

Oklahoma Chapter - Association of College & Research Libraries
April 25, 1997
Tulsa University, Special Collections, Satin Room

Minutes

Attendees: Steve Locy, President
Beverly Jones, Treasurer
Melissa Cast, Secretary
Laura Bottoms, OBIC
Thomas Thorisch
Bob Patterson
Victoria Swinney

Absent: Mary Evans
Sharon Saulmon
Rhonda Harris Taylor

Previous Minutes: Approved. Minutes are posted at
<http://www.library.okstate.edu/dept/hss/locy/acrl>.

Treasurer's Report: Previous month's balance: \$2,628.07
Expenditures: 169.83
Deposits: 65.00
Current balance: \$2,523.24

Treasurer also submitted a listing of all the OK-ACRL members and whether indicating whether they are members of OLA and/or ALA.

Newsletter Report: Beverly Jones received the returned newsletters and will remove those names from the mailing list.

Next issue is due in mid-June. The contact list needs to be updated.

OBIC Report: The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 1997 at OU to learn about their Gateway project.

OLA Conference: Items completed include: slips for drawing for free Fall Conference registration; two signs entitled "If you are an ALA-ACRL member..." and "If you are not an ALA-ACRL member..."; copy of by-laws; and banner. National ACRL brochures are ordered. Booth registration is paid for and there will be a sign up sheet for manning the booth.

Fall Conference: The Fall Conference date is tentatively set for Nov. 7th. Phil Moss is scheduled to speak. Shelley Phipps is unavailable but will look for an alternative speaker at Arizona. Other possible speakers include Don Riggs at the University of Michigan's library school, Maureen Sullivan who is involved in many different library activities, and Tom Shaughnessy at the University of Minnesota Library.

Several options were discussed for the format of the Fall Conference. 1) Three speakers in the morning - Phil Moss, someone from Arizona and a third speaker with a broader, more

visionary scope. The afternoon session would be either a panel discussion of state library professionals or break out sessions divided according to the 3 morning speeches.

2) Two speakers and a reactor panel in the morning. Phil Moss would speak to what is happening in the state. The second speaker would deal with the big picture around the country, what's being done elsewhere and articulate the biggest trends (for example, shrinking resources, distance learning). The reactor panel would be made up of various library professionals with representatives from administration, public services and technical services. The afternoon would consist of break out sessions divided according to the major trends from the morning sessions.

All agreed on the second option.

For the conference site, we will check with Sharon Saulmon at Rose State and with OSU-OKC.

Other business: Rhonda Harris Taylor submitted a proposal for the National ACRL Professionals in Academic Libraries Award. Proposal was approved with two amendments: winners will also receive OK-ACRL chapter membership and that the section describing the Fall Conference be changed to reflect the change in the format agreed upon earlier in the meeting today.

Jeanette McQuitty will ask for approval to reissue the check from OLA to us minus the check cancellation fee.

Regarding the question of merging with OLA's University and College Division, Patterson asked if anyone knew how much overlap there was between the two organizations. It was reported that there seems to be little active participation within the University and College Division. Concerns for a merger included increased paperwork, red tape, financial pressure to at least break even on projects, and higher dues. It was agreed to survey the OK-ACRL members and informally discuss it with OLA officials.

Jones presented a proposal to produce an index of Oklahoma-related publications. It included a list of tentative titles and the questions involved. A similar index is part of a job description at OLA, although the publications would probably be only Oklahoma State publications. Nothing is being done on the index at the present time. The position has recently become empty and the index is probably not a high priority. Oregon is doing something similar as a cooperative arrangement between the state library and librarians around the state. Three options were presented: 1) to let ODL do it and it will probably be only Oklahoma State publications; 2) create an OK-ACRL subcommittee to look into our group doing it; and 3) go back to ODL, express our interest and what we want to see in the index.

Next meeting will be June 6th. The meeting place will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Cast, Secretary