

Oklahoma Chapter - Association of College & Research Libraries  
June 6, 1997  
OSU, Edmon Low Library, 2nd floor Conference Room

Minutes

Attendees: Steve Locy, President  
Melissa Cast, Secretary  
Rhonda Harris Taylor, President-elect  
Beverly Jones, Treasurer  
Laura Bottoms, OBIC Chair  
Charles Brooks, OLA-UCD  
Thomas Thorisch  
Mary Evans  
Victoria Swinney, Past President  
Robert Patterson

Previous Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$2,523.24  
Deposits: 165.20  
Expenditures: 35.00  
Balance: \$2653.44

Newsletter: The next issue will come out the 3rd week of June. It will cover the Fall Conference, a call for participants for the reactor panel, information regarding the next OBIC meeting and the proposal from the Council of Oklahoma Academic Library Directors to the Regents.

OBIC Report: OBIC met May 23rd at OU to learn about their Gateway Program for freshman retention. A couple of the OU librarians serve as instructors in small sessions. They also demonstrated their Web Page instruction for their group.

Next meeting will be held at Tulsa University, on September 26th. Charles Brooks will demonstrate their Web Page instruction.

Post MPLA/OLA Conference: Four ALA members signed up at the booth. Only one person showed for the Friday, 5:30pm Members meeting. Various reasons for low turn out were discussed - lack of rooms and times, being out of the loop when it came time to register for room and time, OLA Members meeting was still going on at 5:30pm, etc. It was suggested that next year we reconsider having a booth.

FALL CONFERENCE: ACRL Speakers's Program may provide up to \$750 for a speaker, either Maureen Sullivan or a member from the ACRL board. We should hear next week.

Rose State was chosen as the conference site.

It was decided that the format would be the following:

8:30am - 9:30am Registration  
9:00am - 9:45am Phil Moss  
9:45am - 10:30am National ACRL Organization Speaker  
10:30am - 10:45am Break  
10:45am - 12:15pm Reactor Panel (one representative from each group: library director, reference, tech services, serials)  
12:15pm - 1:30pm Lunch  
1:30pm - 2:30pm Break Out sessions with the reactor panelists  
2:30pm - 3:00pm Wrap up

The Panelists will facilitate the Break Out sessions and should focus the sessions on their positions and encourage the group to look at the national issues involved. The Break Out groups should develop proposals/suggestions for Phil Moss and the National ACRL Speaker to take back to the Regents and to ALA-ACRL.

The title of the conference will be Information Technology Challenging Libraries and Librarians.

OTHER BUSINESS: Rhonda Harris Taylor's proposal for the paraprofessional grant was approved by ACRL for a funding of \$600. We will need to advertise the award in the next newsletter and include an application form. Deadline will be Sept. 30th.

The winner of the drawing for free registration to the Fall Conference is Jan Ferris of Rogers University - Claremore Campus.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of merging with OLA's University and College Division. Charles Brooks served as representative of OLA-UCD and felt that since it would not be a simple merger that it should be discussed with the OLA Board. He felt there might be a conflict with between OBIC and OLA's Library Education Division (which will be meeting soon to determine its mission). Bottoms also expressed interest where OBIC members would fit in OLA. Would the OBIC members be required to join OLA?

One option might not be a merger but work on developing a closer relationship between the two organizations.

Pros mentioned to the merger - More clout in the state We would be in the loop within OLA  
Concerns mentioned - Membership fees OLA's policy that conferences must make money

It was decided that the next step would be to meet with OLA informally and determine what is expected on their divisions and perhaps request that OLA create a subcommittee to meet with and OK-ACRL subcommittee.

Also we need to survey the OK-ACRL members in the September issue. Locy will write a pro and con essay on the issue. Additionally, it was suggested to contact the National ACRL to learn what relationships currently exist between state ACRL groups and state library associations.

Kay Boies would like ACRL and OBIC meeting information for the OLA Calendar of library events.

It was suggested that OK-ACRL sponsor a message board at OLA next year.

Next meeting will be July 11, 1997 at Weatherford. The group will meet at 11:30am for lunch and then meet afterwards.

Submitted by  
Melissa Cast