

Oklahoma Chapter - Association of College and Research Libraries
May 14, 1999
OU School of Library Science Conference Room
Norman, OK

Minutes

Present:

Tom Thorisch, President
Susan Hahn, President-Elect
Laura Bottoms, Treasurer
Julia Crawford, Secretary
Edwin Wiles, OBIC Chair
Anne Prestamo, Board

Thorisch called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes of April Meeting: Thorisch called attention to typo in the intended domain name change: should read "okstate.edu" not "okstat.edu". Hahn moved to accept, Bottoms seconded, minutes approved with change.

Treasurer's Report: Bottoms received two memberships, for an increase in total of \$10. Beginning balance (4/16/99) of \$3,241.42. After the two membership dues were deposited, OK-ACRL has an ending balance (5/14/99) of \$3,251.42. Hahn moved, seconded by Crawford, report accepted.

OBIC Report: Wiles reported that Debra Spindle of the OKC Metropolitan Library System will speak July 16.

Newsletter / Web site: Prestamo will be requesting newsletter items after she is back in the office, June 1. She reported that she anticipates slim news submissions by the reporting institutions. The board should forward newsworthy tidbits to her by June 15. Possibilities include upcoming conferences, new web sites, etc. Crawford's brief article on the Patent & Trademark Library has been turned in; Crawford will contact Rankin to remind of June 15 deadline regarding her piece. Prestamo will contact Karen Bays regarding reciprocal news items for OLA Newsletter.

Crawford agreed to serve as the contact with the OSU Library Systems department, to facilitate the change to a new domain name. Crawford further announced that unapproved minutes will be uploaded to the OK-ACRL minutes pages. Board members will be alerted to the addition of new minutes, rather than sending email messages with attachments in various formats.

Incorporation: Thorisch brought copies of pertinent sections of the bylaws. Bylaws indicate that the board is entitled to make decisions regarding the practices of the organization. Further, the board is following the ACRL National Office mandate to incorporate or affiliate. Prestamo moved to retain the services of Steven Holcombe, Attorney of Stillwater, Hahn seconded, motion passed. Bottoms wrote a check for \$350 to be deposited in Holcombe's Trust Account.

Thorisch suggested that Holcombe be advised of the bylaws' address, so that he can review and recommend changes. Holcombe will be invited to the July 9 board meeting to recommend bylaws changes and advise the board on the time line for incorporation. Hahn suggested that Thorisch's "President's Address" in the upcoming June newsletter focus on the incorporation issue, and that all membership be invited to the July 9 board meeting. It was further recommended that the board meeting be prominently advertised on the web site, as well as the fact that a vote of the general membership would be taken at the Fall Conference. Prestamo also suggested that a form be created for the web site, so that members could voice their opinions electronically.

Fall Conference: Hahn mentioned that UCD is planning a workshop for November. Crawford will recheck dates for home football games. Group agreed to tentatively plan on October 29, 1999 pending availability of site, speakers and no conflict with conferences and home ball games.

Board agreed that they liked the title "Millennium Librarian," and a focus on positive aspects of changing profession. Taylor's earlier suggestion of OU SLIS professor Claire McNerney was again discussed. It was decided that as a practitioner who recently returned to school and is now engaged in professional education, Dr. McNerney should be able to shed light on what the "new professionals" will look like; what is around the corner & how we can prepare for it. She will further be able to discuss how to attract new librarians into the profession. Thorisch will contact McNerney regarding her willingness / availability to present at workshop.

Prestamo shared her knowledge of Pitkin & Meachen: Pitkin's focus tends towards organizational change in the face of technology; while Meachen's focus leans towards librarians as people. Prestamo expressed that either would be excellent speakers for the conference. Bottoms suggested that Prestamo contact both out-of-state speaker possibilities, to see if their schedules allow for the tentative Oct. 29 conference date. Thorisch suggested that the board discuss via email possible topics that the speakers should address. These email discussions will take place in lieu of June board meeting.

Crawford will check on the availability of CITD seminar room 108 or 109 for Friday, October 29. Crawford and Prestamo will keep Thorisch apprised of progress.

Other Business: Thorisch called the board's attention to Article 8, Section 4 of bylaws "Special Interest." Thorisch posed the question of whether or not OK-ACRL could sponsor workshops, other than the usual Fall conference, under the auspices of this section. The group agreed that nothing prohibits this function, and further, it would be a very positive activity. It was decided that a practical skills workshop would be explored for Spring of 2000, specifically, late February - April were suggested. Prestamo suggested something along the lines of subject-specific searching, that we are all required to do, but is not our main area of expertise. It was agreed that such a workshop would enhance visibility, and assist with finances.

Next Meeting: The board will meet at 1:00 on July 9 in room 204G of the CITD building, Oklahoma State University. Business luncheon to be held from 11:30-12:45 at a location to be disclosed later. Crawford will forward the retainer paid to Steven Holcombe, and invite him to attend this meeting.

Bottoms moved to adjourn, Hahn seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted May 18, Julia Crawford, Secretary

