

Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section  
Business Meeting  
July 18, 2005  
San Antonio, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 5:18pm by Georgia Briscoe.

#### Secretary/Treasurer Report—Michael Maben

Michael Maben reported that the minutes from the business meeting in Boston were published in the *Technical Services Law Librarian*, vol. 30, no. 1, September 2004. Michael asked if there were any additions or corrections. None were suggested and Michael made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

The election results were reported to the membership. Michael sent out 326 ballots and 130 were returned before the deadline. Susan Goldner was elected Vice-chair/Chair-elect, Kathy Faust was elected Secretary/Treasurer, and Stephanie Schmitt was elected Member-at-large. Michael then made a motion to destroy the ballots. The motion was seconded and approved.

Michael then thanked the Nomination Committee for their work. The members were Ruth Funabiki, Judith Vaughan-Sterling, and Mary Jane Kelsey, chair.

Michael then gave the financial report for the SIS. Michael reported that as of May 31, 2005, OBS showed a negative balance of \$1586.39. With TSSL now being published electronically and assuming the bylaws revisions pass eliminating the need for paper elections, we should be in better financial condition next year. Our dues income should be credited this quarter and we will have some expenses from the annual meeting. Michael thought that we should be close to even for the rest of this year and then we should begin to rebuild our funds after that.

#### Reports of Committees and Representatives—

##### CONELL Marketplace—Georgia Briscoe

Georgia reported she talked up OBS to the CONELL attendees.

##### OBS Table in Activities Area—Andrea Rabbia

Andrea reported that the table was all set up and available with the giveaways and raffle.

##### TS/OBS/CS/RIPS Reception—Caitlin Robinson

Caitlin reported that we came in under budget. There was a large turnout and we ran out of food. Innovative again sponsored this event and was happy with the results.

##### OBS Strategic Plan Committee—Kevin Butterfield

Kevin reported that the survey of the membership has been distributed and the responses are positive so far. The results will be compiled and reported in early autumn.

#### Education—Richard Jost

Georgia started by reminding the membership of the OBS programs still to be presented in San Antonio. Richard then reported that the committee met that morning. There was a workshop proposal on cataloging serials by Keiko Okuhara. Kathy Fletcher proposed a program on Google search replicas that incorporates a number of issues that Roy Tennant raised in his talks. Karen Selden suggested programs on voice recognition software, and Library of Congress bibliographic enrichment program. Mary Jane Kelsey had a suggestion on RSS feeds and the integration of outside resources in the catalog. Richard said that the deadline with AALL is August 15<sup>th</sup> and we have the non-AMPC option like what Technical Services SIS used this year. Anne Myers commented on the process and expenses with non-AMPC programs, but it also gives the SIS a lot more flexibility with programming.

#### Local Systems—Corinne Jacox

Corinne reported on 2 items. The committee webpage now has links to vendors with law libraries listed. Also Ellen McGrath and Corinne are working on a revision of the systems and vendors list. The committee will meet tomorrow during lunch.

#### Research Roundtable—Chris Long

The roundtable will meet tomorrow during lunch.

#### OCLC Committee—Michael Maben

Michael reported on the OCLC Committee meeting held on Sunday. The guest from OCLC was Bob Van Volkenberg. He discussed Connexion and the issues that OCLC sees coming after that. There were 23 people there and there was a lot of discussion. Michael reported that Pam Deemer will be the new chair of the OCLC Committee.

#### RLIN Committee—Virginia Bryant

Virginia reported that the March 1<sup>st</sup> rollout of the new interface has been fraught with problems. No representative from RLIN was able to come to the meeting. All comments on the new interface will be forwarded to RLIN.

#### Web Advisory Committee—

Shannon Burchard was unable to attend the meeting this year, but it was pointed out she had done an excellent job with the website.

#### Website of the Month—Karen Selden

This has been a regular feature on the OBS listserv and we have received some additional publicity from Margie Axtmann's column in TSL. Karen encouraged others to send in additional examples.

#### Joint Research Grant—

The report has been submitted on last year's grant. No new grant applications were received this year. Chris Long thanked OBS for the grant and how it helped with the publication of the article.

*Technical Services Law Librarian*—Brian Striman

Brian stated that the full report for the year will be in TSSL. Mary Strouse and Shannon Burchard have been the OBS representatives to the TSSL board. Brian thanked everyone who helped out with the publication this year. The URLs are all hot-linked now. The PDF version is fast and easy to produce, but the HTML version is more problematic. Hollie C. White is taking Shannon's place on the TSSL board, and Joe Thomas is stepping down from the board. Brian is working on a stylistic/author's guide, and he wants to revise the TSSL questions on the OBS and TS surveys for more and better information. There will be reports for all TS/OBS events in San Antonio. Brian also wants to get away from a "newsletter" publication look and feel, since we do not have the page restrictions when TSSL was a print publication. Brian reported that he presented a certificate of appreciation to Marie Whited at the TS business meeting for her contributions over the years to TSSL. The entire run of TSSL is now in electronic PDF thanks to Galen Fletcher and BYU and the indexing project is well underway as well. Finally Brian reported that the business manager position has been eliminated and/or morphed into an associate editor position to provide backup to the editor. At the conclusion of his report, Brian received a standing ovation as thanks for all his work as editor of TSSL.

AALL Centennial Committee—Caitlin Robinson

We are starting to talk about it, first among the board and then out to the list. Caitlin has been receiving some ideas. The TSSL index could be offered for sale.

AALL Centennial Variety Show—Sally Wambold

Sally discussed some skit production ideas with dramatic readers, etc. Sally wants to have a rough outline by September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

New Business—

Bylaws Revision—Richard Jost

Richard discussed the bylaws revisions that were distributed earlier this spring that would allow electronic voting and make additional changes. The Nomination Committee wanted to eliminate the requirement to have two candidates for every position. It was also proposed to change the bylaws amendment vote requirement from 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority to a simple majority. The last proposed amendment was to remove all unnecessary dates from the bylaws. The proposed changes were then discussed extensively by the members. Some people felt that having dates in the bylaws was preferred in order to have deadlines clearly stated. Changes were proposed but Richard pointed out that the AALL Bylaws Committee must approve any changes to SIS bylaws. Richard stated that AALL had approved these changes and it was most important to get the electronic voting approved. Richard's suggestion was that we vote on these bylaws as proposed and then if

we feel having dates are still important, we should look at it this year and have another bylaws revision ready for next year in St. Louis. Richard then made a motion to approve these bylaws changes as approved by the AALL Bylaws Committee. Anne Myers seconded the motion. Georgia called for a vote and the motion was approved.

Installation of Incoming Board Members—Georgia Briscoe

Georgia introduced the new board members present and then she passed the OBS hat to Richard. Richard then presented a thank-you gift to Georgia.

Incoming Chair's Agenda for 2005/2006—Richard Jost

Richard stated that he wants to seek more vendor support to build up our reserve funds. He also wants OBS to be more of an advocate with online vendors.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted—

Michael Maben

Secretary/Treasurer