

*Minutes of the Meeting of the
Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards
October 17, 2018 2:30 p.m.
Marriott Kingsgate, Cincinnati, Ohio*

The Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards (hereinafter “Consortium”) held a meeting on October 17, 2018 at the Kingsgate Marriott in Cincinnati, Ohio. The following Board Members were in attendance: Chair Hon. Charles Schneider; Ken Kozlowski; Shara Parkomaki; and Secretary Kathleen M. Dugan. Also in attendance were Executive Director Jennifer Jones, Assistant Director Angela Baldree, and Kari Hertel on behalf of the Ohio Attorney General’s office. Other in-person attendees are listed on the attached sign-in sheet, and Ardis Stein participated by telephone.

Judge Schneider convened the meeting at 2:32 p.m. and thanked the organizers of the meeting. Judge Schneider then called for approval of the Minutes of both the June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting and the September 6, 2018 Special Meeting. Upon motion of Ken Kozlowski, seconded by Shara Parkomaki, these Minutes were unanimously approved.

Jennifer Jones then provided a financial report, stating that the Ohio Supreme Court switched its system in July at the end of its fiscal year end. All grants for the current cycle have been submitted, and one county law library has already filed its report. She also indicated that the County Law Library Survey Committee is working on a report to be distributed within the next few weeks.

Ron Vest advised that the Advisory Council met on April 26, 2018 and discussed its charter, a core collection for county law libraries, and suggestions to present when they are formalized. Judge Schneider asked that the Advisory Council prioritize the core collection for small libraries that cannot afford many resources.

Judge Schneider then announced that he is retiring from the bench at the end of the year. He would like to continue serving on the Consortium Board because he is still active on the OJI Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference (“Conference”), which is his appointing authority. As a result, he will check with the Conference to see what it wants to do going forward.

The next item for consideration was a request from the ORALL County Law Libraries Special Interest Group (“SIG”) for financial assistance for its Spring 2019 meeting. The SIG requested an allowance of up to \$150.00 per person for attendees over 75 miles from the conference site in the form of a hotel night stay the day before the event. Lauren Morrison added that the venue will keep costs low, and it is valuable for everyone to get together. Upon motion of Judge Schneider, seconded by Shara Parkomaki, the SIG request was unanimously approved.

The next item for consideration was a Matthew Bender book proposal for 2019—a total of approximately \$60,000.00 for 88 copies of 8 books for all county law libraries. Jennifer Jones indicated separately that Page’s Ohio Revised Code will experience the largest increase in price, and the Ohio Jury Instructions (“OJI”) renewal is not until March of 2019. An informal consensus of the room indicated that attendees continued to want the books. As a result, Shara Parkomaki moved for approval of the Matthew Bender purchases, Ken Kozlowski seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The next item for consideration was a proposal from Fastcase. Judge Schneider said he has heard criticisms of the optional grants and requests for expansion into online products. He indicated that the Consortium does not have \$70,000.00 for Fastcase for all county law libraries unless it eliminates the optional grants. Kathleen M. Dugan made various comments, including that: county law libraries already receive Casemaker free from the Ohio State Bar Association; Fastcase and Casemaker provide the same primary law,

and Casemaker additionally offers OJI and OSBA jury instructions; Fastcase is not offering remote access to its products; county law librarians recently responded at a prior meeting that they do not always have projects every year for grant funds; and there was a second proposal from Fastcase to roll out graduated discounts to individual libraries that would like to purchase the product on their own. Several librarians in attendance made comments that: the scope of Fastcase does not compare to either Lexis or Westlaw; vendors may charge more for Lexis or Westlaw to libraries that will no longer be providing passwords to the private bar; Lexis and Westlaw will not sell their online products to the Consortium; it would be good to have the option to offer Fastcase since the large vendors that often hold county law libraries hostage on pricing; Fastcase would not be of benefit and grants would be lost; and Fastcase and Casemaker are comparable products. Shara Parkomaki asked if the issue could be tabled to ascertain the actual needs of the small libraries. When Angela Baldree suggested that this would be the largest gathering of county law librarians for a decision, Ms. Dugan informally polled attendees to learn that several libraries have Casemaker but are not even using it, only 4-5 would use Fastcase if it were purchased, and several are already planning to seek new optional grants. Jennifer Jones indicated that the same county law libraries tend to apply for optional grants every year. Deb Ward suggested that smaller libraries may not even know how to apply for grants, although she has found that the Consortium is not very particular. Ms. Dugan commented that it appeared that the grants were valuable to those in attendance. She also made alternative suggestions to consider if others want to try Fastcase by a) reducing the number of books the Consortium purchases for everyone or b) paying for law library subscriptions under the second proposal from Fastcase. Judge Schneider then made a motion to adopt the \$70,000.00 Fastcase proposal for in-house subscriptions for all 88 county law libraries, and Ken Kozlowski seconded the motion. When the motion went to a vote, Judge Schneider and Ken Kozlowski voted in favor of the motion, Shara Parkomaki and Kathleen M. Dugan voted against the motion, and the motion was defeated. Judge Schneider asked Ms. Dugan to remind everyone about the Casemaker option.

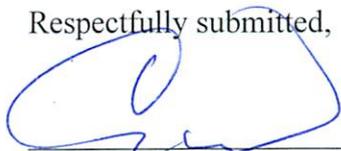
Discussion then turned to the topic of refund grants to reduce the yearly statutory dues that county law libraries pay to the Consortium. Judge Schneider indicated that he would like to keep the 25% refund grants, but the Consortium needs to remain financially sound. As a result, he will be proposing that grants not be awarded every 5 years, excluding 2019. Shara Parkomaki then moved to institute 25% refund grants for 2019 based on 2018 statutory revenue, Kathleen M. Dugan seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Jennifer Jones then indicated that the Consortium will probably meet in early December of 2018. Susan McGrew then thanked Kathleen M. Dugan for working with Lexis to eliminate extraordinary shipping costs for the recent update to Ohio Probate. Ms. Dugan said she checked with Lexis representative Jennifer McKenna about future shipping fees based on weight, but Lexis has not made a decision about what it will do yet. In addition, Judge Schneider indicated that the Consortium would follow-up with Lexis.

Discussion then turned to optional grants for 2019. Shara Parkomaki then moved to offer optional grants in 2019. Ken Kozlowski seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Judge Schneider asked the Advisory Council to look at the optional grant process after the 2019 cycle.

Judge Schneider then adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hon. Charles Schneider, Chair



Kathleen M. Dugan, Esq., MLS, Secretary

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2.	Tracy Davis	Richland
3.	Deice Fagle	Thomson Reuters
4.	Kim Crowther S	Clermont County
5.	Susan Balard	Advisory Bd. - UC
6.	Laura Navels	Lucas County
7.	Cheryl York	Brown County P.L.
8.	Laura Morrison	Hamilton County
9.	Amber Barnhart	Summit
10.	Juli Jones	Delaware
11.	Lisa Sarty	Ottawa
12.	Sandy Murphy	Lake
13.	Susanina Mendez	Franklin
14.	Brenda Williams	Montgomery
15.	Douglas Baldree	Franklin
16.	May Merges	Anguize
17.	Melinda Wörthen	Champaign
18.	Kathy Morford - Fell	Tuscarawas
19.	Quanita Kinnison	Washington
20.	Susan McGraw	Mahoning
21.	Deb Ward	Hancock
22.	Jennifer Jones	Franklin
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