

OBS-SIS Special Committee on Bylaws and Governance Report

The committee completely revised the OBS-SIS bylaws. Our primary task was to change them so that the OCLC and RLIN committees could be merged. But the AALL Bylaws Committee did a complete revision and streamlining of the SIS model bylaws in 2006. We incorporated most of those changes into our revised bylaws, which resulted in a largely reworded document. It was approved by the AALL Bylaws Committee on April 29, 2008.

The committee made revisions to substantial portions of the OBS Procedures Manual, including the calendar. We did not produce a polished, final version of the manual, but have made significant progress. During the process, we consulted a number of former office holders. We added a section for representatives - the MARBI Representative and the *TSLL* representatives.

The committee had no formal meetings, but completed all of its work via e-mail. The committee members were Ismael Gullon, Richard Jost, Anne Myers, Andrea Rabbia (*ex-officio*), and Susan Goldner, chair.

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2008 OBS-SIS Education Committee Report

June 13, 2008

The 2008 OBS-SIS Education Committee was in session for calendar year 2007 to coordinate the program proposal process for 2008 annual meeting programs seeking OBS sponsorship. Much of the committee's time was devoted to helping program proposers with their program proposals, and evaluating submitted proposals for OBS sponsorship. Members of the 2008 OBS-SIS Education Committee included: Georgia Briscoe, Kevin Butterfield, Janet Ann Hedin, Richard M. Jost, Ming Lu, Michael Maben, Ellen McGrath, Sharon L. Nelson, Keiko Okuhara, Andrea Rabbia (Chair), Caitlin Robinson, Karen Selden, and Sally Wambold.

The 2008 OBS-SIS Education Committee worked with 10 different program proposers to sponsor eleven educational program proposals and co-sponsor one other proposal by the August 15, 2007 deadline. We also had several OBS-sponsored proposals co-sponsored by another SIS (including ALL, CS and TS).

1. Can Anyone Police File Sharing: The Evolution of the Proposed AALL Ethical Record Sharing Policy
2. Demystifying Batch-Load Analysis: What You Need to Know About Vendor-Supplied Bibliographic Records (* co-sponsored by TS)
3. Encore, Enterprise, Primo & WorldCat: Explore the Evolving Discovery Tools for Your Catalog
4. Energizing the OPAC with RSS (* co-sponsored by CS)
5. Explore the Effective Use of Cataloger's Desktop (* co-sponsored by TS)
6. Explore the Effective Use of Classification Web (* co-sponsored by TS)
7. Exploring Relevancy Ranking Systems in Search Engines of our OPACs and on the Web: What They Are--How They Work. (* co-sponsored by CS and TS)
8. The Good, The Bad, The Ugly. Rethinking Bibliographic Services in the 21st Century
9. All Good. No Bad, No Ugly. Options for Bibliographic Control in the 21st Century
10. Making your TOCs Tick:Maximizing the Usefulness of Tables of Contents in Your Library
11. You want me to do what? Bridging the gulf and building understanding between technical services and public services managers. (* co-sponsored by ALL)
12. Using WorldCat.org's Social Software to Promote the Law Library (* OBS co-sponsored this SCCLL-SIS proposal)

The Annual Meeting Program Committee accepted five of the OBS-sponsored program proposals for the 2008 Annual Meeting, plus the SCCLL-SIS proposal we co-sponsored.

1. Encore, Enterprise, Primo & WorldCat Local: Explore the Evolving Discovery Tools for Your Catalog
2. The Good, The Bad, the Ugly: Rethinking Bibliographic Services in the 21st Century
3. Explore the Effective Use of Cataloger's Desktop [co-sponsored by TS-SIS]
4. Explore the Effective Use of Classification Web [co-sponsored by TS-SIS]
5. Exploring Relevancy Ranking Systems in Search Engines on the Web and in our OPACs: What They Are--How They Work [co-sponsored by CS-SIS and TS-SIS]
6. Using WorldCat.org's Social Software to Promote the Law Library

The OBS-SIS board agreed to self-sponsor three additional programs that were not accepted by the AMPC for the 2008 annual meeting.

1. *All Good, No Bad, No Ugly. Options for Bibliographic Control in the 21st Century*, which is a follow-up to the AMPC-approved *The Good, The Bad, the Ugly: Rethinking Bibliographic Services in the 21st Century*
2. *Demystifying Batch-Load Analysis: What You Need to Know About Vendor-Supplied Bibliographic Records* (* co-sponsored and co-funded by TS)
3. *You want me to do what? Bridging the gulf and building understanding between technical services and public services managers.*

Respectfully submitted—
Andrea Rabbia, 2008 Education Committee Chair

OBS 2009 Education Committee Report

May 30, 2008

The OBS 2009 Education Committee was organized in January of 2008 and has begun discussing program ideas and proposals. The committee will continue to consider program ideas for the next month and a half, and then meet at the conference in Portland. All program proposals for the 2009 conference in Washington D.C. are due to AALL by August 15, 2008.

Committee members include: Georgia Briscoe, Kevin Butterfield, Janet Ann Hedin, Richard M. Jost, Ming Lu, Michael Maben, Ellen McGrath, Sharon Nelson, Keiko Okuhara, Caitlin Robinson, Pat Sayre-McCoy, Karen Selden, and Sally Wambold.

Respectfully submitted—
Michael Maben, Chair

2007-08 OBS-SIS Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee for 2007-2008 was chaired by Richard Jost (University of Washington) as past OBS-SIS Chair. The other members of the Nominating Committee were Calmer D. Chattoo (University of Miami) and Marilyn Nicely (University of Oklahoma). The slate of candidates solicited for the election were Patricia Sayre-McCoy (University of Chicago) for the position of Vice-chair/Chair-elect and Elaine Bradshaw (University of Oklahoma) for Member-at-Large. Both proposed candidates were elected to their respective positions in May 2008.

Richard Jost
Chair, Nominating Committee

2007-08 OBS/TS Joint Research Grant Committee

Former Chair Caitlyn Robinson convened & led the Committee meeting in New Orleans in July 2007. Membership of the 2007-08 Committee included Richard Amelung (ex-officio), Kathy Faust (2007-08), Ruth Funabiki (Chair), JoAnn Hounshell (2007-08), Chris Long (2007-09), and Patricia Satzer (2007-09).

In March 2008, officers of both OBS-SIS and TS-SIS were consulted to verify that funds were budgeted and available to be awarded. Each SIS was prepared to fund \$500 for a project. In April, the Chair contacted Committee members, and emailed grant proposal invitations to the OBS and TS membership.

No inquiries or applications were received between the time of the announcement and the June 15 deadline for applications. So, the principal agenda item for our meeting in Portland will be to address the question of how to best publicize and promote the grant opportunity.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Funabiki

2007/08 AALL Representative OCLC Members Council Annual Report

The OCLC Members Council consists of delegates who are elected by and represent OCLC member libraries in their respective regions. The Members Council (MC) meets at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio three times per year so that member libraries can participate in the development of OCLC products and services as well as in OCLC governance. OCLC invites numerous representatives of the library community at large to attend MC meetings to observe and participate in some of the small group meetings. Observers attend at their own expense, although OCLC provides meals during the 2-day meetings.

Last fall I was asked by the OBS-SIS Executive Board to attend the October MC meeting to determine if AALL should take advantage of the opportunity to send an observer to these meetings. Since I live within a few miles of OCLC headquarters it was easy for me to attend most of the sessions and report on them. After submitting my report it was decided that we would take advantage of my proximity to OCLC. I was appointed a temporary representative to the MC, through 2010, and I attended the other 2 MC meetings in February and May.

Members Council meetings are opportunities to learn first-hand what activities OCLC is engaged in. Speakers include OCLC staff members who provide information and solicit feedback on OCLC products and services. Some of the topics discussed this last year included WorldCat Local, WebJunction, global resource sharing, and automated cataloging. Small group break-out sessions allowed for more in-depth discussion of these topics. MC also heard from President and CEO, Jay Jordan, as well as Executive VP and CFO, Rick Schwieterman.

Because OCLC has expanded its global concerns, in 2007 the OCLC Board of Trustees proposed some changes to its governance structure which would allow more world-wide representation on the

Board. A report was issued in November 2007 with the suggested changes. The Articles of Incorporation were amended in May and as a result the MC will exist as it is for probably only one more year. A Global Council will be created that will be far less U.S.-centric than the current MC. It will have the governance responsibilities currently held by MC. Regional Councils will also be created to allow the same sorts of discussions to continue that the MC has enjoyed. Exactly how all of this will be structured is yet to be determined.

All of the general sessions are recorded and are available for viewing online here. Documents and PowerPoint presentations are also linked from the same site. Given how much influence and impact OCLC has on world-wide library development, interested AALL members are encouraged to take a look at these materials.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Post
June 12, 2008

2007-08 OBS-SIS OCLC/RLIN Committee

OCLC/RLIN Update and Roundtable sessions will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008. The update session starts from 9:30 am. Glenn Patton, Director of OCLC WorldCat Quality Management Division, will give general OCLC/RLIN updates for about 35 min. The focus of the updates is on Institutional Records (IRs) and OCLC's Digital Archive product. Then Mindy Pozenel, OCLC Global Product Manager WorldCat Discovery Services, will give updates on WorldCat Local for 15 min followed by a 10 min Questions & Answer session.

The roundtable discussion starts from 10:45 am. Phyllis Post, Head of Technical Services, Capital University Law Library (Columbus, Ohio) will report on the OCLC Council meetings in October 2007 and February 2008 followed by discussions. Also, the committee got involved with a program proposal on a discovery platform that was accepted. The program A 5, Encore, Enterprise, Primo and WorldCat Local: Explore the Evolving Discovery Tools for Your Catalog, will be held on Sunday, July 13, 1:30-2:45 pm.

Keiko Okuhara, for the OCLC/RLIN Committees

OBS Special Committee on Record Sharing - 2007/08 Report

The committee and other interested AALL members met at the AALL conference in New Orleans on Sunday, July 15, 2007.

The meeting agenda included a discussion of the results of the record sharing survey that had been sent to members of the OBS, TS and PLL SISs. Based on the survey results and our discussion at the meeting we decided to move forward with a set of ethical guidelines that would be shared with the OBS Executive Board, the AALL Executive Board, members of the SISs mentioned above, OCLC

and national and international organizations with an interest in record sharing, whether that interest is for profit or not.

Three committee members volunteered to write an outline that would be turned into a set of ethical guidelines. Unfortunately, in the fall it was necessary to ask for other volunteers to replace two of them, so our work began later than anticipated. The committee members who worked on the outline were Joni Cassidy, Katrina Piechnik and Pat Callahan. The outline was sent to the committee for review and then to the OBS Board in March. We are in the process of turning the outline into a final set of guidelines that will be shared with the committee and the OBS Board very soon.

The committee will meet at the AALL Conference in Portland on Monday, July 14 from 12:00-1:15 p.m.

Pat Callahan
6/10/08

2007-08 Annual Report - OBS SIS Web Advisory Committee

Committee Members: Kevin Butterfield (Chair), Katrina Piechnik, Patricia Satzer

The Committee engaged in routine maintenance of the OBS web site throughout the year. In early 2007 the committee began a review of all site content and began repairing broken links and seeking to fill in missing reports. This project is ongoing. Upon completion of the content review the committee will begin a review of the overall design and structure of the site.

The Committee was asked to take over management of the OBS Facebook page and agreed to do so.

Kevin Butterfield, Chair



TECHNICAL SERVICES LAW LIBRARIAN

Annual Report

Covering July 2007-July 2008

All four issues for volume 33 were published and are available on the *TSSL* website in PDF format. Due to continuing publication delays, of which the editor is ultimately responsible, the editor-in-chief notified the board of his decision to step down as soon as the board approves the best suitable replacement. The continuing excellent work of Cindy May, Julie Stauffer and Martin Wisneski, as well as each of the regular columnists and guest authors is to be recognized and applauded.

Several changes in columnists occurred during the reporting year, and the columnists who have stepped down from their work need to be recognized for their outstanding professional contributions: Margie Maes (Collection Development), and Donna Rosinski-Kaus (PLL). Kevin Butterfield switched back to being columnist for The Internet column. The TechScans column has instituted a blog from selected content that is gleaned from the work of the contributing authors, which is available at the *TSSL* website.

Columns remaining vacant, or with upcoming vacancies, include: Description and Entry (still vacant), Collection Development (final column by Margie Maes was the June 2008 issue), Management (final column by Caitlin Robinson will be December 2008), and the Research and Publication column (vacant for the reporting year.) Beth Holmes has submitted her application documents to become columnist for the PLL column, which the board will review for approval at the Portland Annual Meeting, and Andrea Howard is considering the Research and Publications column. The board will review the columnists' terms at its Portland meeting as well. The MARC Remarks column changed from quarterly to "as needed," depending on what George Prager determines is suitable for publication.

Volume 32, no. 1 (September 2006) was the first annual issue to be designated as the "Conference Issue." The annual Conference Issue will continue, as it provides a valuable reporting of the events and activities of OBS and TS. There will be no regular columns in these issues. This relieves the columnists from the pressures of producing a column right after the AALL Annual Meeting, along with their other workloads and commitments. The conference issue has been well received, with no negative feedback from the readership to this point.

Outstanding administrative matters for *TSSL* include: to complete the *Author's Guide to Stylistic Conventions* document by December 2008, and completion and approval from the board of the *TSSL Structure and Policies* document, which still needs considerable updating. The board also needs the editor-in-chief to provide detailed options regarding the publication's format (i.e., a possible move from the PDF "paper-look" format to a true web-based style format). The board should also discuss the possibility of having *TSSL* columns available as RSS feeds as the *TSSL* staff finalizes the columns as they come in, rather than waiting for compilation of the entire issue

to be published. The *TSSL* staff worked out a policy for revisions and errata beginning with the March 2008 issue. An “errata history” page is available on the *TSSL* website.

Finally, the *TSSL* 30-year index was completed by Susan Goldner and Virginia Bryant, and is available on the *TSSL* website. The *TSSL* wiki has not been used for anything but as a tool to recruit Annual Meeting conference reporters. Also, the TechScans blog now has a feed on the OBS facebook page.

Submitted by
Brian Striman, *TSSL* Editor-in-Chief
Chair, *TSSL* Editorial Board