

Oklahoma Chapter-ACRL
March 6, 1998
Edmon Low Library, OSU, Stillwater

Minutes

Present: Rhonda Harris Taylor, President
Steve Locy, Past President
Melissa Cast, Secretary
Thomas Thorisch, President-elect
Don Gilstrap, Board

Absent: Susan Hahn, OBIC Chair
Anne Prestamo, Board
Mary Evans, Board
Laura Bottoms, Treasurer

Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's report: No report.

Newsletter: Next issue will contain the President's column on how people can be involved with OK-ACRL. Thorisch will write a column on the Fall Conference. Everyone on the board needs to provide their current addresses and email addresses.

OBIC: The next meeting will probably be in Tahlequah. Date to be decided.

OLA Conference: No update on the message board.

Nominations committee: We need to appoint a nominations committee. Thorisch will organize the committee. It was suggested to ask past presidents to help. Thorisch will contact Victoria Swinney.

ACRL National Conference: Thorisch and Harris Taylor may be going to next year's conference. Harris Taylor handed out a paper calling for state groups to participate.

Fall Conference: Amigos is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 18, 19, 20. OSU-OKC is available for Nov. 6. Gilstrap reported that the UCO Library can probably sponsor the conference and that all Fridays in November are available there.

Possible registration fee - \$20-25.

Several key issues were discussed in terms of possible topics for break out sessions: our changing identities, prioritizing our service, technical support, staffing and outsourcing, traditional services, copyright issues, other libraries serving distance education students, and support from administration. It was decided to have 3-4 break out sessions.

Harris Taylor asked that we identify the issues we're most interested in so she can check with UCD for overlap with what they're doing at the OLA conference. It was suggested that we ask for input from members. Members could email their ideas or respond to a

questionnaire on the OK-ACRL website. Flyers advertising the web site could be handed out at the OLA conference. Locy volunteered to set up a questionnaire with Gilstrap assisting him.

Possible speakers include those discussed last week, Bill Gates, and Jere Roberson from UCO. Richard Madaus in Florida might know of someone with Solinet. And perhaps someone from ECLSS.

We discussed several topics for the speakers.

- what services do the users want
- how do you think the library should change
- learning styles in distance education
- communication issues
- training and support
- who are the students
- how to make the grand vision a practical actuality
- students want access at home (when they have trouble how can we get help to them)
- what do database vendors think about distance education
- economics/what is the allocation of funds

The topics seemed to go back to three broader issues: 1) access needs; 2) training and technical support; and 3) communication.

A possible schedule was looked at. After registration, we'll 30-45 minutes for each speaker with a break after the first two. Next lunch followed by break out sessions. Then regroup for summaries.

Possible titles: Are you being served? Distance education from vision to reality or reality to vision? Lost in Space

Meeting closed by looking at the OK-ACRL webpage.

Next meeting: May 15, 1998 at 1:00pm, OSU Edmon Low Library, Stillwater

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Cast