

Statewide Consortium of Ohio County Law Library Resource Boards
2012 Year End Executive Director's Report
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It is hard to believe the consortium has now been in existence for two full years and I have been serving as the executive director for seventeen months. In the last twelve months since I last reported to you, the consortium has continued to help law libraries throughout the state in a variety of ways. Below is a status report on the nine goals set by me (and approved by the board) for 2012.

- Library Visits – Since September, 2011 I have visited 86 of the 88 Ohio County Law Libraries. The last two visits will be done in early January, 2013. In all I have logged 7217 miles on these visits which were completed in 32 days. I am most proud of not having shown favoritism to any particular county by being issued a speeding ticket in their county – nor did I receive any parking violations. These visits were very successful in getting information regarding the consortium to the counties, especially the smaller ones where the librarian is usually a local attorney or court employee and not active in consortium meetings and business. On these visits librarians shared with me their gratitude for the Matthew Bender handbooks being purchased by the Consortium and ideas for projects they would like to see the Consortium tackle. In 2013 there will not be any scheduled library visits, but I will be available for requested visits to any county should they need some assistance.
- Online Database Negotiations – I began speaking to Lexis and West in January, 2012 regarding a statewide online database contract. Both vendors explained that their Government Plan is included in DAS's state bid list and neither vendor was willing to put any additional proposal together for county law libraries beyond what was on that list. However, Patron Access is not part of the state bid list and both vendors met with me regarding how a statewide Patron Access contract might work. In June West informed the Consortium that they had put together a Statewide Patron Access proposal, but we have yet to receive it. Lexis gave the board a proposal in September, but when the board asked them to adjust a few details, they were unable to present a new proposal before the end of the year.
- Grants – The Consortium awarded optional grants in the early part of the year when libraries could choose to apply for a grant in one of 5 categories – Technology, Education, Programming, or Cooperation. Nineteen county law libraries were awarded grants totaling \$57,769.91. In the end 16 libraries used their grant money totaling \$45,990.34. The board originally budgeted \$50,000 for this program.
- Interlibrary Loan – Revamping the ILL program for Ohio's county law libraries was a goal carried over from 2011. However, until a web site is developed to facilitate this program, no work can be done.
- AALL – I attended the AALL annual conference in Boston in July. While I did not present at any sessions, one session focused on cooperation between libraries and I was interviewed by one of the presenters about what we do in Ohio. Based on those interviews, we were a focus of that presentation.

- ORALL – I attended both the spring and fall ORALL conference. The spring meeting was held in Delaware County. The board actually met during the one day conference. Since the fall meeting was in Valparaiso, IN, the board met a couple of weeks before the conference.
- Cataloging Options – We were able to secure an online catalog for each Ohio county library from Library World at NO COST for 2013. We are soliciting grant requests from librarians who are interested in uploading cataloging information into the system. At the end of 2013 the board can decide to purchase the product for everyone or make it available as an optional purchase.
- Determine Future of Fund – The board decided to award refund grants to each library due to unspent funds. Each county law library received an award equaling 33% of their 2012 statutory 2% contribution. This grant will cost the Consortium \$100,925.48 in 2013. This is a first step in determining how much money the Consortium needs to generate each year to operate. Once that determination is made, a discussion can be had on whether to alter the statutory 2% or not.

Follow up from 2011

- Financial Reports – We have received 85 of 88 2% statutory income payments for income received in 2010 (checks due in February, 2011) and 85 of 88 for income received in 2011 (checks due in February, 2012). The 2010 income totaled \$317,732.95 and the 2011 income totaled \$300,514.87. Expenses for 2012 totaled \$167,122. Due to the Consortium carrying a significant balance the Board has awarded each county a refund grant for 2013 which is the equivalent of 33% of their 2012 payment. Libraries will be able to deduct the amount of their grant in February, 2013. This grant program will reduce the Consortium's statutory income in 2013 by around \$100,000.
- Consortium Web Site – The dispute with the Department of Administrative Services has not been resolved, and as a result the Consortium still does not have an official web site. After a great suggestion from one of our county law libraries, I did create a Facebook page for the Consortium <http://www.facebook.com/SCOCLL>. Hopefully we will have a real web site soon.