

**OCLIS Board Meeting, March 15, 2007.
State Library of Ohio**

Meeting of OCLIS Board Officers prior to start of full board meeting, beginning @ 9:30 a.m.

Present:

Suzanne Smailes, past chair; Glen Horton, SWON Libraries also reporting for Ann Abate; Alison Ricker, Secretary, ALAO rep.; Marcia Suter, Chair;

Other members of OCLIS Board joined us after 10 a.m.:

Cynthia DuChane (Infohio); Dave Powell (OTLA); Kevin Furniss (NOTSL); Mary Conroy, Ohionet, Webmaster and list manager (SLA Central Ohio); Becky Ellis (CO-ASIS&T).

Discussion topic for officers:

What is the purpose of OCLIS? How to reinvigorate it?

A primary goal: to act as a clearinghouse for information from all member organizations. Sponsoring an online, complete, integrated calendar of all events and CE opportunities of member organizations would serve that goal, but impossible for any OCLIS board member to do, if it means regular updating of the OCLIS web pages hosted on OHIONET.org. Routinely updating the Automated Statewide Calendar System (www.ceohio.org) is a possibility (more on this later in the meeting).

Suggestion for reinvigorating: co-sponsoring a program of interest to all types of libraries, that will benefit the organizations (specifics follow).

Glen noted that the regional library systems are not yet as multi-type as is projected, so getting the more public-library focused organizations involved with other regional groups is moving slowing. Southwest and northeast regionals are more engaged as OCLIS members.

Some libraries in the newly formed regionals don't have a good understanding of what the regional library system can do for them, having been independent for a long time. Regional directors are (or will be) working to address this issue.

This discussion was continued with the full board later in the meeting.

Full Board Meeting

Began with introductions and approval of the minutes of November 14, 2006, as distributed by Marcia Suter on March 13 (via email).

Treasurer's report (Glen Horton). No activity. Balance is \$1,239.68. No change in dues is anticipated, Glen will send out invoices for \$25 to each member organization next week.

Committee reports:

Task force on statewide library events calendar (M. Suter, B. Hickam, A. Ricker) for considering the possibility of maintaining a comprehensive CE and members' events.

We found that the members' web sites are inconsistent in their approach, the statewide CE calendar (www.ceohio.org) is not complete and adding to it requires dynamically generated information that not all associations can easily accommodate. *News & Events* section on the OHIONET site does not include any events from OCLIS members; the *Continuing Education* section leads only to the CE Ohio calendar.

Discussion: how can we invigorate and encourage more OCLIS members to participate in board activities?

Suggestion – send OCLIS officers to a meeting of the member organizations. Explain the purpose. Even some current representatives from member organizations to OCLIS do not understand the need for OCLIS.

OCLIS Board meetings used to be a forum for getting important information from directors. This organization can still provide a place for library organizations to share information, make connections.

Library climate has changed so that there are more opportunities for library directors to talk to one another (e.g., Libraries Connect Ohio Plus and the all state directors summit planned for May 21), but there are still no other formal means of sharing info among organizations.

Libraries Connect Ohio Plus focus is on funding and shared resources, not sharing information on projects in organizations or professional development opportunities. Marcia is on the distribution list for that group and will go to the next meeting of LCOPlus.

Some organizations may need OCLIS more than others, e.g., OCLIS could facilitate legislative advocacy for smaller organizations that do not have an established legislative advocates network.

ACTION item: When sending out dues notice, ask organization to designate a representative and send that person to the next meeting of OCLIS Board (July meeting). Too few representatives translates into less sharing, so the board itself cannot be effective.

Regarding ceohio.org – we would like to see that expanded to include all library organizations in the state. The July OCLIS Board meeting could include a training session on how to feed information to that calendar.

ACTION item: Contact Shawn Walsh and Paul Pormen (director of NEO-RLS) to discuss further, and invite them both to the July meeting. Marcia will work with Glen to contact Shawn and Paul.

Suggestion: have OCLIS reps meet in July with Shawn and/or Paul to learn how to update the CE calendar and spread the information to the member organizations not present by going to their regular meetings and making a demo.

Suggestions for promoting OCLIS:

- Update brochure? Suggestion from Glen – create a smaller object with *oclis.org* printed on it prominently and keep the web site up to date, rather than printing an

entirely new brochure (e.g., pen, post-it note pad, bookmark). Others agreed this made more sense than a printed brochure.

- Make more prominent (on the web site) the small grant offered by OCLIS.
- Make funding available for an OCLIS member to go to another library association's conference (pay the registration fee) – or, be the clearinghouse for information on funding opportunities, free registration offered by member organizations, internships, accolades.
- OCLIS blog –could be hosted on blogger.com or wordpress.com and the static oclis.org web pages could point to the blog (rather than attempting to maintain current news/events on OHIONET's server). Is there a blog for all ohio library issues? A quick search did not reveal a statewide, multi-type library blog.
- Master elist: OCLIS could sponsor a master list that subscribes to many individual e-discussion lists, and consolidates all the list messages into one digest message for those that would like to give up subscribing to so many lists separately.

Suggestion for the OCLIS web site:

include, in addition to the name of member organizations & web site link:

- name of OCLIS rep
- how to subscribe to association listserv
- event calendar for the association
- funding and scholarship opportunities

ACTION Item: Marcia asked Glen and Alison to work with Mary on options for updating the OCLIS web site, beginning a blog, and gathering information from each association web site.

ACTION Item: Glen will work on designing a bookmark, post-it note, or other object, that provides the web site address (oclis.org) plus a bare amount of information including funding opportunity.

Ideas for future OCLIS Board meetings:

June 2007: statewide calendar and the possibilities for developing it as a vehicle for all library associations' events.

Fall 2007: State-wide borrowing as a program theme, invite State Library (Ohio Library Share More, Angela Thomas), Westerville Public Library, Cuyahoga County Library (all on Ill already), Tom Sanville, Jay Butler, any other library in Ohio on the Ill system who could join in. Also need to discuss how the non-Ill system libraries could be part of a state-wide system.

Spring 2008: Invite directors of regional associations to hear their new directions, changes in organization focus, challenges and opportunities as they become multi-type organizations. There will be 2 new regional directors in the coming months (not sure how quickly).

Three OTLA members have joined OPAL and will be joining OhioLINK in summer. What about the other OTLA members? Do they have any interest, or need, to be in a state-

wide borrowing program? Can OCLIS facilitate information-sharing about such a program?

Approach OCLC about getting information about their local programs (especially Distinguished Seminar Series) sent to OHIONET/OCLIS for calendar. Becky will talk to Bob.

Member Reports

CoASIS&T, Becky Ellis

The Central Ohio Chapter, American Society for Information Science & Technology Annual Conference will be in Columbus next year; we were hosting a program on April 19 with Brian Gray on Web 2.0 and our annual meeting will be a dinner.

SLA Central Ohio & OHIONET, Mary Conroy.

New SLA-CO president-elect (Amy Diesch) is setting up monthly meetings. She works at the *Columbus Dispatch*. Special libraries are "embedding" with patrons (i.e., going to their work places/spaces in the organization). Time management is the theme of April meeting; finding government information online will be focus of May meeting. Scholarship for a Kent State student will be announced soon; entry level librarians (recent grads) are reportedly having a difficult time finding jobs in Columbus.

OHIONET is planning a vendor day May 2, primarily for public libraries but also relevant to academics; no annual meeting is planned, since they are helping to sponsor the summit of directors to discuss how to fund the state-wide databases now offered to all OPLIN, INFOhio and OhioLINK (15 databases).

OHIONET now handling all of the database trials for public libraries (used to be handled by OPLIN).

SLA Cincinnati (Glen for Anne)

Gearing up to celebrate 80th anniversary of chapter. Lack of enthusiasm lately, held a meeting to brainstorm invigorating the organization. SLA Cin. is partnering with SWON libraries on e-learning courses from SLA, using same format that state library uses with regionals to provide e-learning.

SWON (Glen)

Web courses are being offered in many regional's locations; SWON libraries calendar was distributed. The interest group meetings are represented by blogs on the SWON library web site (note the academic librarians interest group). Everything on the SWON calendar is also on the CEOHIO list (unless it is a closed meeting). Strategic planning is still underway, they are now able to focus on more specific issues. Regionals retain independence in terms of establishing their own strategic plans. Membership meeting in April is open to any library in the region; can join Friends of SWON Libraries for \$25 and attend any SWON event at member rates.

ALAO (Alison and Kevin)

New web site is still not official, but can be seen from the old web site. Old web site is not being maintained, e.g., the calendar is all 2006 events. The 2007 conference is scheduled for Oct. 25-26, Columbus Convention Center. Elections are underway

(electronic again this year, no paper ballot), but there is no link to elections on the web site. Members received notice by email.

NOTSL (Kevin)

see web site info. Upcoming workshop -

PRIME HUMAN RESOURCES:

Making the Most of Tech Services Staff

Thursday, May 24, 2007 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

[Cuyahoga County Public Library Auditorium](#)

Speakers include

Rick Rubin, KSU SLIS Director

Brian Gray, CWRU Engineering, Math, & Statistics Librarian

Russ Crabtree, Holy Cow Consulting

OTLA (David)

April 12, United Theological Seminary in Dayton, "Collection Development across the Evangelical Landscape," presented by Jim Lloyd & Dr. Johnny Pressley

See web site for more information:

<http://www.atla.com/otla/Octmtg.htm>

ASIS&T – Central Ohio (Becky)

Met to discuss various virtual reference services, including a public librarian who uses KnowIt Now. Also had a program on Web 2.0. Future plans include a meeting on copyright.

Annual dinner meeting Wed June 20 at Clinton Women's Club. Brenda Dervon will be the speaker. Info will be on the CO-ASIS Web site (actually on the national ASIS web server).

NEXT MEETING: July 12, 2007.

Meeting notes by A. Ricker 3/21/2007