

OBS Business Meeting
July 12, 2004
Boston, Massachusetts

The OBS business meeting was called to order on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 5:15pm by Kevin Butterfield, OBS Chair.

Secretary/Treasurer Report—Michael Maben

The minutes for the 2003 business meeting in Seattle were published in the *Technical Services Law Librarian*, vol. 29, no. 1, September 2003. There were no corrections or changes, and the minutes were approved.

Election results: 310 ballots were sent out, with 123 returned. Two ballots were invalidated for arriving after the deadline. Richard Jost was elected vice chair/chair-elect and Caitlin Robinson was elected member-at-large. A motion was made to destroy the ballots and the motion was approved. Michael then thanked the nominating committee of Ismael Gullon, Corinne Jacox, and Barbara Szalkowski for their work, and for all the candidates who were willing to run.

Financial report: OBS had \$831.70 at the end of April, 2003. We received \$1890.00 in dues in 2003. Through the end of April 2004 our expenses were \$2947.45, leaving us with a balance of a negative \$225.75. Our expenses for the *Technical Services Law Librarian* are the single largest expense, and the board is looking at what to do concerning this problem.

Chair Report—Kevin Butterfield

Kevin reported on the SIS Council meeting. There will be a \$3.00 dues increase for SIS memberships, with the SIS's received \$1.50 of that. The AALL Professional Development Committee has ceased to exist. Its desktop learning series will be handled by *Spectrum*, and the SIS's will handle the electronic list discussions. The meeting matrix for San Antonio will be the same as in Boston.

The AALL Executive Board will experiment with electronic voting next year, with the SIS's switching to it after that (assuming it goes well). Richard will look at revising our bylaws to allow for electronic voting.

There have also been some problems with our mailing list with some members being dropped. We need to make sure this does not happen, particularly if we do move to electronic voting.

Reports of Committees and Representatives

CONNELL: Kevin reported that it went well.

OBS Table in Activities Area: Ruth Funabiki reported that it was going okay. We have our paperback exchange again this year, and we are raffling off President Clinton's autobiography.

TS/OBS/RIPS/CS Reception: Andrea Rabbia reported that it went well.

Education Committee: Georgia Briscoe reported. Six program proposals will be submitted. Roy Tennant or Marshall Keyes will be submitted as a speaker, with TS as a co-sponsor. The other programs are Federated Searching (#2), Table of Contents enhancements (#3), Electronic Routing (#4), Z39.50 (#5), and the MARBI report (#6).

Local Systems Committee: Corinne Jacox reported. The committee is looking to compile a new Law Library systems directory. It will not be printed but available as an electronic document.

OCLC Committee: Darcy Jones was absent. Barbara Szalkowski reported that the room was full to hear Chris Grabenstatter of OCLC speak about Connexion and other developments at OCLC.

RLIN Committee: Virginia Bryant submitted the report electronically. The committee updated their web page last fall, and they heard from RLG representative Nancy Elkington at their meeting on Sunday.

Web Advisory Committee: Anne Myers reported. Anne is stepping down as the webmaster and Shannon Burchard is taking it over. Our webpage has been cited by other SIS's as an example of an excellent SIS webpage. The members present then thanked Anne for all her work as webmaster.

Joint Research Grant Committee: Eloise Vondruska submitted the report electronically. One grant application was submitted, and the committee recommended funding. At the OBS board meeting, the board approved funding the mailing and copying costs. The board felt it could not do more because of OBS's poor financial condition.

Technical Services Law Librarian: Joe Thomas and Brian Striman reported. Joe stated that the June issue is out and that he has now completed his service as editor. The members thanked Joe for his work as the editor. Brian then spoke about the challenges, issues, and changes coming to *TSLL*. Kevin will start back up with the Internet column. There are a number of new columnists, including one for the Private Law Libraries column. Brian does not plan any major changes to the graphics. Financial issues continue to predominate, and Brian asked if we should switch from a "push" product (one which shows up in your mailbox) to a "pull" product (where you have to go out and get it from a website). Also there are preservation and archival issues. It is possible that we

have a commercial publisher take it on as a sponsorship. Brian will look at a number of options and issues. Kevin then added the discussion from the OBS board meeting on Saturday, and that the board will consider at its meeting on Wednesday to not support *TSSL* financially, at least temporarily.

Bylaws Changes

The proposed bylaws changes were approved by the AALL Bylaws Committee and mailed out to the OBS members in early June. Kevin presented the changes to meeting. There was no discussion and Anne Myers made a motion to amend the bylaws as recommended. The motion was seconded by Barbara Szalkowski. The motion was then approved.

Installation of Incoming Board Members and Incoming Chair's Agenda

Kevin then passed the OBS hat to Georgia. Georgia thanked Kevin for his work and presented him with a gift certificate to the Dugout Memories website. Georgia also thanked Anne, Joe, and Ruth for their service to OBS.

Georgia spoke about the coming year and the issues she wants to focus on: finances, bylaws revisions, and the strategic plan.

Announcements

Kevin announced that he had card for Ellen McGrath since she was ill and not able to attend the annual meeting. Kevin invited the attendees to sign the card at the conclusion of the business meeting.

Anne spoke about her work on the AALL Executive Board. The Board will be looking at strategic plans and ideas for that. Anne will be running a list discussion on this topic.

The meeting then adjourned at 6:02pm.

Respectfully submitted—
Michael Maben
OBS Secretary/Treasurer