

## **Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries 2015-2016 Annual Report**

ORALL held its sixty-sixth annual meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana on October 21<sup>st</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. The theme of this meeting was “Implementing Diversity in All We Do.” Indiana Tech Law School hosted and sponsored the opening reception with the majority of other programming taking place at the Hilton Fort Wayne. Featured speakers included Greg Zoeller, Indiana’s Attorney General; andre douglas pond cummings, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Professor of Law, Indiana Tech Law School; Nancy C. Marcus, Assistant Professor of Law, Indiana Tech Law School; Keith Ann Stiverson, President of AALL; and Greta Southard; Director of the Allen County (Indiana) Public Library. An additional ten educational programs were presented by ORALL members including a mini-CONELL for New ORALLians. ORALL also held a book drive for attendees at the meeting to contribute books to Kate's Kart—a non-profit organization that donates children's books to children in Fort Wayne area hospitals.

ORALL engaged in several activities at this year’s AALL Annual Meeting held in Chicago. The ORALL President and Vice President attended the Chapter Leadership Summit, the Chapter Leadership Legal Training, and the Council of Chapter Presidents Business Meeting. ORALL staffed a table at the CONELL Marketplace and ORALL’s Arrangement Committee designed a 4’x 6’ ORALL poster which was displayed in the Activities Area. Lastly, ORALL held a get-together dinner for its members at the Emerald Loop Restaurant on Sunday evening.

ORALL continues to provide its members with scholarship opportunities for professional development. Five scholarships, totaling \$3,000, were awarded to help defray costs for attendance at the 2016 AALL Annual Meeting. Six scholarships, totaling \$2,100, were awarded to help members attend the 2015 ORALL annual meeting. The Executive Board recently approved awarding ten scholarships of \$350 each to assist members with attendance at the 2016 ORALL annual meeting to be held in Dayton. The Executive Board also approved the creation of the George Baker Distinguished Service Award to recognize superior legal research abilities and exemplary service to ORALL. The award was created to memorialize George’s contributions to ORALL, law librarianship, and the legal community. George was a former ORALL officer and the long-time librarian at the Trumbull County Law Library. The award, a plaque to be given out annually at the ORALL annual meeting beginning in 2017, is to recognize those members who aspire to the level of service George was known to provide.

Planning is well under way for ORALL’s sixty-seventh annual meeting to be held in Dayton, Ohio at the Marriott at the University of Dayton on October 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The theme for the upcoming meeting is “Building Better Libraries.” Educational programming and speakers are lined up closely following the theme. In addition, the local arrangements committee for the 2017 annual meeting has begun planning for that meeting to be held on the campus of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Officers of ORALL for the 2015-16 year are Robert Myers, President; Angela Baldree, Vice President/President-Elect; Shannon Kemen, Immediate Past President; Jane Underwood, Secretary; Rick Goheen, Treasurer; and Laura Dixon-Caldwell and Stephanie Ziegler, Board Members. At the 2015 annual meeting, Angela Baldree was elected Vice President/President-Elect for 2015-16, Rick Goheen was re-elected as Treasurer, and Stephanie Ziegler was elected

to serve as a member of the Executive Board. ORALL will hold its next elections at the annual meeting in Dayton in October.

ORALL continues to publish its quarterly newsletter. ORALL membership presently consists of 222 members from academic, county, law firm and governmental libraries mainly in the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Individual membership dues continue to be priced at \$20 per year. Eighty-six people attended the ORALL annual meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana this past year.

Rob Myers, President, 2015-16