, your West Group account number.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

A big hit from last year is back by popular demand! Over 20,000 notepads were sent out to approximately 525 locations around the United States, Canada, and Australia, setting another new record! Colorful notepads designed with Teach-In committee assistance and produced by LEXIS-NEXIS, can help you promote your 2002 Teach-In activities. These notepads can be used by library staff or given away to patrons as an incentive to participate in your library events. An online order form will be available at <http://www.lexis-nexis.com/infopro/> beginning February 1st and ending March 22nd or until quantities are depleted. If you are unable to access this online form, please contact via fax (937-865-1585) Melissa Engler, Marketing Manager, LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group with your name, full mailing address, email and quantity required. If deemed necessary, a limit will be imposed in order to accommodate as many requests as possible.

Orders for training kits or promotional materials should be placed by March 15, 2002, so you will receive them in time for your National Library Week events.

Questions or comments about the 2001 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event, Gail Partin, Associate Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, 717-240-5294, gap6@psu.edu; or Karen Brunner, Library Manager, Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, 973-538-0800, kbrunner@riker.com.



Important Dates

- July 20-24, 2002 / **AALL Annual Meeting**, Orlando, FL
- October 16-18, 2002 / **ORALL Annual Meeting**, Akron, OH
- **ORALL Newsletter deadlines:** February 15, May 15, August 15, November 15

Membership News...

- Mike Whiteman, currently Associate Director of the Louis D. Brandeis Law Library at the University of Louisville will become the Director of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library at Northern Kentucky University effective July 1, 2002.
- Rebecca Trammell, Director of the Law Library at Barry University School of Law in Orlando, Florida has been hired as the new Director of the University of Kentucky College of Law Library effective April 1, 2002.