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Mr. Frank Parker,
Attorney at Law,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Frank:

A group of attorneys in this city, with the approval of
the Greensboro Bar Association, is attempting to establish
a central law library here. I am a member of the committee
appointed to draft a charter and by-laws for the proposed
corporation, which will operate this library.

We understand that such a library has been operated success­
fully in Asheville, and would like very much to know something
of your experience and your set-up with this library. I would
appreciate your turning this letter over to the manager or head
of your library association with the request that he answer
as many of the questions, which I am setting out in this letter,
as he will.

1. Is your library association incorporated? If so, No
   is it an eleemosynary or a profit corporation?

2. Are shares issued to the members? No

3. If your association is not incorporated, to whom
do the books belong?

4. Does any person once a member of the association
have any equity or share in the books belonging
to the association after his membership expires?

5. Is the use of the library extended to any persons
other than members?

6. Are dues and assessments made on each individual
member or on some other unit, and if the latter,
on what unit? Are firms compelled to secure
memberships for each member of the firm upon the
same basis as the same number of individuals?

7. How much do the dues or assessments per unit amount
to per month or per year? You may not care to answer
this question.
8. How many members or units upon which assessments are made does your association have?

9. How are the dues or assessments collected?

10. Who determines what books shall be bought?

11. How many volumes does your library consist of?

12. What is the approximate expense of maintaining your books only, that is, to keep the sets up-to-date without the purchase of new sets?

13. Do you allow books to be taken from the library to offices, etc?

14. Does your local Bar Association sponsor or have any control over your library?

15. Where is your library located?

16. Do most of the attorneys in your city have their offices in one building?

17. In your opinion, is a central law library feasible where it is to be located in the courthouse and the lawyers of the city are not largely congregated in one building nearby?

18. What is the percentage of loss of books per year, expressed either with respect to the value of the books in your library or to the number of such books?

I hope that answering these questions will not put you to a great deal of trouble. Certainly your answering these questions, or as many as you will, will be of great benefit to us. Any further suggestions or advice will be greatly appreciated.

With best regards.

Yours very truly,

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