



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

As 1998 draws to a close, it is an appropriate time to reflect on this year's accomplishments of the Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL. First, I, and all of the other members of the OK/ACRL Board, want to express our appreciation for your interest and participation in the November 14 Fall Conference on distance education. These conferences are not possible without YOU! If you want to see Anne Prestamo's snapshot collage of the conference, check out the Chapter's web site at <www.library.okstate.edu/okacrl/Conf98.htm>

Second, I want to acknowledge the hard work that your Board has invested in the goals articulated in the Chapter's constitution: "...provide opportunities for professional growth and communication among academic and research librarians; encourage the exchange of ideas and information relating to library development; and enhance library service to all users of academic and research libraries in the state." In monthly meetings and via copious e-mail correspondence, the Board /Officers committed time and energy *above and beyond* to forward these goals on behalf of the membership. While *thank you* does not seem to be a strong enough expression of gratitude, I, and you, the Chapter's members, owe a huge *thank you* to the following individuals:

Immediate Past President: **STEVE LOCY** (Oklahoma State University); who also served as Co-Editor of the Chapter's quarterly Newsletter and Co-Webmaster of the Chapter's web site

President-Elect: **THOMAS THORISCH** (Tulsa Community College); who also served as Chair of the Nominations Committee for the 1999 election of Chapter Officers/Board Members



- ◆ **RHONDA HARRIS TAYLOR** (outgoing president) passes ACRL-OK President cap to **THOMAS THORISCH**.

Secretary: **MELISSA CAST** (Northeastern State University), whose timely distribution of minutes kept the Board informed, and as they were posted on the Chapter's web site, kept you informed, too

Treasurer: **LAURA BOTTOMS** (Rogers University, Claremore), who kept us on budget, and who handled all the details of the Fall Conference registrations

Board Member: **ANNE PRESTAMO** (Oklahoma State University); who also served as Co-Editor of the Newsletter and Co-Webmaster of the Chapter's web site, and who volunteered as our "official photographer" for the Fall Conference

Board Member: **MARY EVANS** (East Central University), who graciously accepted an invitation to complete a vacated board slot, and who brought us the wisdom of her previous experience on the Board

Board Member: **BETSY TONN** (University of Central Oklahoma), another person who smiled when we asked her to complete the term of a vacated board slot (even though she was also new on her job!)

OBIC Chair: **SUSAN HAHN** (University of Oklahoma), who also wore at least seven other hats during the Fall Conference!



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

- ◆ **THOMAS THORISCH**, 1999 ACRL-OK President, is planning a “Brown Bag Lunch” meeting for all members during the OLA Annual Conference, March 1999. All ACRL-OK members are being asked to attend and to offer input on two issues, one a proposal involving a change in our bylaws and the other a consideration of the direction for the future of our organization.

1) Currently *ARTICLE X. Nominations and Elections. Section 2 of the ACRL-OK bylaws deal with elections of the Board of Directors. Rhonda Taylor, 1998 ACRL-OK President, has proposed changes to allow voting of the Board members during our annual conference. The ACRL-OK Board has noticed a large percentage of ballots returned if ballots are distributed during the day of the conference. At the last two Annual Conferences ballots were collected the day of the conference and were also accepted by mail. ACRL-OK Chapter members who did not attend the conference were mailed ballots. Keeping in mind this approach to increasing membership participation in the election process, the Board has agreed to the following changes in the Bylaws:*

Current Reading: “Ballots shall be mailed by October 15 and returned by November 15.”

Proposed Change: “Ballots shall be provided to members present at the annual Fall Conference for on-site voting; members not present will receive a ballot by mail. All members will be offered the opportunity to return ballots by mail. Ballots must be returned and counted by November 30.”

2) *The ACRL Board at their 1998 Annual Meeting has stated that each ACRL state chapter must incorporate or belong to an incorporated state association by the end of the year 2000. There has been some discussion at the ACRL-OK Board meetings about the issues associated with being incorporated or joining OLA. Though several ACRL state chapters are affiliated with their state library association, most notably Texas, the ACRL-OK Board members would like your opinion how to proceed since it may necessitate a change in our bylaws and organization.*

- ◆ If you want your opinion known please contact any Board member and/or come to meeting to be held during the OLA Annual Conference. Check the ACRL-OK Chapter’s web page <www.library.okstate.edu/okacrl/intro.htm> The meeting time, date and location will be posted as more details are forthcoming.



- ◆ **THOMAS THORISCH** (incoming president) and **LAURA BOTTOMS** (secretary) at the Dec. 8 Board Meeting.



CONGRATULATIONS! **NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS** **& BOARD MEMBERS**

◆ **President-elect: SUSAN HAHN.**

Business/Economics Reference Librarian, Bizell Library, University of Oklahoma. Susan received her MLS from Indiana University in 1992 and was previously a Reference/Bibliographic Instruction Librarian, Roberts Library, at Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi.

◆ **Secretary: JULIA CRAWFORD.**

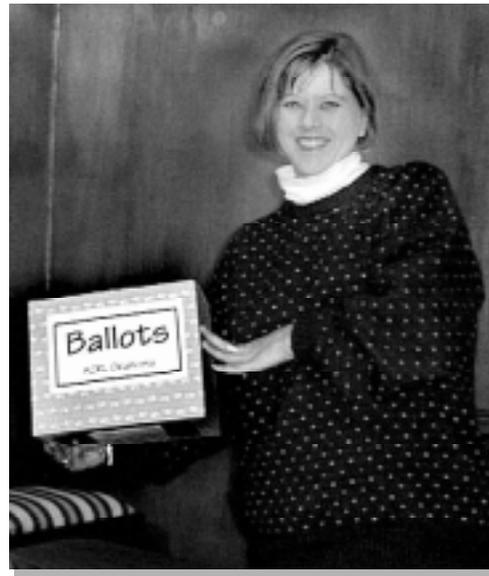
Patent and Trademark Librarian, Assistant Professor, Oklahoma State University Libraries. Julia received her MLIS from the University of Oklahoma and also has a BS in Mathematics from Southwest Baptist University. Previously she was a Medical Librarian at St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield, MO, and the Resource Center Assistant Manager at the Oklahoma Dept. of Vocational and Technical Education, Stillwater, OK.

◆ **Treasurer: LAURA BOTTOMS.**

Acquisitions and Reference Librarian, Thunderbird Library, Rogers University, Claremore. Starting her second year as treasurer, Laura received her MLS from the Simmons Graduate School of Library Science, Boston, MA. In addition she has a MA, from Tufts University and a BA from Carleton College. Her last position was at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa.

◆ **Board Member: DARCY RANKIN.**

Reference/Instruction/Acquisitions Librarian, Lamar Harrison Library, Langston University, Langston. Darcy received her MLS from the University of Oklahoma and received a BA of Fine Arts from Oklahoma State University. Her previous position was at Oklahoma State University as Humanities/Social Sciences Librarian.



◆ **SUSAN HAHN**
(president-elect)
receiving ballot box for next year's election.

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Oklahoma Library Association's University and College Division Chair: **CHARLES BROOKS** (University of Tulsa), **THOMAS BIGGS** (University of Tulsa), and **JONATHAN WOLTZ** (Southwestern State University), for their commitment and investment in our mutual goal of cooperation.

Also owed a debt of gratitude are these individuals who served on the 1998 Board until retirement and job move, respectively, took them on to other endeavors: **ROBERT PATTERSON** (University of Tulsa) and **DON GILSTRAP** (University of Central Oklahoma)

Third, on a personal note, in my two years as President/Elect and President of the Chapter, I have to say that I have never ceased to be amazed and delighted by the energy, the enthusiasm, and the dedication to task that I have seen exhibited by your OKACRL Board Members and Officers. Thank you, also, to the OKACRL membership for giving me the opportunity to work with these wonderful professionals. To each of the Board members: THANK YOU

Finally, please welcome the 1999 officers you have elected by communicating with them. Throughout 1999 offer them your ideas, your reactions, your attendance at the 1999 Fall Conference.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE FINANCIAL REPORT

- ◆ How did the ACRL-OK Annual Conference do financially?
LAURA BOTTOMS, Treasurer, has supplied the following breakdown:

PARTICIPANTS:

Paid Registrants: 65

Speakers, Helpers, and Honored Guests: 10

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 75

EXPENSES:

Speakers \$ 1,170.14
(travel, meals, honorarium)

Other Expenses \$294.07
(conference mailing, coffee/donuts, printing)

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 1,464.21

INCOME:

REGISTRATION: \$ 1,763.00



- ◆ **LAURA BOTTOMS** (treasurer) and **MELISSA CAST** (secretary) assist registrants during the annual conference.