

THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Law Library Member:

In lieu of a fall newsletter, I am writing to draw your attention to several issues of significance to you as a member of the Cleveland Law Library Association. I invite your comments and urge you to attend the annual meeting on January 9, 1989.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Cleveland Law Library Association will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 9, 1989 in the Arthur W. Fiske Reading Room, Room 404, Cuyahoga County Courthouse. Agenda items include the nomination and election of Trustees, establishment of the membership assessment for 1989, voting on the proposed changes in the dues structure, and the Librarian's report.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The following proposed changes in Article III of the Constitution of the Cleveland Law Library Association will be submitted to the membership at the meeting on January 9. Caps and brackets indicate new language; interlining deletes old language.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

A. Classes of Members. There shall be the following classes of members:

1. Regular Members. Any natural person may become a member of this association by paying the current operating assessment.

[2. STUDENT MEMBERS. STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ANY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY BECOME MEMBERS UPON PRESENTING PROOF OF STUDENT STATUS AND PAYING THE CURRENT STUDENT ASSESSMENT. STUDENT MEMBERS SHALL NOT VOTE IN ANY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF ITS AFFAIRS.] (Formerly Art. III C)

[3. STUDENT ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ANY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY BECOME STUDENT ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR A THREE (3) MONTH CONSECUTIVE PERIOD IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR, UPON PRESENTING PROOF OF STUDENT STATUS AND PAYING THE CURRENT STUDENT ASSOCIATE ASSESSMENT. STUDENT ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SHALL NOT VOTE IN ANY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF ITS AFFAIRS.] (Formerly Art. III C)

Former section A2, Statutory Members, redesignated at section A4.

[B. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS. ANY MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE FULL USE OF THE LIBRARY AS LONG AS HE SHALL PAY ALL CHARGES ASSESSED AGAINST HIM AND ABIDES BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LIBRARY. IF SUCH MEMBER DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY DENY HIM FULL USE OF THE LIBRARY AND RETAIN HIS PAID ASSESSMENT.] (Formerly Art III a(1))

Former section B, Non-members, redesignated as section C.

[[D]C. [Membership Assessments.]

[1. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT] At each annual meeting, the regular members of the association shall approve any change in the assessment levied against each membership for use of the library during the current calendar year, which assessment shall be due March 1st following each annual meeting and may be subject to such discount for prompt payment as the board of trustees shall determine.

~~Lawyers becoming regular members of the association at any time during the first five years following their admission to the practice of law shall pay only the following portion of the annual operating assessment: fifty per cent (50%) during the first year, sixty per cent (60%) during the second year, seventy per cent (70%) during the fourth year, and ninety per cent (90%) during the fifth year following their admission to the practice of law. Thereafter, they shall pay the full annual operating assessment. Students shall pay fifty per cent (50%) of the annual operating assessment while attending any accredited school. Student associates may become members and have access to the library during any consecutive three (3) month period, in any calendar year, by paying twenty five per cent (25%) of the current annual operating assessment for such calendar year. Students and student associates shall not be regular members with voting privileges.~~

~~A person who becomes for the first time a member of the association during any calendar year shall pay a pro-rata portion of the operating assessment applicable to his membership for that calendar year.~~

[2. RATES. DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION, REGULAR MEMBERS SHALL PAY TWO THIRDS OF THE ANNUAL OPERATING ASSESSMENT. DURING THE SECOND YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP AND THEREAFTER, REGULAR MEMBERS SHALL PAY THE FULL ANNUAL OPERATING ASSESSMENT. STUDENTS SHALL PAY ONE-HALF THE ANNUAL OPERATING ASSESSMENT AS LONG AS QUALIFIED FOR STUDENT STATUS. STUDENT ASSOCIATES SHALL PAY ONE-QUARTER OF THE ANNUAL OPERATING ASSESSMENT FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THEY QUALIFY FOR STUDENT ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.]

[3. PRORATION FOR NEW MEMBERS. A PERSON WHO BECOMES FOR THE FIRST TIME A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING ANY CALENDAR YEAR SHALL PAY A PORTION OF THE OPERATING ASSESSMENT APPLICABLE TO HIS CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP, PRORATED TO THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR QUARTER.]

[4. REMISSION OF DELINQUENCY.] Remission of any delinquent assessment, in whole or in part, may be granted by the Board of Trustees, but only in cases of undue hardship.

Former sections D (Termination of Membership) and E (Cancellation of Membership) redesignated as E and F respectively.

#### ARTHUR W. FISKE

It is my sad duty to report that Arthur W. Fiske, Librarian of the Cleveland Law Library Association from 1935-1984, passed away on November 14. Letters of condolence may be sent to Art's sister, Mrs. Alice F. White, at 2455 Lee Road #310, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, and daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Robinson, 4622 Waldemere Avenue, Willoughby, Ohio 44094.

### WESTLAW SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Board of Trustees agreed to support a new Westlaw sponsorship program, making Westlaw available to members of the Law Library in their own offices.

Under this plan, the Library bears primary responsibility for all billing, and is liable to Westlaw for all usage charges. The member receives a monthly bill for actual use at \$4.00/min. (\$6.60 for Allfiles), and communication and connect charges at \$.51/min., and will remit payment directly to the Library. There is no minimum use or subscription charge. Training is free at the law Library or \$70.00/person in your own office.

The Board recognizes that this plan entails considerable risk for the Library, and therefore decided that each subscriber must pay a deposit of \$200.00 to the Library, to be retained for the duration of the agreement and applied to any delinquencies on the subscriber's account. Interest earned on the deposit will be retained by the Library in lieu of handling surcharges.

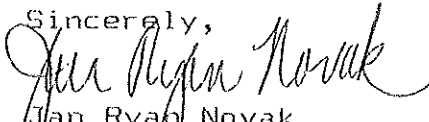
These rates apply to Westlaw usage on your own equipment in your own office. We also offer Westlaw usage in the Law Library at a rate of \$3.00 per minute, as well as Lexis at the Ohio State Bar Association rates.

Subscription agreements are available from the Librarian.

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Please keep your blue and white membership cards, as they will not be replaced in 1989. Staff members will validate your existing card upon payment of 1989 dues.

On behalf of the Trustees and Library staff, I wish you a Happy Holiday season, and look forward to working with you in 1989.

Sincerely,  
  
Jan Ryan Novak  
Librarian