No Minutes or Treasurers Report

OLA Brown Bag Report, Gwen: We had an attendance of 15 at our OLA Brown Bag event. We presented the topics we were considering for our fall conference to members present—Fundraising and Information Literacy. The members overwhelmingly preferred Information Literacy to Fundraising, specifically institutionally embraced Information Literacy programs. There was discussion about the lack of any such programs in Oklahoma and a desire from professional librarians at different institutions throughout the state in starting dialogue with their administrations about such programs. Members also discussed the state-wide database subscriptions and models at work in other states for consortium pricing. There was interest in OK-ACRL taking a leadership role in advocating this issue on a broader level.

OBIC Report, Jason DuPree: OBIC held a table talk @ OLA—22 people attended, including several public librarians--and 1st timers!! Membership forms were available.

At the last meeting attendees voted to approve the name change of OBIC to COIL (Council for Oklahoma Information Literacy). The Coil board has opted to postpone elections this year to get timing back on track. The next Coil meeting is May 31st @Rose, 1:30pm. Beverly Joyce and Tom Thorisch will be presenting their OLA workshop on Learning Styles. The May 31st meeting may be longer than normal OBIC/COIL meetings. The last Friday in October @OCCC will be COIL’s Conference-10/25/02

Gwen will check OLA and Amigos conference calendars for confictions--Gwen suggested a double OK-ACRL/COIL conference--Jason said they had planned to invite SLIS student papers--Gwen suggested we could have a poster area or session for student papers. Sherry suggested that might be a good idea because travel $ will probably be cut next year and people could attend one instead of two conferences.

We tabled the idea for Jason to take to COIL. Jason pointed out that COIL had already had the space and date @ OCCC if we were still considering dates and locations for the OK-ACRL conference.

Move to packet for discussion of suggested names of speakers for fall conference--Cerise at top of the list.

There was discussion about identifying someone in the state--a general education expert—or someone who deals with accreditation. Board members agreed to look for prospects at their own institutions and bring it back to the board. Sherry suggested calling
prospective speakers to get an idea of speaking ability and interest. Gwen said she would contact Cerise to see if she was willing, check on dates, and her cost, as well as sound her out on people, and the general education person idea. We agreed there was a big emphasis on retention on campuses. Gwen suggested the board look at the U of Arkansas and their general education and minority retention programs. She mentioned an article in CRLN recently. Jason mentioned that we might need to address the idea of how do you do more for less, with the cut in state funding everyone is experiencing.

Any IL program would need to consider staffing concerns. He suggested we ask librarians in the area what have they done to address demands for increased workloads. How they take on more teaching duties. How they incorporated evaluation of information into the classroom. Jason also pointed out if we do poster sessions we have to put the call out early—preferably in July. Two speakers--breakouts and poster sessions--what about Gen ed, person.

A lot depends on what Cerise says.—Gwen reiterated that if anyone knows anyone in general education to feel free to approach them of send their contact information to Gwen. Jason suggests that if we cant find a general education professional we consider a panel of professors. Sherry seconded the idea and noted that English faculty are generally very interested in IL and how to assess improvements in IL.

Gwen reminded everyone to peruse the packets with the list of prospective speakers and let Gwen know any thoughts on speakers or topics.

Gwen will contact Cerise first of next week and report back.—Susan reminded us that Cerise's schedule determines it all.

Susan announce that she was the new SLA/Ok chapter Vice President and if we had any dual programming interests they would be happy to work with us, perhaps for a joint program in the spring. Currently they are considering bringing Laura Gassaway again.

Next Meeting:--In June, it was decided to wait and email the board for meeting date and place preferences.

Sherry asked for clarification of newsletter duties. Gwen suggested that she and Marilyn get together electronically to work out the particulars of deadlines and content.

Meeting adjourned.