

**Oklahoma Chapter – Association of College and Research Libraries**  
**April 11, 2003**  
**University of Central Oklahoma**  
**Edmond, OK**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Beth Reiten, President  
Gwen Dobbs, Past President  
Jason Dupree, Vice President/President Elect  
Gina Minks, Secretary  
Christina Biles, Board

Beth called the meeting to order at 1:00

**Minutes:** The minutes from the February and March meeting were approved with two minor changes. The title of Gina Minks was changed to Secretary from Incoming Secretary on the February and March minutes and the attendance for the March meeting was changed from “Eight OK-ACRL members were also in attendance” to “Eight OLA participants also attended the meeting.”

**Treasurer’s Report:** No Treasurer’s Report was given.

**Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be sent out in approximately a month and a half. Christina reported that she has gotten positive feedback on the PDF format of the newsletter. She hopes to highlight the Fall Conference in two issues. Christina has also received an offer for copies of the OK-ACRL Newsletters back to 1990.

**Brown Bag:** Eight OLA participants attended the Brown Bag meeting held in conjunction with the Oklahoma Library Association meeting. Gwen thought the low attendance at the meeting was perhaps due to strong competition from other sessions. In addition, the group that did attend the Brown Bag meeting did not give much feedback about a Fall Conference theme. It was suggested that next year, the board should look at the OLA schedule before deciding to have another Brown Bag meeting.

**Conference Topics:** Beth likes Gerard Puccio of the International Center for Studies in Creativity at Buffalo State University “Creativity in the Workplace” as a topic for the Fall Conference. She will be talking to Susan Hahn from SLA soon for a cost breakdown. Christina has concerns about the cost of the seminar verses the value.

Beth asked for other ideas for the Fall Conference. The topic of Digitization in Oklahoma was brought up as a possible conference topic at the Brown Bag. After discussion, it was decided to be too specific to attract a large audience. Gwen suggested that perhaps we should look at interesting speakers verses specific topics. She suggested

perhaps the new Academic Librarian of the year or someone who would attract administrators. Jason suggested something on virtual reference but the annual Virtual Reference Desk meeting is in San Antonio this year so many people may be planning on attending that. Beth suggested Karen Schneider from Blue Highways as a possible speaker.

Gwen suggested that we need a price breakdown on the costs involved with co-sponsoring the "Creativity in the Workplace" seminar with SLA before we make a decision. Beth stated that she will send out the information about the costs and wanted everyone to send feedback.

**New Business:** Beth asked if there was any new business.

- Christina will continue to send out the newsletter in as both regular mail and PDF for members. She has been able to fix many of the broken email addresses.
- Beth has talked to Steve about sending out a mailing for people to update their contact information. Christina suggested that perhaps we should also verify our member list against the National ACRL list.

**Next Meeting Location and Date:** The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2003, 1:00 at the University of Tulsa

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Minks, Secretary