

Oklahoma Chapter - Association of College and Research Libraries

March 9, 2007

Redlands Community College, El Reno, OK

In attendance: Kate Corbett, David Oberhelman, Jason Cimock, Edwin Wiles, Jason Dupree, Laura Teske, Lauren Donaldson.

Approval of Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm. The board read over the minutes from the February meeting and Corbett moved to accept; Teske seconded; motion carried unanimously. Oberhelman commended Donaldson for her minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Oberhelman presented the report in the absence of Kiem Ta. He also stated that the work on the 501 (c) (3) documents continues. Ta later submitted a report to the board via email. Her report states that the balance as of today is 4,025.71. She continues work on the membership list, both national and state chapter members.

COIL Report: Dupree stated that he did not have a report to submit this month. The next meeting of the COIL board will be held at Oklahoma Christian University 10:00am-12:00pm on April 13, 2007. Lunch will be held after the meeting at the university food court.

Update on new interest sessions: Oberhelman stated that Robin Leech will hold the first meeting of the distance education group on April 27th. The meeting will be held at the OSU Stillwater campus. Kate mentioned that interest groups may also want to consider meeting virtually. This led to a discussion on blogging and whether or not OK-ACRL should start a blog aimed at academic librarians in Oklahoma. Cimock volunteered to explore the blogging software in use at his library and report back to the group. The group responded favorably to the idea but decided to table the discussion for now. Oberhelman encouraged the board to bring examples of blogs to the April meeting where we will discuss the topic further.

Conference planning: Oberhelman opened the discussion for brainstorming and various members offered their ideas. Corbett distributed copies of the OCLC article, "Are you asking the ultimate question?" by Tom Storey. Donaldson reported that she recently attended the American Democracy Project conference held at UCO last month. She enjoyed the keynote speech "Is this Really MySpace of the World is Watching?" presented by Tom Zeller, Jr. Mr. Zeller is a technology and society reporter for the Business section of the New York Times. Donaldson brought a short speaker bio and a few of Zeller's articles for the group to look over.

Oberhelman mentioned social networking as a possible conference theme and stated that he will attend sessions related to the topic while in Baltimore for the

ACRL conference next month. Corbett discussed some of the aspects of this theme that she would like to see covered if we decide on this topic. The discussion continued with Dupree mentioning some related ideas. He would like to see us tie together several technology themes under the heading of “unconventional librarianship.” Attendees would pick and choose from various sessions with local speakers each demonstrating new technologies. OSU-Tulsa has several computer labs which may be an appropriate place to hold this type of conference. The Tom Steed Center at Rose State College is another option as well.

Oberhelman asked the group to let this idea percolate and we will discuss it in more detail at the next meeting. He hopes to begin contacting speakers this summer. Corbett would like to see us offer a chat room during the conference. Her vision is that this would be a place for people to meet over coffee and discuss how they hope to implement new technologies at their library.

The group began discussing possible conference dates. It was decided that Oberhelman will contact Tom Thorisch to ask if October 26 or November 2 are available for the OSU-Tulsa location. He also asked the board to think of local technology speakers.

New business: Begin thinking of ideas related to our blog and be prepared to discuss at the next board meeting.

Old business: Corbett asked if any new items have been added to the archives recently. Oberhelman reported no and went on to describe the purpose of the archives for the benefit of new board members. A discussion ensued and it was decided that there may be some items on file that would be good to feature on the OK-ACRL website. A list of past chapter presidents along with conference dates and themes was mentioned.

Next meetings: The next meeting will be held on April 13 at Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond following the COIL meeting that same day. The group discussed the meeting schedule for the next three months. A few members will not be able to attend the May 11th meeting so the date was rescheduled for May 4th and will take place at OSU-Tulsa. The June 8th meeting will be held at Langston and the July 13th meeting at Rose State College.

The board would like to thank Christian Detlaff for facilitating the use of the Redlands Community College meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:36pm

