

Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section
Annual Business meeting, July 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Richard Jost.

Kathy Faust presented the Treasurer's report. As of May 31 OBS had a balance of \$665.64 in our treasury. Kathy also reported on the results of the election. Andrea Rabbia is the new Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Corinne Jacox is the new Member-At-Large.

Appreciation was extended to Susan Goldner for providing Dove chocolates, which she distributed to each person at the meeting. She brought them as a thank-you for filling out the annual survey.

Richard went over this year's programs. The cataloging electronic serials workshop had 25 participants and was very successful. In addition we sponsored meetings/programs on the RLN/OCLC merger, federated searching, record sharing and two vendor showcases. In addition Richard was at CONELL.

Susan reviewed the program ideas for next year. They included programs on what managers should know about their ILS; WorldCat collection analysis; the University of California report on providing bibliographic services; institutional repositories; digitizing projects; non-traditional metadata databases; SCCTP workshop on MARC holdings; open source software; and a joint discussion with CS and RS to talk about problems with the OPAC. The vendor showcase was so successful that it will be done again next year with different vendors. Richard pointed out that the annual meeting will be one day shorter next year, but the same amount of meetings and programs will be taking place so that people will need to make even more decisions about which programs to attend. Richard also pointed out that the AV costs for official AALL programs are picked up by AALL, and the AV costs for the SIS's informal programs will be picked up by the SIS. Susan added that the vendors represented at the vendor showcase are picking up their AV costs.

Pat Callahan read Ellen McGrath's report on the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee was formed in April 2005. They decided to tighten up the OBS Mission Statement, retaining the three strategic directions and aligning the OBS plan with the AALL strategic plan. The merger of RLIN and OCLC came late in the revision process and the committee decided to use the term "bibliographic utilities" rather than name specific utilities. However since formal committees still retain the RLIN and OCLC names, the Strategic Planning Committee recommends that the committee names be changed and the strategic plan be modified accordingly. The Strategic Planning Committee removed specific mention of the Law Library Systems Directory since the format needs to be more flexible; removed specific language about the timing of the OBS annual survey; added the AALL publications and occasional papers series to the research and publication objective; added the creation of a FAQ for the OBS website; and added mention of the ALA ALCTS and LITA divisions as examples of organizations with similar interests to OBS. After the report was read the plan was adopted by a voice vote.

Brian Striman gave a report on the alphabet soup reception. Innovative gave us \$5500 this year, \$500 more than last year. More people showed up than were planned for. The food setup in the room was a little odd with a single file for the buffet table, but food was also being passed. This year the room was a little bigger than last year and there was perimeter seating. If we keep this reception on Saturday night next year it will be the same evening as the big opening reception.

Brian also gave a report on Technical Services Law Librarian. Things are going well. Although there are plenty of substantial articles, Brian would like to see more guest and feature articles. He will be proposing to the TSLI board that the Sept. issue be devoted exclusively to the conference. He is looking for a new law librarian to write a column for that issue. The 30 year index is almost done, but a publisher is yet to be found. He is also trying to make two versions of TSLI available—a PDF version and a true web-based product.

Caitlin Robinson reported on the activities table. Karen Selden was thanked for providing handmade gift cards, which will be raffled off.

Mary Jane Kelsey reported on the Local Systems Committee. They worked on the vendor showcase which was very

successful.

Ming Lu reported on the RLIN committee. Because of the merger of RLIN and OCLC this committee will be merged with the OCLC committee. There will be two sessions at the conference devoted to the merger. Susan Goldner mentioned that although there is now only one committee it will have two chairs, one from OCLC and one from RLIN. The current chairs will stay on for the next year.

Pam Deemer's OCLC report was read by Richard. There were four OCLC columns in TSSL over the year.

After the reports of the two bibliographic utility committees it was remarked that we need to clean up language in the by-laws about the bibliographic utility committee.

Caitlin Robinson had thank you gifts for Sally Wambold and Pam Deemer, both of whom were not at the business meeting, for their work in organizing the OBS entry for the centennial variety show, which was a dramatic reading of a MARC record.

Richard brought up the idea of forming a new committee on emerging technologies. It would start out its life as an ad hoc committee then change to a standing committee if warranted. It would need to stay distinct from Local Systems and when possible work with other committees in other special interest sections. Richard also proposed that we have a head of systems round table, where management issues could be discussed.

The official OBS baseball cap was passed to Susan to mark her tenure as the new chair. Susan in turn had two gifts for Richard. Since our treasury is a little empty she made him a beautiful ceramic jar that she filled with pieces of Dove chocolate. She also discovered he likes funky snowglobes, and presented him with a snowglobe of the White House (to much laughter).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Faust
Secretary/Treasurer