

Oklahoma Chapter - Association of College and Research Libraries

May 4, 2007

OSU-Tulsa

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

Approval of Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 12:45pm. The board read over the minutes from the April meeting and Teske moved to accept; Corbett 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 4,902.74.

COIL Report: Oberhelman presented the report in the absence of Jason Dupree. He reported that the group is still on target for the July 27th workshop date. On May 25th the next COIL meeting will be held at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

A group will get together immediately after the COIL meeting to begin organizing the distance education interest section. Oberhelman stated that he would like to aim for late summer to launch the access services interest section. This led to a discussion regarding the multicultural librarianship interest section. Corbett mentioned that many academic libraries serve the international student population. It was decided that this will also be a topic to explore further as it may be of interest to many librarians throughout the state.

Blog Discussion: Oberhelman began by describing what was discussed last month for those who weren't able to attend the April meeting. We are in the process of looking at blogging software. He spoke with Adri Edwards-Johnson who suggested <http://edublogs.org>. This would be a free product with the option to upgrade to premium services for a fee.

Cimock suggested a product called WordPress <http://wordpress.com/> that he and Jason Dupree have recently explored. This is a free source but we would need to meet certain system requirements. Cimock demonstrated a basic blog that he had set up using WordPress and he also showed the board the Edublogs website.

Corbett suggested contacting another ACRL chapter to find out what software they are using for their blog. Thorisch expanded on his suggestion from the last meeting to include news and events from Oklahoma academic library directors. He would like to include photos of various academic libraries and invite directors to showcase them on our blog each month. Oberhelman stated that he would like the board to make a final decision on the blogging software at the next meeting.

Conference Plans: Oberhelman described a tentative conference day agenda based on what was discussed at the April meeting. He also mentioned that OLA-UCD is open to the idea of partnering with our group for advertising purposes. He feels that our conference theme will tie in well with several workshops they are currently planning.

The group then began discussing speakers. The following names were suggested:

David Silver, Media Studies professor, University of San Francisco
<http://artsci.usfca.edu/servlet/ShowEmployee?empID=577&deptID=14>

Greg Tanenbaum, President of the Berkeley Electronic Press
<http://www.bepress.com/>

Robert Zemsky, Chair and CEO of The Learning Alliance for Higher Education
<http://www.irhe.upenn.edu/ExpertsDt.php?Id=1>

Meredith Farkass, Distance Learning Librarian, Norwich University
<http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php/about-me/>

Lynn Connaway, OCLC
<http://www.oclc.org/research/staff/connaway.htm>

It was decided that Oberhelman will contact David Silver as well as the following local speakers:

Jason Dupree (IM Reference)
Ann Prestamo (AquaBrowser)
Adri Edwards-Johnson (Blogging and RSS)
Podcasts

Teske agreed to contact Meredith Farkass.

The board then attempted to create a detailed agenda but decided to wait until after the speakers have been contacted. General goals based on a loose time frame for the day were established:

Keynote speaker (An out-of-state person to speak on a general “big picture” topic)

Break

Second speaker (Another out-of-state person to speak on a practical “hands-on” level)

Lunch

Afternoon breakout sessions (3-5 local speakers in computer labs)

Date and Location: Oberhelman reported that he has received several requests from members to hold a conference in Tulsa. We are looking at OSU-Tulsa in early November. The board discussed several dates and decided to try for Thursday, November 8th.

Old Business: The group continued discussing candidate nominations for next year. Board members were encouraged to send any candidate nominations to Laura Teske at <lteske@rose.edu>

New Business: We will host an open board meeting in July. This will be a good opportunity for those considering running for an office to see what goes on at our meetings. Anyone interested in joining our meetings is welcome to contact David Oberhelman d.oberhelman@okstate.edu or any board member for more information

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for June 15th at Langston University. Corbett will send an email announcing a restaurant for lunch and other details.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.