

Oklahoma Chapter - Association of College and Research Libraries

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Oklahoma Christian University

Edmond, OK

Attending were:

David Oberhelman, Jason Cimock, Jason Dupree, Laura Teske, Tom Thorisch, Lauren Donaldson.

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm. The board read over the minutes from the March meeting and Thorisch moved to accept; Cimock seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Oberhelman presented the report in the absence of Kiem Ta. He stated that the balance as of today is 4,722.00. Ta is currently working on a project checking association financial records against the bank records. She will meet with Steve Locy (past-treasurer) if she has any questions.

Oberhelman also reported that Dr. Rhonda Harris Taylor recently mailed the board a check for \$150.00 to cover the cost of the sign language interpreter from the December board meeting. He offered a special thank you on behalf of the board to Dr. Taylor for her generosity. He also mentioned that Dr. Taylor made a helpful suggestion regarding ADA compliance. All OK-ACRL conference registration forms will now include an option that allows those needing special accommodations to indicate their needs on the form.

COIL Report:

Jason Dupree reported that the group has come up with a solid date for the summer workshop. The event will be held on July 27, 2007 with a tentative location of NSU Broken Arrow. The theme will be "Unconventional Library Instruction."

Communication:

Oberhelman began by announcing that Dupree will be serving as our association webmaster. The two of them are in the process of getting him set up to do this in an official capacity.

Cimock has volunteered to work on the OK-ACRL blog. He has been in contact with his colleague at UCO and he reported that ColdFusion is used to host the Chambers Library staff blog. We may need to ask UCO about hosting our blog if the OSU version is not compatible. A discussion regarding OK-ACRL blog content ensued. Cimock suggested that one person be responsible for the initial set-up and technical side of the blog but all board members would contribute content. The members responded positively to this idea and it was decided that a reasonable goal would be for each person to submit one blog entry per week. Thorisch mentioned that it might be good to solicit academic library news and events from Oklahoma library directors and highlight these on the blog. Dupree suggested that OU SLIS students from Dr. Taylor's Academic Library class may be interested in exhibiting student websites on our

blog. The group also decided that an editorial policy needs to be in place before we debut the blog. The plan is to begin blogging this summer. Oberhelman will send an announcement to the listserv as we draw closer.

Oberhelman next spoke to the board about the newsletter. He raised the question that perhaps now is the time to move away from a traditional paper newsletter. The board would use the blog to convey the information that was previously found in the newsletter. The response from those present was overwhelmingly positive and it was decided that OK-ACRL will no longer mail out a newsletter.

Timetable for Presidents: Donaldson presented the conference planning timetable she had assembled. The group looked it over and submitted suggestions and items to be included. She will revise the timetable and present a final version to the board in the next few months. The plan is to include the timetable along with other helpful planning documents in either a board wiki or "President's Toolkit" section of the OK-ACRL webpage. Oberhelman thanked Donaldson for her work on the timetable.

Conference: The group began with a discussion on the various topics they would like to see covered under the conference theme "Unconventional Librarianship." Cimock reported that he recently attended the ACRL conference in Baltimore. He described an interesting session on "PennTags" <http://tags.library.upenn.edu/> --a social bookmarking technology made into a research tool developed by the University of Pennsylvania Library.

Thorisch mentioned that he would like to see us include a segment on marketing libraries in order to promote what we do. He also suggested including time for a creative activity that would represent our conference theme and act as an ice breaker in the morning.

Oberhelman stated that we may want to use local speakers for the new technology demonstrations and bring in an out of state person for the keynote speaker. He mentioned contacting Anne Prestamo, Alan McKiel, and Sharon Saulmon for links to local technology speakers.

Cimock suggested another speaker from the recent ACRL conference--David Silver, University of San Francisco, Media Studies professor. His conference topic Digital Media, Learning and Libraries: Web 2.0, Learning 2.0, and Libraries 2.0 would tie in well with our theme.

Dupree also recommended Robert Zemsky, Chair and CEO of The Learning Alliance for Higher Education.

The discussion then turned to scheduling, location and financial considerations. A tentative schedule for the conference was established with a 9 to 10am keynote address and two afternoon breakout sessions running concurrently. Teske reported that Rose State is available on October 26. This would include use of the large auditorium and two classrooms. Thorisch stated that OSU-Tulsa is also available on October 26 but not November 2nd. The University has several wireless laptop computers or he can reserve the library computer lab for our use. It looks like the November 2nd date is definitely out of the running so Oberhelman asked Thorisch and Teske to

check on November 9th. This would give us another option.

Oberhelman added that he would like to work towards obtaining corporate sponsorship for the conference this year.

Old business:

none.

New business:

The group discussed candidate nominations for next year. Teske will begin the process of compiling candidates and it was decided that we will aim to send out the ballots on October 1. The election results will be announced on December 1. Board members were encouraged to send any candidate nominations to Laura Teske at lateske@rose.edu.

Next meetings:

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 4th at OSU-Tulsa. Thorisch will send an email announcing a restaurant for lunch and other details.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Submitted by Lauren Donaldson