

OBS-SIS 2019
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

March 22 at 11 a.m. EDT via Telephone Conference
Minutes submitted by Kevin Carey

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

In attendance: Jackie Magagnosc (Chair), Jessica Pasquale (Vice Chair), Jennifer Noga (Past Chair), Jason LeMay (Member at Large), Barbara Szalkowski (Member at Large), Kevin Carey (Secretary/Treasurer).

Jackie called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. EDT.

2. Approval of minutes – November 11, 2018 board meeting

- Jessica moved to approve, Jason seconded, motion passed: minutes are approved with minor grammatical correction.

3. Financial update

- Kevin reported on 12/31/18 statement from AALL, with a closing balance of \$3,401.78. OBS currently has 198 members, so with membership dues expected to be applied in spring, the projected year-end balance is right in line with the last several years.

4. Results of the member survey

- Jessica reported on the 2019 member survey, which included 85 total responses, although the totals for each answer were around 75 each. A third of the membership has worked in law librarianship for less than 10 years, meaning two-thirds of our membership are longer-tenured, so recruitment will be important to keep membership numbers up. We are very heavy on academic librarians, so we may want to consider recruiting more librarians from firms, courts, and special libraries in the future. All but 15 respondents said they were “highly satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with OBS. Jessica shared the text responses with the board before the meeting: some comments suggested we could communicate better or more often with the membership, and not just about the conference. Another item that came up a lot was providing online training or educational webinars. There were some comments that OBS and TS should be combined, or that members are unsure of the differences between the sections. A large majority of respondents are also members of TS, and almost half of respondents are also ALL-SIS members. The most common response to the question of which educational topic members would like to see in the coming year was related to integrated library systems—either system migration or disrupting the status quo of the big ILS’s. Some respondents would like to see a survey of law library ILS’s, which OBS used to do: the Local Systems Committee could work to encourage law libraries to contribute to Marshall Breeding’s online directory. The most common phrases used to describe the work OBS librarians are doing were “discovery” and “systems,” with numerous other phrases mentioned as well. Some

responses may provide good starting points to developing new programming. Numerous members responded with interest in getting more involved in various OBS activities, so Jessica will reply to those people to find roles for them.

5. Board election – need to appoint substitute administrator

- Since Kevin is running in the upcoming election, Barbara volunteered to administer the OBS election in April. Kevin will work with AALL HQ to upload election and voter information, and then transfer password access to Barbara to collect and report the results. If we can get the candidate bios to Chris Siwa in the next few days, we should be able to start the election at the start of April: Kevin will work with Barbara to schedule and announce the election.

6. OBS Hot Topic & OCLC Update – what do we want to do with these slots?

- Rachel Decker – OCLC Collection Manager: last year OCLC was not an exhibitor, so they could not get into the meeting for free, so we had talked about doing the OCLC Update as a webinar instead, which would free up that slot for another program, such as Rachel Decker’s proposal about using OCLC Collection Manager. The Hot Topic slot also needs to be filled, and A/V request forms need to be submitted by April 20.
- Hot Topic: last year’s program in this slot, about migrating systems, was a good program and the survey results show that members still want to talk about that, so we could do something similar again this year. The Hot Topic slot is on Monday from 1:30-2:45, which could be a nice segue into the Deep Dive on moving to a new ILS, which starts at 3:00 that day.

7. OBS VIP – ideas?

- We are mostly working with presenters who are already members, and VIP’s are supposed to be non-members. We may end up with a non-member filling an open slot on the API Deep Dive, so that person could be a potential VIP. We could also consider making Emily Dust Nimsakont our VIP as a scheduled presenter.

8. Other annual meeting planning

- CONELL: the current Chair is obligated to attend, so Jackie will be there. Jennifer noted that we have gotten good leads on new members there in the past. Jessica will be invited to the SIS leadership training session as incoming Chair.
- Poster: Jackie has the poster from last year, which we can review to consider using again. Jason suggested highlighting the name change discussion at the Business Meeting on an updated poster.
- Dine-arounds: Jackie has reached out to the other SIS’s to see who is involved from TS/RIPS/CS in coordinating the dine-arounds.

- Business meeting: Jackie asked whether we should purchase large post-it chart for the name change discussion? The Board affirms: the cost is \$22 and Jackie will order it via AALL.
- Local Systems roundtable: Jackie's proposal was not picked up by AMPC, but she could try to convince Chris Tarr and someone involved with the Folio development process to speak in this slot. Jennifer noted, though, that the Local Systems roundtable has been popular in recent years and has led to some lively discussions; Barbara also noted that Innovative is not supporting the ILUG meeting at AALL, so they should also be invited to join the roundtable.
- Education Committee meeting: it will be off-site, and we need to do a better job soliciting attendees and establishing an agenda.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. EDT.