

Oklahoma Chapter - Association of College and Research Libraries
December 1, 2000
Marco's Italian Restaurant
Edmond, OK

Minutes

Present:

Susan Hahn, President
Tom Thorisch, Past President
Audrey DeFrank, Treasurer
Ona Lou Britton, Board
Molly Murphy, Board
Darcy Rankin, Board
Julia Crawford, Vice-President/President Elect
Marilyn Moore, Incoming Board Member
Beth Reiten, Incoming Secretary

During lunch, Julia mentioned that there is no procedure in the bylaws to break ties in elections. Some of the suggestions made were a coin toss (Darcy), drawing straws (Molly), drawing lots (Julia). Nothing was decided, and it was left at inviting input through the newsletters and discussing it with the membership at the conference next fall.

As this was an informal meeting, it was never really called to order. We just began after the lunch dishes were cleared away:

Treasurer's report -- Audrey DeFrank

Audrey had two handouts; the past three fiscal years' "Statement of Cash Flow" and a breakdown of the FY2000 Statement of Cash Flow for the fall conference. We made money this year! Cash balance as of 12-1-00: \$4,014.75. Expenses were low for this year's conference -- down by close to 60% from last year. Reasons: we only had to pay for one hotel room and virtually no lunches. Most of the speakers were local, and we actually only fed one of them. For next year's conference, we should be able to afford hotel and flights for two speakers.

Vice-President/President Elect's report -- Julia Crawford

Julia brought the ballots and evaluations from the conference along with her. Madeline (staff member at the PTL) created a spreadsheet with the evaluations information, which Julia handed out. The numbers across the top were the ranking options, with an added "0" for "no answer." The numbers within the chart are the number of responses for each ranking option. The back side of the handout is a compilation of the text responses received for questions 1 – 3. We then discussed some of the responses – everyone was hoping for a clear lead towards a topic for next year, but no one idea really appeared. Susan and Julia both pointed out that Dennis Aebersole's comments about the fact that the library is just one more department on campus was something everybody needed to hear. Most of us were sort of uncomfortable hearing that, but it was valuable to have him say it. The ballots and evaluations will be passed along to Beth Reiten when Jim Winterbottom passes the secretary duties and materials over.

President's report – Susan Hahn

Susan admitted that she had a major confession to make: Anne Prestamo's recognition certificate is still in her office! She then presented Tom Thorisch and Darcy Rankin with their recognition certificates.

Darcy thanked everyone and said that she enjoyed being on the board; that OK-ACRL is a very professional organization, as are the meetings/conferences. She also extended an invitation to have a meeting in Langston. A small side note: Darcy reported that Langston has gotten a large number of barely used computers from the Census Department. Apparently, they buy a huge number of computers for the census, and then they give them away.

Gwen Dobbs sent her OBIC notes along with Molly – Jay Ramanjulu is the new chair of OBIC.

Susan thanked everyone for a very good year. She and Julia will do their switchover at January's meeting.

January's meeting will be in Stillwater on Friday, January 5th. More details to follow.

Newsletter discussion:

Things to consider for the next newsletter: a conference wrap-up; the membership form for 2001, and Audrey will write an explanation of the dues schedule; the election results; and Susan's last president's address. Tom will dig up the library contacts email list – before the next issue, a request for information will be sent to all OK-ACRL libraries. Newsletters are sent in March, June, September, and December. Tom suggested trying an altered newsletter, where we would only send out one sheet (front and back) with the headlines and maybe a teaser paragraph of each article, providing the URL for the full articles online. It was decided that more thought would need to be put into that, maybe polling the membership to see what the reaction would be to moving to a more online newsletter.

Julia asked if we could maybe have a bylaws brownbag at the OLA conference like they did last year. Susan pointed out that they may not allow us to do that again since we've incorporated since then, and may now be considered competition.

Meeting was wrapped up at 2:25.