

OBS Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 16, 2003  
Seattle, Washington

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Butterfield at 7:40am. Members present were:  
Kevin Butterfield, chair  
Mary Jane Kelsey, past-chair  
Karen Selden for Georgia Briscoe, vice-chair/chair-elect  
Michael Maben, secretary/treasurer  
Andrea Rabbia, member-at-large  
Ruth Funabiki, member-at-large

Kevin acknowledged the three new members of the board—Georgia, Michael, and Andrea.

The OBS activities table and book raffle went well. Donna Barratt at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis, Missouri won the book.

Education Committee: the committee has looked at the proposals so far. Kevin will submit the proposals to AALL electronically. Brian Striman intends to submit one on FRBR. After the proposals are submitted to headquarters, the committee will look at what it can do for the rest of the year, continuing to work on ideas and proposals. It will be an experimental year to see how this works. Kevin and Georgia will work out when to switch chairs—maybe September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Committee chairs will informally become members of the Education Committee. The programs have gone well so far this year.

Joint Research Grant: no grant was awarded this year.

The annual report of Law Library Journal is done.

Proposed bylaws change: the proposed change was held back from the planned vote at the OBS business meeting since these changes must be submitted first to the AALL Bylaws Committee.

Finances: OBS is in bad financial condition. Kevin said that we must raise revenue by lowering our expenses and increasing our members. Since the *Technical Services Law Librarian* is our largest expense (by far), that is the place to look for savings. Gary Vander Meer (TS chair) and Kevin will discuss strategies, including switching to an electronic version of TSSL. Kevin felt a phased-in approach to the electronic version would be easier. We will check on who should be receiving copies of TSSL at AALL headquarters. Kevin will check on what is in the AALL archives at the University of Illinois.

AALL will auto-populate our distribution list with the people who have joined OBS.

Ruth will take the raffle tickets and email the OBS non-members, asking them to consider joining.

The board felt that the more we can do with education will raise our profile and keep us distinct from TS. Ruth asked about having a membership application on our website, and the other board members thought that was a good idea. Kevin will also recruit people in his next column in TSSL.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55am.

Respectfully submitted—  
Michael Maben