

OLA Unit Report for June 3, 2016 Board Meeting

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Academic/ACRL-OR			Uta Hussong-Christian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board elections held in May: Steve Silver (NWCUC) is new VP/Pres-elect; new Members-at-Large are Serenity Ibsen (NWCA) and Molly Gunderson (PSU). Terms start on Sept. 1</li> <li>- ACRL Joint Fall Conference registration is open (a record for early opening) to try and get more community college librarians involved.</li> <li>- Opened the nomination period for the annual ACRL Award for Excellence early to try and get nominations from private college and community colleges in before the mid-summer deadline</li> <li>- Opened submission period for School/Academic Librarian Collaboration Scholarship</li> <li>- Actively soliciting academic librarians to apply for seat opening on the State Library Board</li> <li>- Several more Academic Library Leader interviews posted to the ACRL-OR website (specific question related to advocacy put to all interview subjects)</li> </ul>

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Childrens Services Division/CSD			Barratt Miller	<p>Successful preconference featuring early literacy expert Saroj Ghoting was held on April 20 in Bend. The session quickly reached the 50-attendee limit and had a waiting list. CSD members presented several conference sessions as well.</p> <p>The Lampman Award was awarded to Sybilla Cook on Friday, April 22. A former school librarian in Illinois and Oregon, Sybilla's "Battle of the Books" program was the model for what is now the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) competition. In addition to being an educator and leader in Oregon, Sybilla has written several books about Battle of the Books (BOB) competitions that are used by librarians around the country as they plan and implement their own BOB programs.</p> <p>Planning continues for the Joint Author Event between CSD, OASL, and OYAN. We hope to announce our author within the next few weeks.</p> <p>CSD is also in the early stages of planning our events for next year, including a diversity-themed "Build a Better World" summer reading workshop for October and a Mock Caldecott in January.</p> <p>Carrie Kasperick was appointed Lampman Chair for 2015-16. Natasha Forrester Campbell and Jeana McClure are our two candidates for Chair. Results of the Chair election will be announced at the end of May. Our webmaster, Kelsey Ockert, stepped down. We are still seeking someone to fill the Webmaster position.</p>

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New Member RT/NMRT			Bethany Grabow	<p>NMRT had its second event at the OLA Conference on April 21. Seven people attended an informal dinner at the Bend Brewing Company in downtown Bend. A few of those present were not members of OLA and received information on how to join. Networking led to the sharing of business cards and job leads.</p> <p>Our next gathering will take place in the next month with the location and date to be determined. Updates can be found NMRT's Facebook page located at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OregonNMRT/">https://www.facebook.com/OregonNMRT/</a>. All events will be sent to NMRT members via email as well.</p>

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	Conference - OLA		Liisa Sjoblom	<p>165 preconference attendees. 488 attendees for one or more days of the full conference.</p> <p>Final invoice received from Riverhouse. All conference expenses, invoices, and payouts have either been completed or are in the works. We received a courtesy adjustment on the final Riverhouse invoice for \$1480.00. I sent the invoice back twice before this amount was settled upon. Note also that those hotel guests that were displaced each received one night paid for by the hotel.</p> <p>We received 220 conference evaluations that resulted in 44 pages of comments. Most of the negative comments related to construction issues, meeting room size for the Sisters rooms, and issues with special dietary needs. Positive comments related to the program selections, sched.org and the President's Party. The number one reason people attend the conference is for networking.</p> <p>Takeaways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will use Sched.org again, but need to be clear about what the site is for - it is not the conference site, but the listing of programs.</li> <li>- The President's Party was a hit, but the room was too large.</li> <li>- Call for program proposals without sponsors led to a stronger set of programs to choose from. It also led to 98 proposals for 48 program slots increasing the time for committee work.</li> <li>- Special dietary needs are always going to be an issue with conference venues. Important to work with the site contact to ensure needs are met.</li> <li>- When we are back in Bend again we need to consider combining at least two of the Sisters rooms to accommodate larger crowds.</li> </ul>

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	Conference - OLA (continued)		Liisa Sjoblom	Final Comment from the Conference Chair - When the contract was signed the Riverhouse was under the original family ownership. The sale went through last Spring and the new owners decided to begin remodeling the very old/tired guest rooms, restaurant and bar immediately. As per most construction projects things were delayed although everything was supposed to have been completed by the end of March. The guest room issue that occurred was completely unanticipated with hotel management being notified at 3:00 p.m. the day that guests were to check in that the rooms would not be available until nearly midnight.
	Leadership Committee		Elaine Hirsch, Chair	The Leadership Committee is submitting a Leadership Development Scholarship Proposal for review and discussion at the June 3 Board Meeting. Members of the Committee organized and participated in two leadership sessions at OLA Annual 2016: The Accidental Library Director, and Lessons in Leadership: Stories from the Field

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	Library Development and Legislation		Janet Webster	<p>At our latest committee meeting on May 16th, we had a delightful recap from those who attended ALA's National Legislative Day in early May. Elsa Loftis, Kate Lasky, John Schoppert, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Ruth Murray and Sarah Charlton met with staff at all of the Congressional offices. Meetings were productive in terms of building relationships. Enthusiasm is high for starting to plan for OLA's Legislative Day, tentatively set for March 2017. Notes from the meeting are available on the committee's web site.</p> <p>We continued our discussion about school libraries and possible legislative and advocacy strategies. A major development is that the Oregon Education Association is finally conducting a study on school libraries. This is a welcome effort and reflects the reality of non-licensed personnel working and teaching in school libraries. At this point, we think our major leverage point are using the Continuous Improvement Plans submitted by each school district. There are two required indicator that address school libraries. We would have to monitor these at the district level and that effort is time consuming and ongoing.</p> <p>Our lobbyist, Nan Heim, and committee member, Carol DInges, are participating in a legislative work group on summer learning. This is an outgrowth of failed legislation that promoted summer learning, lunch and libraries. OLA's presence is highlighting the role libraries currently play in providing excellent summer programs that are sustainable. We are monitoring the progress of this group as we want libraries to be part of the mix and possibly to encourage a grant program that would fund more library summer programming with community partners including schools.</p>

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	Library Development and Legislation (continued)		Janet Webster	<p>Kate Lasky and Janet Webster presented a draft of a report they've written looking at six southern Oregon counties' libraries. Using data from the State Library, they attempted to describe library services in broad terms. It's an interesting mix of libraries as they represent a wide variety of funding models - special district, service district, county, contracted for-profit and independent non-profit. The report is one in a series the committee has produced over time. The committee suggested that the State Library could provide a great service by doing more with the statistics gathered. MaryKay Dahlgreen and Cathryn Bowie agreed to schedule a statistics summit to look at the issue.</p> <p>Finally, committee members contacted Senator Merkeley's office to restore LSTA funding to its current level. He sits on the Senate Appropriation Subcommittee dealing with the IMLS budget.</p>

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		Association Manager	Shirley Roberts	<p><b>Since April 20, 2016 I have completed the following non-routine activities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provided technical support for the southern and eastern Oregon strategic plan focus groups</li> <li>2. Reviewed the southern and eastern Oregon strategic plan focus group meeting transcripts.</li> <li>3. Provided Memberclick's training for SSD Conference Registration committee members</li> <li>4. Worked with the new SSD treasurer in processes, procedures, etc.</li> <li>5. Reviewed, tweaked and tested the SSD Conference registration form.</li> <li>6. Reviewed and contacted outstanding dues for January - April.</li> <li>7. Assisted with OLA Board Elections, sending out voting reminders, etc.</li> <li>8. Created a listserv for LIRT</li> <li>9. Updated Outreach RT listserv</li> <li>10. Virtually attended OLA Conference Committee wrap-up</li> <li>11. Assisted with final conference refunds, budget numbers for registrations, etc.</li> <li>12. Asked for a review of OLA's liability insurance premium. 22% increase (\$1196 to \$1459). Liberty has filed higher rates within this past year due to some adverse claim activity overall. Insurance agent is looking at other providers.</li> </ol> <p><b>The following regular activities were maintained:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cut checks and made deposits</li> <li>2. Prepared monthly financial statements for the month ending April 2016</li> <li>3. Responded to emails and phone calls</li> </ol>