

ACRL-OR Board Meeting

February 27, 2015, 12:00 – 3:00 pm
Reed College

Present: Hannah Gascho Rempel, Janet Tapper, Annie Downey, Isaac Gilman, Elizabeth Brookbank, Tom Larsen

Present (GTM): Arlene Weible, Stewart Baker, Yen Tran, Jennifer Snoek-Brown

Regrets: Jen Klaudinyi, Uta Hussong-Christian

Meeting convened 12:11 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

- December 2014: Janet moves; Yen seconds. Unanimous approval.

2. Report from the OLA February Board Meeting (Hannah)

- Candice Watkins is focusing on issues around diversity during her presidential year
- There is a leadership taskforce, and there will be a leadership preconference at OLA
- There was a report from the scholarship taskforce (Jennifer Snoek-Brown is on the taskforce)
 - The taskforce is exploring an alternative model to the existing model (an IMLS grant to give scholarships for MLIS students)—the proposed model would tie mentorship to funds for professional development and would require participation in OLA (with a specific unit/RT/etc) and a relationship with a mentor.
 - The OLA board wants to see a sustainable funding model for scholarships; particularly how to fund a pilot program of the new proposed model, as well as a funding model for after the pilot
 - The taskforce will present materials at the June OLA board meeting
 - Hannah suggested one means of funding would be to tax the larger units (like ACRL)
 - The taskforce is considering a combination of traditional funding and crowdsourcing type funding
- There was discussion around new members – there is a new member roundtable that was approved
- The mentoring program is past the pilot stage; there is a proposal that mentees don't have to be professionals; they just have to work at a library.
- There was discussion about the “practice of adaptive leadership”, which includes discussion that online meetings are not necessarily effective—there is a need to develop best practices for how to make online meetings the best experience for both physical and virtual attendees.
- OLA 2015 conference – registration is open. They are piloting two virtual sessions that are geared toward rural librarians who many not be able to attend (this is reflected in the session topics); there will also be a creativity space in the exhibition room.
- NWCentral is creating a new website to improve usability of the space.

3. State Library Report (Arlene)

- The OSL budget hearing before the legislature will take place Mar 2-3.
 - The state librarian will present the budget and OSL strategic plan.
- There are two bills related to OSL during this session
 - Revamping of Ready to Read program; expanded to include teens and renamed “Read for Success”
 - Bill related to Summer Learning Programs (summer library programs, school lunch programs, etc)
- There is currently an open RFP for the statewide library database program with Learning Express
- School libraries report:
 - The State Board of Education adopted the School Library Standards on January 22; however, there is still no enforcement mandate for the standards—that would have to come through a regulatory process
 - OASL is assessing best next steps, if any, with the Standards
 - OASL is having a 2015 conference in Coos Bay, Oct 10-11
 - Anticipating putting out a call for proposals in early/mid March (possible opportunity for ACRL to propose a program)
 - A possible focus for a program proposed by ACRL could be bridging information literacy between secondary school and college
 - Willamette Promise: HS students are able to get college credit for work done in HS courses (but don’t require enrollment in a college-level class) – possible opportunity for partnership between academic librarians and high schools to provide info lit instruction for HS who may miss introductory college courses where first sequence of info lit instruction is provided (because they received credit for those lower level classes through WP and don’t have to take them)
 - Tracy S at WOU has been working with high school students
 - Could also reach out to ILAGO as a possible partner for a proposal
 - Possible focus: could be government information/documents
 - Possible focus: Hearing from school librarians who had to transition to new roles (eg language arts teacher) in schools, and to what extent they are able to integrate info lit in their new roles
 - The conference would also be an opportunity to hear about what school librarians are doing, and what academic librarians can do to build on that
 - Possibly revive the scholarship for academic librarians to attend
 - Make it more purposeful/structured this time so that there are specific outcomes from their attendance
 - Consider pairing them up with a school librarian who they can experience the conference with
 - Consider asking OASL about having a new ACRL-OR rep position that would attend OASL board meetings, to facilitate information sharing
 - This has already been happening informally with information shared via the state library representative
 - Arlene will check with Jen Mauer about this idea

4. Budget Report (Hannah)

- Current balance is \$21,149.17
- Overall income has exceeded the amount we spent over the past year by approx. \$4,500
- A-RIG Qualitative Data workshop in December will break even (we partnered with A-RIG, and they used Memberclicks through us, which we will cover)
- ACRL 2015 reception will also be an expense this year

5. OLA 2015 Conference planning

- There will be ample representation from ACRL-OR at OLA
- The Award for Excellence will be presented
- Advertising ACRL-OR content:
 - It's up to sponsoring unit(s) to decide how to promote sessions
 - ACRL could put out an email and blog post in early April (Jennifer Snoek-Brown)
 - Academic programming is primarily on Friday; er could promote "if you can only make one day, go on Friday", etc – and do this promotion before registration closes
 - Jennifer will draft something and run it by Hannah and Yen
- ACRL-OR Reception planning: Wednesday, April 15, 5-7 p.m. (Hannah)
 - Oregon Electric Station
 - Will be ordering food about 1-2 weeks in advance

6. ACRL National Reception Update (Hannah for Uta)

- Fundraising: Have \$2,900 in donations from both Oregon/Washington donors
- Have about 100 RSVPs for the reception so far
- We can expand invitations to state chapter presidents/vice presidents
- Board approves up to \$2,500 for increased food and gratuity expenses for reception (Janet moves, Tom seconds – unanimous approval)

7. Should we change the name of the OUS rep? (Hannah)

- Suggestion for "public university", which could include OHSU (not traditionally an OUS school)
- Hannah will look into whether a bylaws change is needed

8. ACRL-OR Board Elections (Hannah)

- Elected positions to fill: President-Elect, 2 Members-at-Large
- Uta, Tom, Yen, and Stewart volunteer for the nominating committee
- Slate of candidates needs to go out in June

9. Do we want to conduct a member survey (Hannah)

- Review of what was covered in the OLA Communications survey to determine if there is anything else/different we want to know:
- Most respondents, including academic respondents, still prefer to receive information via email
 - Jennifer will look into pushing out blog updates/posts via email
 - We could send out more instructions for how to set up RSS feed for blog (.e.g in Outlook), how to sign up for email alerts, etc (send to Libs-OR, ACRL-OR list, etc)
 - This could be done at a regular interval (e.g. annually)
 - We have an old Facebook group; Robin Paynter needs to be contacted, and request that she delete it (currently only 4 members)
- One feeling expressed in survey is that there isn't stuff for academic libraries in OLA and at OLA conference
 - OLA is what you make of it; we should encourage people to be involved and create more of an academic presence in OLA and at the conference
 - We could promote OLA conference as an opportunity to build CV (for early career folks)
 - We could also promote it as an opportunity to share presentations/work that was presented elsewhere – view it more as a service opportunity, or to share information with others in the state
 - Consider submitting an un-conference or panel slot for OLA conference that would allow for presentation of more timely topics at the conference
 - Might suggest to board that sessions sponsors get assigned after the program is selected; not as a pre-requisite for submission
 - This would open it up for people that don't have connections in OLA or understand the process
 - Hannah will raise that at the board meeting
 - Yen will discuss it with the program committee
- In survey, some people indicated that they weren't getting communications from OLA
- What is the relationship between Libs-OR and OLA? (there is no connection; anyone can sign up)
- With regard to how people want professional development activities delivered—there is no one size fits all answer to this
 - Not having too many events per year also seems to be important
- We don't seem to need to do our own survey at this point; the OLA survey seems to have addressed many of the topics we were interested in
- Consider a year from now doing a survey about the blog to see if our new strategy this year of using the blog differently has been effective

10. Review and Discuss Goals for 2014-2015 (Hannah)

- Plan a reception for ACRL state chapter officers at the ACRL 2015 national conference in Portland
- Develop partnerships and collaborative opportunities with SSD. This will include funding new scholarships for support staff to attend Menucha (accomplished, but nothing else done)
 - We could plan to submit a conference proposal at next years' OLA conference in collaboration with SSD members
- Implement web strategy by updating design and content on Memberclicks and Wordpress – good progress made here.
- Develop and recruit academic content at OLA 2015 – there is academic content
 - Should also work on promoting that content (for next year's goals)
- Continue work on evaluating ACRL-OR archives materials in OLA archive
 - Isaac still needs to submit his presidential archives; will be completed by the end of his term at the latest
- Add having a representative to the OASL board into next years' goals
- Send Hannah any additional ideas for topics/issues/activities to pursue

11. Other Business

- Legislative committee – Nan, Abigail Elder, and Janet Webster have testified regarding the topics discussed by Arlene earlier
 - Committee will be sending out information about how to participate in legislative day and how to engage with legislators and their staff
 - Info was provided about OER-related legislation and testimony before the legislature
- OLA conference note: There will be a notice about signing up to be room monitors for sponsored programs, and also about doing evaluations (we can just use the generic OLA form)
- ACRL 2015 note: The local arrangements committee (Janet and Annie are on committee) still has opportunities to be a host for dinners (to fulfill reservation, start conversation, answer questions about Portland); Rachel Bridgewater has sent out a volunteer form.
 - There are other ways to volunteer as well – e.g information booth

12. Adjournment

- Next meeting: May 15, 2015 – at Western Oregon University