

Hamilton County Law Library Resources Board

Minutes
January 6, 2011

Present: James T. O'Reilly, Michael Florez, John Cobey, William D. Bell, Sr., Mary Jenkins

James O'Reilly, Chair, called the January 6, 2011 meeting of the Hamilton County Law Library Resources Board to order at 12:45 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2010 were approved as written.

Mr. O'Reilly noted that Mr. Florez has been reappointed to a new term on the Board. Mr. O'Reilly was re-elected as chair of the Board.

Ms. Jenkins presented the Librarian's Report in writing and highlighted several points: Subscriber fees are coming in regularly. The statewide CLLRB consortium is established and determining staffing requirements and negotiations priorities. The new reference librarian has acclimated well to her duties, including development of a CLE and training calendar. Ms. Jenkins noted that the mandatory 2% pay-in to the statewide CLLRB consortium will be due shortly. She estimates it at \$15,000.

Next, Ms. Jenkins requested Board permission to attend the American Association of Law Libraries' Vendor Colloquium near Chicago in late February. This program is by invitation with expenses paid by AALL. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

Next, Ms. Jenkins requested Board permission to provide modest administrative support to the Cincinnati Law Library Association, including attendance at its board meetings. Mr. O'Reilly moved that the Law Librarian be authorized for nominal involvement in matters of the Association. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously, with discussion centering on the Association's historical stewardship of and current support of the Law Library.

Next, Mr. Florez asked for an update on implementation of the county offices policy, related to R.C. 307.51(G). Ms. Jenkins reported minimal interest in cooperation around acquisition of legal information resources. Mr. Florez urged continued efforts for the benefit of the county.

Next, Mr. O'Reilly appointed a committee including himself, Mr. Cobey, and Mr. Bell, to conduct an annual performance review of the Law Librarian.

Under new business, Mr. Florez asked whether there might be economies of scale in licensing LexisNexis and Westlaw at the county level. Ms. Jenkins noted R.C. 307.51(G) and the statewide consortium as opportunities to achieve cooperation and savings, assuming interest on the part of county offices and consortium agreement.

Ms. Jenkins asked for Board guidance on a request for meeting room space for commercial purposes. The Board directed to Law Librarian to examine county policy on the matter, generally. The Board reaffirmed its policies regarding use of space by county officials, staff,

paid subscribers, and the public. Further, lacking county policy language to the contrary, the Board declined to entertain requests for use of the space for commercial purposes, voting to reinforce current library use policy by adding "for law-related work and for law library-sponsored functions" and expressly disallowing commercial solicitation.

Ms. Jenkins asked for Board approval of paid advertising for legal information resources and services in the Law Library's newsletter, at the discretion of the Law Librarian. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

The next meeting of the HCLLRB will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

There being no additional business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jenkins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Mary Jenkins
Law Librarian & Director