

## **2013-2014 OBS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Report**

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As the 2013-2014 Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, I was an active participant in all OBS Executive Board discussions and decisions.

As a former OCLC Committee Chair and the former coordinator of the OBS Website of the Month service, I served as a resource for the OBS members who took over these positions. One improvement for the OBS Website of the Month was the decision by the Executive Board to make it a service available to all AALL members, and to distribute it to the ALL-SIS list in addition to the OBS and TS lists.

From July to October 2013, I was an active member of the 2013-2014 Education Committee. This experience will be helpful as I chair the 2014-2015 OBS Education Committee.

One of the key duties of the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect is to administer the annual OBS membership survey. I created a survey in March 2014, and distributed it to the membership from April 1 to 15, 2014. Two incentives to participate were used, both benefitting Colorado flood relief. First, respondents were entered into a raffle drawing for a pound of Higher Ground coffee. Forty percent of the proceeds of this Colorado blended coffee were donated to Colorado flood relief. Second, for every respondent, I donated one dollar of my own money to Colorado flood relief in my town of Lyons, Colorado. The survey received a total of 44 responses, which was an improvement from last year's 35. Many respondents left useful comments in the comment fields. The survey software created word clouds for questions that included comment fields. It was nice to see that the biggest word in the TSSL word cloud was GREAT, while the two biggest words in the OBS website word cloud were EASY and GREAT. I shared the results with current and new Board members and plan to revisit the results in different ways while serving as OBS Chair to help with program planning and other decisions. I will also reach out individually to the people who expressed interest in joining committees or otherwise serving OBS when they filled out the survey.

Finally, in May and June 2014, I assembled the 2014-2015 OBS Education Committee. The committee is comprised of 13 members, and includes a nice combination of experienced OBS members and newer members. The composition of the committee presents the potential for mentoring opportunities; the addition of some new ideas and vibrancy to the program development process; and a higher possibility of some continuity of committee membership in the years to come.