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President's Column – Michael Whiteman

Playing for the Team: El Presidente's Farewell Address

In my last column I made a pitch for recruiting new law librarians and as a follow up I would like to share a tidbit I picked up at the AALL Annual Meeting. AALL has a "Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee" which has produced a wonderful brochure aimed at giving potential law librarians information on careers in our profession.

The committee's web site has a wonderful array of information including recruitment tips, and the .pdf to the recruitment brochure.

[<http://www.aallnet.org/committee/rllc/tips/recruitment-brochure.pdf>]

This brochure would be great to hand out at law library schools, and to career development offices at law schools. I encourage all of you who have contact with a career development office at either a library or law school to get them copies of these brochures. There is a place to request copies of the brochure on the committee's web site.

This year's AALL annual meeting was held in beautiful Portland, Oregon, home

of many fine eating establishments, including many local brew pubs. As in past years ORALL had a lunch for members at the annual meeting, and it was at one of the wonderful brew pubs that we met, ate and drank. [Widmer Brothers Brew Pub www.widmer.com] Twenty ORALLIANS gathered for some Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio cheer, and I promise you all that no business was discussed to ruin this festive gathering.

As many of you know the ORALL and ORALL-C listservs have moved from being hosted at the University of

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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 each fall. 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.

President's Column continued from front page

Louisville to Northern Kentucky University. This move was made in an effort to streamline our listservs and address some problems. So far, minus some few glitches, this seems to be working out. If you have not subscribed, or are having problems with the listservs please e-mail me directly and I will look into the issue.

At the beginning of the summer I started a discussion amongst members interested in the web site on revamping ORALL's web presence. But alas this got away from me and the matter was dropped for a few months. I promise to pick this ball back up and get it rolling. If you have an interest in the web please let me know. I have heard from a number of people interested in helping with a redesign of the web site, but we can always use more help.

Finally – I'd like to tell you about my softball team. This summer we finished our second season and sad to say we once again finished the regular season without a win (second year in a row!) Our team is made up of faculty, staff and students from the Chase College of Law (the institution that foolishly pays me at the end of each month!) Each game we get a little better and we come just a little closer to winning, but alas, again this did not happen during regular season play.

So why tell you this story of woe? The point is not really about the win-loss record, but instead about the team. Regardless of whether we win or lose, we work together and we have fun. For me ORALL is a lot like the team. A group of individuals who work together and every once in a while get together and have fun. It is time to get together again at the annual meeting to be held in Dayton, Ohio.

I hope you were all able to attend the annual meeting and will continue to do so in the future. The local arrangements committee and the education committee always put together a wonderful program, filled with plenty of educational information that will help you in your career, as well as plenty of opportunities to relax and enjoy hanging out with other members of the ORALL team. And don't forget the ORALL scholarships that are designed to assist those who might not otherwise attend, the opportunity to attend.

Unlike my softball team, I always come away from an ORALL meeting feeling as if I have just scored another win for my career.

Cheers!

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**Congratulations and thanks to the many ORALL members who
helped to make the 2008 ORALL Annual Meeting in Dayton a success!**

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THANKS TO

Mike Whiteman, 2007-08 President of ORALL,
Retiring ORALL Secretary Lisa Peters,
Retiring Executive Board Member Kathy Sasala,
Retiring Executive Board Member Miriam Murphy, and
Retiring Web Master Kurt Metzmeier

FOR THEIR EFFORTS, DEDICATION, AND SERVICE

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WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Ken Kozlowski **2008-2009 Vice President**

Ken is currently the Director of the Law Library of the Supreme Court of Ohio. He is a veteran of the United States Navy (1975-1980) and holds degrees from the University of Akron (B.A. Communications 1985), Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (1991) and Kent State School of Library and Information Science (1995). He was previously employed at Squire, Sanders and Dempsey (Library Assistant 1987-1992); Cleveland Law Library (Public Services Librarian 1992-1997); and the University of Dayton School of Law (Head of Public Services 1997-2000; Assoc. Dir. for Public Services 2000-2003).

Ken is the author of many bar journal and library newsletter articles and the second edition of *The Internet Guide for the Legal Researcher*. He is a longtime contributor to the *Internet Law Researcher*, *Campus Safety and Student Development Report*, *Community Corrections Report*, and *Impaired Driving Update*. He currently serves as an editor for the *Probation & Parole Law Report*. He is a member of the Columbus Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Association of Law Libraries, and the American Library Association. Ken has been an ORALL member since 1991 and was the Editor of the ORALL Newsletter 1999-2003.

Angela Baldree **2008-2009 Secretary**

Angela is the Director of the Lake County Law Library Association in Painesville, Ohio. She has worked in libraries since her junior year of high school. Previously she was the

Circulation Manager at the Grandview Heights Public Library in Grandview Heights, Ohio, a Reference Librarian at the Washington-Centerville Library in Centerville, Ohio, a student assistant at the Brill Science Library at Miami University, and a clerk/page at Morley Library in Painesville, Ohio.

Angela has been a member of ORALL since 2001 and currently serves as Chair of the Government Relations Committee. At the 2005 Annual Meeting, Angela presented "Bringing Patrons Back to the Library." As a member of AALL, Angela has served on the Government Relations Committee since 2007 and is a program coordinator for the "2008 Annual Legislative and Regulator Update," as well as a Moderator for the "Annual Legislative Advocacy Leadership Training" in Portland, Oregon. Angela also serves as a Board of Trustee Member for Morley Library.

Shannon Kemen Executive Board 2008-09

Shannon serves as a Reference and Electronic Services Professional at Keating Muething & Klekamp in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is responsible for providing reference assistance and training to all members of the firm. In addition, she is responsible for the maintenance and development of the firm's Intranet. Shannon holds degrees from the University of Kentucky (M.L.I.S 2007) and Salmon P. Chase College of Law (J.D. 2005), and the University of Cincinnati (B.A. 2001). She also holds a Post-B.A. Certificate in Paralegal Studies from the University of Cincinnati (2002).

Shannon has been a member of the American Association of Law Libraries, the Special Libraries Association, the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries, and the Cincinnati Bar Association since 2005. In 2007, she served as CLE Coordinator for the Legal Research & Information Resource Committee of the Bar Association. She has written several articles, including "Early Case Assessment: Researching Legal Professionals" (*The CBA Report*, December 2007), "Five Steps for Conducting Criminal Background Research on Individuals" (*The CBA Report*, August 2006), and "Six Steps for Conducting General Background Research on Individuals" (*The CBA Report*, July 2006). Her presentations include "Demystifying Public Records: How to Research Individuals and Companies" (Salmon P. Chase College of Law, April 1, 2008), "Understanding Early Case Assessment: Research Methods to Save Time & Money" (Cincinnati Bar Association, December 20, 2007) co-presented with Mary Lynn Wagner), and "10 Tips for a Great Summer" (Salmon P. Chase College of Law, April 10, 2007) (co-presented with Mary Lynn Wagner).

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Communications

HOW DO I GET THERE? AND IS THERE A COFFEE SHOP NEARBY?

A Google Map of Ohio County Law Libraries and an Invitation

By Mary Jenkins

Law Librarian & Director

Cincinnati Law Library Association



Google Map

Cincinnati Law Library Association

Last Updated by [Mary Jenkins](#) 3 days ago

Hamilton County Courthouse
1000 Main St., Room 601
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Phone: (513) 946-5300
Fax: (513) 946-5252
E-mail: reference@cms.hamilton-co.org
URL: <http://cincinnatiilaw.org>
ORALL member? YES
Librarian: [Mary Jenkins](#)
County population: 842,369
County per capita income: \$41,477



The Cincinnati Law Library Association is located on the [of the Hamilton County Courthouse](#) and is managing a pr

Listing for a library

I joined ORALL and the Ohio county law libraries scene less than a year ago so all of the discussions on listservs and at meetings about the legislation affecting county law libraries provided a crash course in county names and locations. In addition to the [ORALL CLL SIG Ohio County Law Libraries directory](#), I used Google Maps frequently to see where a particular county is, to understand its position on the legislation in the context of its size, location, and terrain, and to get driving directions for my visits to other libraries.

You've probably seen user-created content in Google Maps: maps showing active fires, flu outbreaks, fishing holes, vacation photos, retail store locations, and so on. It seemed to me that the county law library community, in Ohio at least, might benefit from a custom map. Like Mapquest and Yahoo! Maps, Google Maps provides driving directions. It has a number of additional geospatial and coding capabilities that can make for a very ramped up directory or map.

Corliss Davis of the Akron (OH) Law Library Association joined me in incorporating all of the Ohio county law library directory information into the map. In addition to standard directory information, county population is included with other county-specific data to follow. Google Maps' standard features are available to view traffic, driving and walking

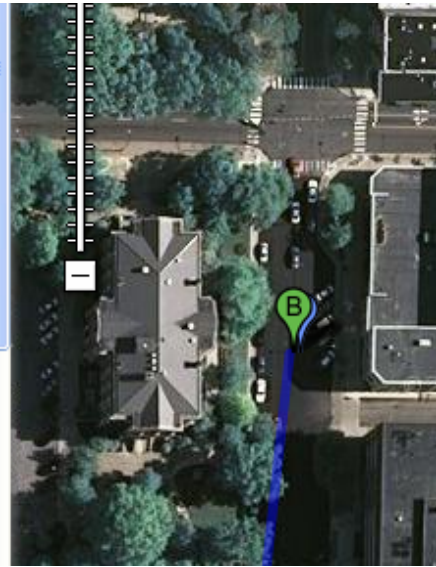
directions, terrain, and to search for nearby landmarks or businesses. You can send maps and directions to your mobile phone or in-car navigation system. By selecting mapplets (gadgets or mini applications developed for use with Google Maps) as overlays to the map, you can get the weather, gas prices, hiking trails, nightlife ... maybe even something that is actually relevant to you!

Next steps? The map is public, open for collaboration, and available for any mashups (integration into other web applications). Washington and California county law library associations have already modeled maps based on this one. It could be incorporated into a larger map of all ORALL member libraries or all U.S. county law libraries. We could add photos, data, or descriptions that would be useful to the whole. Web 2.0 applications like Google Maps allow us to collaborate on projects like this so please add content or contact me with suggestions.

Driving directions to 226 Middle Ave, Elyria, OH 44035
29.6 mi – about 37 mins

A 1 W. Lakeside Ave., FL4 Cleveland, OH 44113 (Cleveland Law Library Association)

1. Head **southeast** on **Ontario St** toward **W St Clair Ave** 0.9 mi
2. Continue on **Broadway Ave** 59 ft
3. Slight **right** to merge onto **I-90 W** toward **I-71** 1.1 mi
4. Continue on **I-71 S** (signs for **I-71 S/ Columbus**) 8.6 mi
5. Continue on **Berea Exp** (signs for **I-480 W/**) 0.5 mi



Driving Directions between libraries

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=103719643258410688183.00044dc2775ce070ea710&ll=41.99216,-82.562256&spn=4.131542,8.481445&z=7>

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Communications

CREATE A FACEBOOK FAN PAGE FOR YOUR LIBRARY!

By Michelle Cosby

Reference Librarian

University of Kentucky College of Law Library

With a growing number of patrons using Facebook, the University of Kentucky Law Library set up a Facebook Fan Page to better serve our patrons (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lexington-KY/University-of-Kentucky-Law-Library/19878188104>). Some students and other University Librarians joined our page, but we wanted to reach more patrons, so we crated a marketing campaign: *I facebooked my law library*. Flyers were created and displayed in various places around the library and we also put our flyer on our electronic message board in the law school lobby. We now have 59 fans!

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Facebook fan page for the University of Kentucky Law Library. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lexington-KY/University-of-Kentucky-Law-Library/19878188104>. The page features a sign-up form on the left with fields for email (pvenard@hotmail.com) and password, and a 'Sign Up' button. The main content area includes a profile picture of a person in a library, the page name 'University of Kentucky Law Library', and a list of fans with their names and profile pictures. The location is listed as 620 South Limestone, Lexington, KY, 40506, with a phone number 859-257-8686 (Circulation Desk). The operating hours are: Mon - Thurs: 7:00 am - 12:00 am; Fri: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sat: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sun: 12:00 pm - 12:00 am. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including 'Mail - Windo...', 'The New Yor...', 'College of L...', '2008JuneNL...', 'Shannon Bio...', 'Create a Fa...', and 'University of...'. The system clock shows 12:32 PM.

You may think that creating a Facebook Fan page is a bit campy, but the Fan Pages of today have many practical features that a library can use to market to its clientele. For example, we have our news blog feeding into our page and we have searches available for JSTOR, PubMed, WorldCat, and the University of Kentucky Libraries. The

Hennepin County Library Fan Page also allows you to chat with a librarian. (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Minnetonka-MN/Hennepin-County-Library/7223112325>). A Facebook Fan Page also allows you to include a map of your location, your hours and phone numbers, and a list of events occurring in your library, or taught by your librarians. Additionally, Fan Pages are used by many types of organizations, including law firms.

Fan Pages are more beneficial than Facebook groups because Fan Pages can be viewed by the public, whether or not they have a Facebook account.

Creating and maintaining a Fan Page is fairly easy. Similarly, you can make your Fan Page more high-tech by adding Applications. Applications are features available on Facebook to enhance your page, such as adding JSTOR. You can have one librarian in charge, or split the administrative duties among your staff. Here at UK we have two administrators, and our Electronic Services Librarian does the majority of the upkeep.

If you are interested in creating a Fan Page for your library, follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/business/?pages>.
2. Click on *Create a Facebook Fan Page*.
3. Select your *Category*. (There is a *Library/Public Building* option under *Local*.)
4. Enter the name of your library.
5. Click *Create a Page*.
6. The rest is up to you!

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***AALL 2008 Annual Meeting Reports
ENERGIZED, I EXPLORED AND I EVOLVED***
By Emily M. Janoski-Haehlen
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Energized about attending my third AALL annual meeting, I boarded a plane to Portland, Oregon to begin my exploration of the conference, and to hopefully evolve in my career as a law librarian. I can truly say that the theme of this year's AALL annual meeting (Energize, Explore, Evolve) fits the description of my experience perfectly. I have attended two other AALL annual meetings in the past, but this year was particularly important for me as I was appointed a committee vice-chair and subsequent chair.

Before arriving in Portland, I was excited at the idea of being the chair of the Electronic Legal Information Access and Citation Committee after only 3 years as an active member of AALL. The first day of the conference I attended committee chair training that included a speech from the AALL President in which he laid out his visions for the organization. The training also opened my eyes to how important committees are to AALL and that my involvement in my committee was as equally important. At the committee meeting, we discussed the many projects the committee was undertaking. The committee also sponsored two programs at the conference on citation and access to electronic legal information.

The first day of programs began with the keynote speaker, David Pogue, who is the personal-technology columnist for The New York Times. He discussed trends in technology and showcased some of the newer gadgets like the Wi-Fi phone for Skype. Finally, to funny things up, he burst into song. Overall, I think the keynote speaker energized the entire crowd of law librarians. The keynote speaker was a great start to a conference filled with programs on Library 2.0, Web 2.0, Second Life, Facebook, Digital TV, and the future of electronic legal information.

Between programs and meetings, I was also able to explore the exhibit hall filled with vendors ready to tell you about their latest and greatest products. I was pleasantly surprised at how much I learned about some of the new enhancements to electronic resources like HeinOnline, CaseMaker, Lexis and Westlaw.

After the final day of programming, I had time to reflect on what I had learned from the programs, meetings, and vendor exhibits. I think the word evolve best fits my reflection of what I learned at the meeting. Not only have I become a more active member of AALL, but I have made new connections with law librarians and learned more about what being a law librarian is all about. I think attending AALL will help me to continue to succeed in my career as a law librarian.

I thank ORALL for supporting my attendance at AALL this year.

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AALL 2008 Annual Meeting Reports

NAVIGATING AS A NEWBIE

By Paul D. Venard

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Zimmerman Law Library

University of Dayton School of Law

As a (relatively) new law librarian, I am still learning much about the field and am still becoming acclimated to the work. Like many others, I am continually seeking new information that will allow me to be a better law librarian and better serve the patrons seeking my assistance. As such, I greatly appreciate the opportunities given to me by the University of Dayton to attend conferences such as those hosted by AALL.

In preparation for and on my way to the conference, I read and reread the program in order to get a better grasp on what types of learning sessions would be available. I was excited to attend many of the seminars that would serve me as an academic law librarian. In particular, I was looking forward to attending those sessions dealing with pro se and lawyers who patronize the library, and those dealing with electronic resources. However, I unknowingly failed to take into account learning opportunities outside of these sessions.

Almost immediately after arriving in Portland and checking into my hotel, I was greeted by other ORALL members. Through speaking with them, I learned that connecting or reconnecting with others was a very big part of the conference experience. Through my interactions with these other librarians, I was able to learn more about them and their experiences and see how they have handled issues that may arise in my daily work. Also, I was given a more “inside” scoop on how to make the most of these conferences – by networking, attending relevant sessions and taking opportunities to attend caucus and special interest section meetings.

Through this advice, I took advantage of these opportunities and attended the Gen X/Gen Y Caucus meeting, a Caucus which I had no idea even existed prior to this meeting. Through the attendance of this meeting I was able to continue learning about issues specifically faced by librarians from these generations, and roadblocks to recruiting more librarians. I was also able to meet a number of other librarians who fit into these generations and are working with these issues. By attending this meeting, and being placed on the mailing list, I feel that I will be able to continue to be educated in the issues that are affecting Generation X and Generation Y librarians.

Finally, I was able to continue my education within the vendor’s area. I was able to obtain information on other special interest sections and other regional law library associations. Many of the vendors were not specifically geared towards academic law

libraries, but those that were provided valuable information for new products and features that would be released soon. I particularly was interested in the new Casemaker design, fusing together the areas of legal research and social networking; the design seems of particular use to students as it mimics what students already know from Facebook, provides free legal research services for those who obtain jobs where Westlaw and/or Lexis may not be available, and provides yet another employment listing site for those seeking jobs.

Overall, I learned a great deal from a number and variety of sources. I will definitely take this education into my current employment, and into the conferences I attend in the future. Each conference will undoubtedly provide different opportunities, but at least now I have a better idea of what to be on the watch for. Just as I continue to educate myself as to the workings of the law library, I will continue to education myself as to the working of law library conferences. I would like to thank ORALL for the assistance in attending this conference, and the individual librarians who assisted in enhancing my learning experience while in Portland.

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**Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
Executive Board Meeting
Columbus, Ohio – Thursday, March 13, 2008**

Present: Mike Whiteman, Lisa Peters, Laurie Miller, Miriam Murphy, Kathy Sasala, and Cheryl Niemeier

Minutes and email decisions were formally approved.

President Mike Whiteman read Roger Jacobs's acceptance of Life Membership:

Mike

Please accept my belated acknowledgement of the honor of life membership bestowed upon me by the members of ORALL. It has been a long time since my early meetings--I remember one in particular at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Toledo with twelve members present. Being associated over the years with such Ohio stalwarts as Irv Pollock, Pat Browne, Janet Wallen, and Matt Dee, and many others whose names do not immediately come to mind, has greatly enriched my professional life. While I have, from time to time, drifted away from Ohio, focusing my energies elsewhere, ORALL claimed my continuing attention. There is no other group, other than AALL and the ABA Section of Legal Education which has claimed more of my time. Spending all my school days along Erie's shores in Cleveland may account for the sense that among Ohioans I always felt at home.

I am humbled and honored to be granted life membership in ORALL. I accept this recognition with great pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

Roger

Treasurer's Report was given; ORALL is financially sound.

- We have not gotten a final financial report on the NE conference yet.

Committee Reports

- AALL Arrangements, Mike Whiteman will be sending an email out to the membership about the options for a gathering at the AALL Annual meeting in Portland.
- Bylaws and Guidelines, the Board charged the committee to review the Special Policies set out in the handbook regarding ORALL support for President and Vice President's attendance at the AALL annual meeting, dealing with expenses for the ORALL Annual meeting, recognizing that the Activities committee had become two committees, the Local Arrangements Committee and the Education Committee, and clarifying the SIGs reporting responsibilities to ORALL.
- Education, Emily Janoski-Haehlen, committee chair, has been sharing ideas with the committee members and plans to have a committee conference call soon.
- Government Relations, Kathy Sasala, informed the Board that the new draft of the Ohio County Law Library legislation was supposed to come out at the end of February, but we are still waiting.
- The board discussed Rosemarie Chrisant's (Akron Law Library's) request via the ORALL listserv for financial support for the coalition of county law libraries. Rosemarie's request was to the general membership and not to the board of ORALL itself. The item was discussed, but as no actual request was made to the ORALL board, there was no action to take on this item.
- Local arrangements for our Dayton Meeting:
 - Dates 10/15 – 10/18
 - Our Theme: *Soaring to new heights ... Where information and inspiration lead to innovation.*

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- Conference Hotel: Dayton Marriott
(<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dayoh-dayton-marriott/>) \$107 per night
- Opening Reception: Carillon Park: (<http://carillonpark.org/index.html>)
- Internet, the committee is planning to change hosts for the ORALL web site and our listserves.
- Membership, chair Kyle Passmore and 2 other committee members and Beth Langton participated in the Kent Library Career Night this past Tuesday. Beth had an amazing set-up, including much information from the AALL membership site and a game with prizes. Board members located in Kentucky and Indiana volunteered to contact their Library Schools and see if they had career nights and see how ORALL could participate.
- Nominations, Kyle Passmore, Nominations committee chair, sent a list of candidates to the Board. Mike will send the Board's thanks to Kyle and her committee for their suggestions. Nominations are open until May 1, if anyone would like to ask that someone be considered.
- Scholarship, Cheryl Niemeir will be contacting Judith Anspach, committee chair, about sending out scholarship information to the members soon.
- Archives, Jane Underwood chair, informed the Board that the archive has been moved to the Ohio Supreme Court Law Library. The County SIGs archive is also being hosted at the Ohio Supreme Court Law Library.

Meetings 2009 & 2010: The Local arrangements for the 2009 Meeting in Cleveland is close to choosing a hotel and it looks like the opening will be held in the Rock Hall. The Board is hoping that the 2010 meeting will take place in Lexington, KY or Cincinnati OH.

- UPDATE: Meeting will be in Cincinnati, OH. ORALL members from Cincinnati Law Library Association, University of Cincinnati, NKU Chase, and the Clermont County Law Library Association have all agreed to be part of the Local Arrangements' committee.

Other Business:

- Mike raised the idea of extending the length of term for the ORALL Treasurer post. The Board felt that many potential candidates would not be willing to commit to a longer term.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56pm

Respectfully submitted Lisa Peters

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