

Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries
Law Library Resource Board
December 2013 Report

Thank you for the warm welcome and support as I began my term as the Executive Director of the Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries in September of 2013. We are continuing with the work that Angela Baldree, former Executive Director, and the COCLL Law Library Resource Board began in 2011.

- Library Visits – Ms. Baldree previously completed visits to each of the counties. I visited a County Law Librarian in November of 2013, and I remain ready to visit any Librarian or County Law Library Resources Board or Board member at their request. I am also available by email, telephone, and at Librarian meetings.
- In October of 2013 it was clarified for several Counties that their Library staff were indeed County employees and entitled to be treated accordingly.
- Online Database Negotiations – In the fall of 2013 we renewed the arrangement with Westlaw for an online offer. Please visit the website for details. Negotiations with Lexis, Wolters Kluwer, and Fastcase continue.
- Optional Grants – The Board again voted to offer \$80,000.00 in grants, in the areas of Technology, Education, Programming and Cooperation, during 2014.
- Cataloging Options – The contract with Library World was renewed and each County LLRB may participate at no cost to the local Law Library. Angela Baldree continues to shepherd this program.
- State LLRB Fund – Because of a continuing positive balance in the fund the Board decided to again award refund grants of 33% of their 2012 statutory 2% contribution to each County Law Library that had paid their statutory obligation. Contact has been made with those Counties that have not paid their statutory obligation.
- Website -- Thanks to Angela Baldree the Consortium website is up and running at www.COCLL.ohio.gov . Please take a look at the website on a

regular basis. We are using the website to post information regularly. Also, we have added a listserv which seems to be more effective at reaching everyone than were the group emails. (Do please let me know if the contact information for your county is different from that shown on the website.)

- Librarian and LLRB Training and Support – Numerous connections to the Ohio Revised Code, Attorney General Opinions, and State online links have been posted to the website. And a “Librarian 101” meeting has been planned for first quarter 2014.