

OBS-SIS Business Meeting  
July 27, 2009

Minutes

Chair Michael Maben called the business meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Following the Chair's welcome, the minutes of the 2008 business meeting were approved as published in TSSL v.34, No. 1 (September 2008 as corrected).

**Officer's Reports**

Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Mary Strouse gave the elections and treasurer's report. An online election was held throughout the month of April. 102 votes were cast out of a possible 317. The following officers were elected for the 2009-2011 term:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect -- Kathy Faust, Lewis & Clark College  
Secretary-Treasurer -- Karen Selden, University of Colorado  
Member-at-Large -- Keiko Okuhara, University of Hawaii

As of May 30, 2009, the balance of the OBS account stood at \$7,781.47. However, this figure includes a pre-payment from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. towards 2009 Joint Reception expenses and does not reflect vendor reimbursements for 2008 annual meeting activities which are still outstanding but expected shortly. Additional non-reimbursable expenses for the current annual meeting are estimated at \$975.

Incoming Chair Patricia Sayre McCoy gave the Vice-Chair's report. This year the member survey was conducted online. Because no due date was specified during setup, the survey never closed and responses have continued to come in. As of the Annual Meeting, 108 responses were received. A broad theme in the comments was how much the members like and appreciate TSSL. It has been noticed that TSSL is now timely. At least one respondent, however, still pines for the printed edition. Members also requested more up-to-date information about OBS Board activities, and the incoming Board will consider ways to fill that need. Possible means include blogging, twitter and the existing OBS facebook page.

Member-at-Large Elaine Bradshaw (2008-2010) reported on the Joint Reception, which took place on Saturday evening at the Renaissance Hotel and was well attended. Because of higher-than-normal catering expenses this year, each of the four sponsoring SISs was asked to contribute an additional \$675 of their own funds toward the Joint Reception.

Member-at-Large Susan Karpuk (2007-2009) reported on the OBS activities table. Because of the compressed conference schedule, it is increasingly difficult to get volunteers to sit at activities tables. However, the effort is worthwhile because staffed tables attract significantly more attention. Candy and the paperback book exchange also attract people to the OBS table. Members (particularly those local to a meeting) should be encouraged to bring in more books.

Again this year, a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Amazon.com will be held at the OBS table on Tuesday afternoon just before the exhibit hall closes. The winner of the drawing will be notified by email and the card will be sent directly from Amazon. A new sign will be needed if the giftcard drawing is continued next year.

### **Committee Reports**

Susan Goldner reported as chair of the Nominating Committee. Other members were Pat Callahan and Janet Hedin. Six nominees were found for the three positions. The Committee particularly wants to thank those who ran but were not successful, and to encourage each of them to consider participating in future elections. There is a history of repeat candidates being chosen in subsequent elections.

Mike Maben reported on Education Committee activities leading up to the 2009 Annual Meeting. The committee began its work in June 2008 and put forward six proposals to AMPC. Three programs were accepted:

- B-6: MarcEdit: A Magic Wand For MARC Records
- C-3: Latest Trends in Library Automation: Building Creative and Inspiring Discovery Platforms
- F-6: Taking the Aggravation Out of Aggregators: An Update on Aggregator-Neutral Bibliographic Records

An additional three programs were self-sponsored by OBS. These include a roundtable with Terry Reese following his MarcEdit presentation, the post-conference Catalogers' Desktop/Classweb training sessions at Library of Congress, and The TOC Market Report: Undervalued TOCs Yield Huge Dividends presentation and roundtable on Tuesday.

Pat Sayre McCoy reported on Education Committee activities since June first of this year. The committee will meet the following morning at 7:00 AM. The deadline for final submission of proposals for the 2010 Annual Meeting is August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Potential topics for programs so far include open-source ILS systems, quality control in catalogs, ILS management, OCLC projects in networking and cloud computing, and a program on hiring new catalogers.

Mike Maben gave the Local Systems Committee report on behalf of Caitlin Robinson. The committee will hold local systems roundtables on Tuesday. No vendor showcase was scheduled this year.

Keiko Okuhara gave the OCLC Committee report. This year the committee again sponsored an OCLC Update led by OCLC's Glen Patton followed by a roundtable discussion. Turnout was good, with approximately 30 people for the update and fifteen remaining for the roundtable. Topics covered in the OCLC update included:

- Revised OCLC Record Use Policy
- New OCLC report titled *Online Catalogs: What Users and Librarians Want*
- New OCLC initiative "web-scale" Library Management Services

- WorldCat Local
- Expert Community Experiment – there has been positive feedback from both OCLC and members, and the experiment is expected to continue past its initial end date.
- xISSN Web Service

While the OCLC update is always informative, the committee is concerned that the annual presentations might run too long. Scheduling the update and the roundtable back-to-back makes for a 150 minute marathon.

The OCLC Committee's other major activity this year concerned the revised OCLC record use policy. The committee distributed information about the new policy via the OBS-sponsored OCLC listserv, solicited comments from members and shared the comments with OCLC. In addition, a resolution against implementation of the new policy was drafted by Mike Maben. The AALL Executive Board which approved the resolution and submitted it to OCLC. A program on the record use policy was organized for the TS-SIS hot topic slot this year.

Mike Maben gave the Web Advisory Committee report. Tim Knight has agreed to take over as OBS Webmaster. Kevin Butterfield resigned that position after accepting a position outside of law libraries. An initiative is already afoot to clean up the existing website in advance of an expected overhaul of AALL's web presence this Fall.

Pat Callahan gave the report of the Special Committee on Record Sharing. The committee drafted a Statement of Guidelines for Record Sharing which it submitted to the OBS Board in the Spring. The Statement was approved by the OBS Board at its meeting on Saturday, July 25, 2009. The statement will now be submitted to the AALL Executive Board for approval. Following that step, it can be distributed to vendors and other interested parties. Assuming successful adoption of the statement by AALL, the Special Committee may no longer be necessary.

The Special Committee's other major activity this year was contributing feedback to the draft resolution on the revised OCLC record sharing policy and helping to develop the TS-SIS hot topic program on the revised policy. Now that OCLC has withdrawn its flawed policy and appointed a group to develop its replacement, the Special Committee urges that some mechanism be found to gain AALL access and representation to the group charged with developing a replacement policy.

Chris Long gave the report of the Joint Research Committee. Again this year no grant applications were received. The committee has discussed strategies for encouraging applications, including a suggestion to alter the eligibility requirements so that student members may apply. Suggestions will be passed on to the incoming committee. If these actions do not spark more applications, the committee may propose dismantling the grant program or recasting it as a source of travel grants.

## **TSLL Report**

Editor Virginia Bryant gave the TSLL Annual Report for 2008-2009, a copy of which appears on the TSLL webpage. Timely publication has been the primary goal of the new editorial team. The most recent two issues came out on schedule. Virginia especially thanked TSLL staff Cindy May, Julie Stauffer and Martin Wisneski for their support.

There have been various transitions among column editors. In particular, Virginia thanked Chris Tarr and Maggie McDonald for their longstanding piloting of the serials title changes column and Ellen McGrath for organizing the techscans rss feed and keeping it going. All three are stepping down to pursue other projects. Kevin Butterfield's departure creates a vacancy on the internet column. Virginia is also hoping to encourage more special articles on current topics, and has already published several of these.

The TSLL Board received a proposal from Hein to include TSLL in a special online library of technical services resources. There are a number of questions to be resolved by AALL including copyright assignment. Preliminary discussions indicate members favor online access to TSLL.

## **Chair's Remarks**

Outgoing Chair Mike Maben described the year that was, beginning with an email survey of members last Fall on the question of continuing the Joint Reception. By and large, those who responded supported continuation. Rising costs may force reconsideration in future. There is pressure to cut back on social events.

There was much activity connected to the OCLC record use policy fiasco. The new policy was developed without member input and sprung on the Members Council at the very end of that body's November meeting. The record use policy was a hot issue at the ALA midwinter meeting, and the subject of an ARL report. Following petitions and discussions in various forums, AALL President James Duggan invited Mike to take the lead on drafting a resolution on behalf of the Association.

Mike sought comment from the OBS and TS Boards and from George Prager, Phyllis Post and Pat Callahan. His draft resolution in opposition to the policy was approved by the AALL Executive Board in April and forwarded to OCLC. Jennifer Younger, the Chair of the OCLC Review Board set up to hear objections to the record use policy, cited AALL's resolution in her presentation of the Review Board's report. On the recommendation of the Review Board, the record use policy was recently withdrawn and will be rewritten, this time with member input. In the meantime, OCLC's 1987 guidelines on record sharing remain in effect.

Chris Long rose to commend Mike for his leadership on this issue and for the elegance of his draft resolution. The meeting joined Chris in a round of applause.

Mike also moderated today's TS-SIS hot topic program on working with the OCLC record use policy. Speakers were Roberta Shaffer from Library of Congress, a member of the OCLC Review Board, and Pat Callahan, chair of the OBS Special Committee on Record Sharing.

This year OBS sponsored Bruce Johnson of Library of Congress as an Annual Meeting VIP. Mr. Johnson helped to organize the Cataloger's Desktop and ClassWeb training sessions to be held at LC on Wednesday. Mr. Johnson will attend conference programs and sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

In other OCLC news, Phyllis Post has resigned as AALL Observer to the OCLC Members Council a year before the end of her three-year term. Phyllis had accepted the appointment because of her proximity to Dublin, Ohio where the Members Council met. At the close of its most recent meeting, the US-based Members Council was disbanded in favor of a new worldwide governance structure. It is not yet clear what the replacement structure will be. There is talk of a US regional council which will meet in connection with meetings of ALA. Phyllis did not feel she could make the commitment to travel to one or more meeting a year. As the new governance structure is clarified, AALL and the OBS Board will consider how best to represent their members interests with OCLC.

In sum, Mike reported an exciting year as Chair of OBS and expressed his thanks to the membership for the confidence they placed in him. With that, Mike passed the OBS leadership cap to incoming Chair Pat Sayre McCoy. Pat also thanked both the Nominating Committee and the membership for their vote of confidence and presented Mike with a token of appreciation for his leadership in the form of a gift certificate to dugout-memories.com, a source for "everything baseball".

In her concluding remarks, Pat Sayre McCoy referred to the ongoing process of appointing new committee chairs. She has several individuals to contact but welcomes additional suggestions. A major goal for the coming year will be to update and refresh the design of the OBS website. The recently-announced redesign of AALL.net and its shift to a new platform may dovetail with the OBS effort. However, it is not clear how long and/or complicated the AALLnet redesign will be.

There being no further new business, Pat adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary M. Strouse  
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