

**(DRAFT) MINUTES OF THE 2018 OBS-SIS BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Monday, July 16, 2018, Baltimore, Maryland**

**1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions:**

OBS-SIS Chair Jennifer Noga called the Business Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Introductions: Jennifer Noga (Chair), Jackie Magagnosc (Vice-Chair), Kevin Carey (Secretary/Treasurer), Jason LeMay (Member-at-Large), Marjorie Crawford (Past Chair), Jessica Pasquale (Incoming Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect), Barbara Szalkowski (Incoming Member-at-Large).

Audience Introductions: Barbara Ginzburg, Michael Maben, Karen Selden, Pat Sayre-McCoy, Alan Keely, Corinne Jacox, Heather Buckwalter, Marijah Sroczynski.

**2. Approval of 2017 Business Meeting Minutes:**

Jennifer Noga called for a motion to approve the 2017 OBS-SIS Business Meeting minutes. Jessica Pasquale so moved, Barbara Szalkowski seconded, and the motion passed.

**3. Officer Reports:**

Secretary/Treasurer – Kevin Carey

Kevin reported on OBS finances for the year, which had a starting balance of \$4,702.64, with expenses of \$3,155.42 and revenues of \$4,302.10, for an ending balance of \$5,849.32 as of June 30. The 2017 Annual Meeting expenses totaled \$2,106.76, with expenses for the 2018 Annual Meeting projected as \$3,013.00. The 2018 OBS election ran from April 1-15, with 46 total responses, and resulted in the election of Jessica Pasquale as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Barbara Szalkowski as Member-at-Large. That was out of a total of 205 OBS members as of May. Also, the Board agreed at their January 2018 meeting to post all regular Executive Board meeting minutes on the OBS website, as other SIS's have done; the approved minutes from this year's meetings have now been posted.

Members-at-Large – Jason LeMay (2017-2019), (Patty Alvayay (2016-2018) not present)

Jason reported on the OBS poster and the dine-arounds, which seem to have gone well this year: Patty did a good job setting that up, and it fulfilled its purpose of setting up attendees with members from other SIS's.

Vice-Chair – Jackie Magagnosc

Jackie reported on the start of the repositioning effort and the upcoming work to update the OBS Procedures Manual.

Chair – Jennifer Noga

Jennifer reported on the continued excellent programming that OBS is known for, and that we have kept costs down to help maintain the budget by using speakers from the local area. We have also increased membership by 14 members, which was an unstated goal for the year, since membership has dipped in recent years. This year OBS convened a Special Committee on Repositioning to look at questions of repositioning the section, and Jennifer gave a thank-you to its members Jason LeMay, Marijah Sroczynski, Barbara Szalkowski, John Vosmek and Elizabeth Manriquez. There will be a vote later in the meeting on that committee's recommendation to make a minor change to the bylaws. Jennifer attended the CONELL Marketplace on Saturday, and there was a lot of interest in OBS; she has the entries for the free membership drawing which will take place later in this meeting.

#### **4. Committee Reports:**

Education Committee – Jennifer Noga, Chair

Jennifer reported on the programming which OBS coordinated and sponsored at the Annual Meeting. There was the API program which was picked up and sponsored by AALL; there was the OpenRefine program which Jason LeMay coordinated and OBS sponsored and paid for; and there was the program on system changes, which was submitted but not picked up by AALL, so that was turned into a Hot Topic just before this meeting. Thank you to Jessica Pasquale for coordinating that, as well as the four really good panelists.

OBS/TS FROG (Research Grant) Committee – Gypsy Moody, Chair (not present)

Jennifer read Gypsy's report on the FROG committee: they had a grant which had been awarded to Sarah Lin and was fully administered and completed this year, with a final report submitted to the committee. The FROG committee worked to increase awareness of the research grant, including printing up the stickers which have been distributed at the Annual Meeting.

Local Systems Committee – Keiko Okuhara, Chair (not present)

Jennifer read Keiko's report on the Local Systems Committee, which is mainly focused on coordinating the roundtable session that will take place tomorrow morning. The discussion there will primarily focus on Alma, as there have been a lot of libraries moving to Alma in recent years, but all systems are welcome to the discussion.

Nominating Committee – Georgia Briscoe, Chair (not present)

Jennifer read Georgia's report on the Nominating Committee, which put forth Jessica Pasquale and Barbara Szalkowski as candidates for the 2018 election.

OCLC Committee – Emily Dust Nimsakont, Chair (not present)

Jennifer reported that Emily had coordinated the OCLC Update meeting which took place this morning, and it was very informative and interesting.

TSLL Report – Michael Maben, Editor

Michael reported that TSLL had all four issues published on time, available on the TSLL website and on HeinOnline. Michael finished his fifth year as TSLL editor-in-chief, with thanks to Stacy Fowler, associate editor; Julia Stauffer, layout and design; and Martin Wisneski, web

manager. Also thanks go to Sara Campbell and Sarah Lin, finishing two-year terms on the editorial board, and Larissa Sullivant and Elizabeth Outler, who joined the editorial board this year. TSLI is still looking for a new editor-in-chief going forward.

Web Advisory – Barbara Ginzburg, Chair

Barbara reported that AALL took over all postings of website materials, so now all updates go through AALL via Chris Siwa and his staff. This has not caused any problems for OBS, and all previously-uploaded materials are still available on the OBS website; Jennifer Noga and Marjorie Crawford have really helped in the past two years to fill in the gaps as much as possible. The Website of the Month page has been reorganized and the archives have been separated out by decade: it may also be worth reviewing the archive for dead links and updating or removing outdated sites.

## **5. New Business:**

Repositioning efforts/Vote on Bylaws change to OBS-SIS's object:

Jennifer noted the efforts of the Special Committee on Repositioning, with a vote needed today to enact the changes to the bylaw language regarding the object (or purpose) of OBS. For context, the board had been looking into updating the section name, which has come up in membership surveys as a bit confusing or anachronistic, but first we needed to look at the language which establishes our purpose, and that is what this special committee looked at this year. Jennifer had previously sent out on the listserv the proposed change to the object in the OBS bylaws, which is as follows:

***The object of the Online Bibliographic Services SIS shall be:***

- ***To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on the use and capabilities of metadata, electronic resources, and library systems (defined to include library resource management systems, discovery systems, and bibliographic services and utilities); and***
- ***To explore ways that emerging technologies can be integrated with library systems and how these changes affect libraries and librarians; and***
- ***To communicate the concerns of its members to the governing bodies of those systems; and***
- ***To foster communication between all types of law librarians to explore ways to improve access to information for users; and***
- ***To represent its members' interests and concerns within the AALL.***

Jennifer called for a motion to approve the proposed change to the object language. Karen Selden so moved, Jackie Magagnosc seconded, and the motion passed.

AALL/ALA Liaisons:

Jackie reported that AALL declined to continue providing financial support to the liaisons. The SIS Council convened a group that examined the liaisons and put forward a resolution to AALL to continue to fund the liaisons with a suggested budget of \$9000, but the AALL Board declined again to fund the liaisons. So the SIS Council convened a second group to develop a sustainable funding solution, as even the Board agreed that these liaisons serve an important function. The SIS Council is proposing the creation of a dedicated fund for the liaisons, and they have asked the SIS chairs to fund one more year until such a fund is hopefully authorized and created.

Procedures manual updating:

Jennifer and Jackie reported on the initiative to update the OBS Procedures Manual, which has become outdated particularly in the calendar of activities. Alan Keely volunteered to lead this initiative.

#### **6. Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Committee Chairs:**

Jennifer recognized the outgoing board member, Patty Alvayay, and all the committee chairs and Michael Maben for their hard work, with a special thank-you to Emily Dust Nimsakont who is leaving law librarianship. Gypsy Moody has volunteered to serve out the rest of the term as OCLC Committee chair. Jennifer passed out certificates of appreciation and thank-you notes to board members and committee chairs.

#### **7. Introduction of the 2018-2019 OBS-SIS Executive Board and “Passing the Hat”:**

Jennifer welcomed Jessica Pasquale and Barbara Szalkowski to the OBS Executive Board. Then followed the traditional “Passing the hat” from outgoing to incoming chair, a tradition which started with Kevin Butterfield, who received the hat when he was Chair and passed it along the following year. Jackie selected a business card for the free membership drawing, and the winner was Hannah Hartshorn. Jackie thanked Jennifer and presented her with a plaque and gift card.

#### **8. Adjournment:**

Jackie Magagnosc called for a motion to adjourn the Business Meeting. Barbara Szalkowski so moved, Jason LeMay seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kevin Carey, OBS Secretary/Treasurer, 2017-2019