



OBS-SIS

2020 Business Meeting Minutes

July 27th at 3:48 p.m. EST, via Zoom Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Manriquez

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

OBS-SIS Current/Outgoing Chair Jessica Pasquale called the Business Meeting to order.

Present on Camera: Jessica Pasquale (Chair), Kevin Carey (Vice-Chair/Chair Elect), Elizabeth Manriquez (Secretary/Treasurer), Jackie Magagnosc (Immediate Past Chair), Heather Buckwalter (Member-at-Large), Barbara Szalkowski (Member-at-Large).

Audience in Attendance: Due to the nature of the meeting, via Zoom, difficult to name all members in attendance. Jessica noted there were 39 members in attendance.

2. Approval of 2019 Business Meeting Minutes

Karen Selden submitted two corrections to the draft minutes from the Business Meeting on July 14, 2019: In Section Five, New Business, second paragraph, two instances where “Bonnie” should be corrected to “Vani.” Karen moved to approve the minutes with those corrections made. Barbara seconded the motion and it passed. Members voted with a verbal “aye/yay.” Given the virtual aspect of meeting, some votes will be conducted using a poll and some will be done by verbal assent.

3. Officer Reports

Immediate Past Chair: Jackie reported she was the AMPC liaison for AALL Annual Meeting 2021. She is also the chair of the Information Management team, she is excited to be in a



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position of influence on programming and encouraged the members to “stuff the ballot box” on Ideascale. There are a lot interesting topics, particularly on diversity and implicit bias.

Members-at-Large: Heather reported we did not do Dine Arounds this year. Heather and Jessica had conversations with other SISes and people were feeling anything in addition to the two day TS-OBS Summit would be too much, so the idea was dropped. We might rethink it for next year. Barbara noted that if anyone is nostalgic for the old buttons that used to be in the exhibit hall, she has the supplies because we will not be doing it any more. If you want one, let her know and she will send it to you. Members discussed setting up a Google sheet and sending money to cover the expense of shipping. Barbara also noted it was her last meeting on the Board. She has served two times and was congratulated and thanked by the members.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jessica and Elizabeth noted they had not received the latest statement from AALL and therefore she did not have a full Treasurer report. Elizabeth began with her Secretary report. She administered a successful election in which Larissa Sullivant was elected Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Keelan Weber to Member-At Large. Elizabeth reported from the latest AALL statement received, with a closing balance of \$2,915.90 as of 3/31/20. The only revenues during this quarter were \$400.00 in dues. We had \$ 700.00 in expenses, \$400 for the FROG grant and \$300 to the ALA Liaisons Fund.

Vice-Chair: Kevin reported his major project was the section name change, a continuation from last year and the year before. We started the conversation this year by taking the names that were popular during the breakout sessions at the 2019 Business Meeting and created a poll appearing on the OBS My Communities page and the Facebook page. This generated good discussion and the consensus was Library Systems and Resource Discovery (LSRD) SIS. The Board then began the formal process of changing the section name via member vote. Kevin chaired the Special Bylaws Committee, whose charge was updating the OBS Bylaws for the change to LSRD Bylaws after our vote on the name. The proposed amendments have been sent out, reviewed and pre-approved by the AALL Bylaws and Resolution Committee. Also serving on the Committee were Alan Keely, Jackie Magagnosc, and Chris Todd. Thank you to them for volunteering and for their attention to detail.



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Kevin then reported on the Board's Black Live's Matter (BLM) statement that was shared with OBS membership. Kevin attended the joint SIS meeting where there was discussion of the letter to AALL from the Black Law Caucus, regarding the BLM movement and disparities in our society and our profession. Kevin reported back on that meeting to the Board, which lead to the statement of support. Jessica shared the letter with membership, which included a financial commitment to donate to the George A. Strait minority scholarship fund.

Kevin then reported the new Representatives: Chris Todd, University of Pittsburgh, 2020-2022 to TSLL; and Jennifer Friedman, UCLA, 2020-2022 to FROG.

Kevin reported on CONELL, which occurred two weeks previously. He and Jessica attended. It was arranged in various Zoom breakout rooms for each section. They were available for about an hour and waited in a fashion similar to the Marketplace for people to approach them with questions. They had about six interested potential members approach them. Those names will be included in the virtual drawing for free membership to OBS. Jessica has the hat and will be conducting the drawing.

Chair: Jessica thanked the Special Bylaws Committee for their work; they completed the process in a month because it was required to have them approved 30 days previous to the vote, per the Bylaws. Jessica then thanked all the current and new Board members.

4. Committee Reports

Education Committee

Jessica reported IdeaScale is open for AALL 2021. She encouraged members to submit proposals/ideas for AALL or the next TS-OBS Virtual Summit to any Board member past or present and we will get them in the hopper. This past year we did have programs accepted that then were not included in the virtual conference, such as "Finding the Silver Lining in ILS Migration." "Data, Stats, Go: Navigating the Intersections of Cataloging, E-Resource, and Web Analytics Reporting" by Rachel Evans ended up being the TS sponsored program. We co-sponsored the screening of "Change the Subject." If you have ideas for educational sessions for



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AALL or something throughout the year to avoid the gap in training between conferences, please reach out to the Board.

OBS/TS FROG (Research Grant) Committee -

Heather reported the members of the 2019-2020 FROG (Fund Research Opportunities Grant) Committee were Jessie Tam, Chair; Elizabeth Outler (TS); Michelle Pope (TS); Lisa Watson (OBS); Marjorie Crawford (OBS); and herself, Representative-At-Large. Jesse Lambertson, Digital Resources Librarian at the University of Chicago, D'Angelo Law Library submitted a FROG application November 2019 that was unanimously approved by the FROG Committee members. The grant approval was announced on OBS and TS My Communities pages as well as on their websites. Jesse wrote an article related to his research on TSLL. He also submitted a progress report to the Committee before the 2020 TS-OBS summit. FROG pages on TS and OBS web pages were updated to reflect the latest information and procedures on grant application and fund disbursement. The Committee members discussed whether to change the grant application form from a Word format to a Google form. According to Chris Siwa, Director of Information Technology at AALL, they do not have a way of creating a web form. Barbara Ginzburg, chair of the Web Advisory Committee, created an application form in Word format with AALL branding.

OCLC Committee

Christopher Thomas, chair, submitted the report. He apologized for the delay in submitting updates, but was out of commission for personal reasons and is getting back up to speed. Jessica assured him there are no concerns on delay and we look forward to future updates.

Local Systems Committee

Keiko Okuhara, chair, submitted the report. She thanked everyone involved in the Hot Topic today and appreciated the Board approval. She thought it was great, people participated and there was good turnout, close to 70 people.

TSLL Report

Jason LeMay submitted his report to Kevin, who read it as submitted:



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The Technical Services Law Librarian Volume 45 had 4 issues published in PDF and available on the TSLL website and HeinOnline, there is a one year embargo on full text access via HeinOnline. I, Jason, am extremely grateful to the TSLL staff for their work on this and every volume. Thanks to their efforts, all issues of Volume 45 were published on schedule. The Editor in Chief also greatly appreciates the work done by our dedicated columnists and Editorial Board, without whom this publication would not exist. A number of columnist changes occurred at the beginning of this volume. Gypsy Moody and Matthew Jenks left law librarianship; Christopher Thomas taking over the OCLC column; and Heather Kushnerick the Preservation Column. Jackie Magagnosc began a new column: Conference Round-up, with Travis Spence taking over the helm of the TSLL TechScans blog and column. Aaron Kuperman stepped down in preparation for retirement and George Prager has stepped in as the new Classification Columnist. Finally, JoAnn Hounshell stepped away from Private Law Libraries column the with Dana Deseck-Piazzon taking over in her place. The only change among the Editorial staff throughout the year was Layout Editor. After approximately 15 years, Julie R. Stauffer decided to step away from this role. Sabrina A. Davis began working Julie at the beginning of the volume and has fully taken over as Layout Editor at this time. On the Editorial Board, Sara Campbell and Linda Tesar completed their two year terms. The other Board members for 2019-2020 are Rachel Evans and Thomas Ma. We are looking forward to the upcoming year and some of the changes that are in store. Although it will likely be somewhat different from years past. Changes to how we work and gather following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic leaves us somewhat unsure what lies in store for us. However one thing will remain, our members will continue to provide support for each other through their participation and contribution to the SISes and TSLL. As a final note, this will be (Jason)'s last annual report for TSLL. I have decided to step down at the conclusion of volume 45. Sara Campbell, formerly of the TSLL Editorial Board, will be taking over as the new Editor in Chief as of the September 2020 volume. It has been an honor to have played a part in the ongoing publication of this newsletter, but I feel it is time to move into a different direction. I want to thank the readers and TS and OBS membership for their support over the last two years.

Jason LeMay, Editor in Chief (Dec. 2018- June 2020)

Nominating Committee

Jessica thanked Jackie Magagnosc and everyone on the Committee. Jackie thanked the other members of the committee, Alan Keely and Lauren Seney: she could not have done it without them.



Web Advisory Committee

Barbara Ginzburg, chair, no report.

5. New Business

Vote on Changing the Name of the Section:

Jessica conducted a poll using Zoom. Members voted yes or no on the LSRD name change, or abstained. 39 participants. 91% voted yes; and 9% abstained. The name change passed, we are now Library Systems and Resource Discovery SIS.

Vote on Changing the Bylaws:

Jessica sent the changes out with the full markup and the highlighted markup today and a few days ago. No one had any suggestions or corrections and Jessica opened the poll. 97% voted yes and 3% abstained. The vote passed and the Bylaws will be changed.

Donation to the George A. Strait Scholarship Fund:

Jessica reiterated the message sent in the letter to membership regarding BLM. We want to take action, rather than just say we are going to do things. The Board discussed the amount we feel is appropriate for donation, but wanted to bring it to the membership for discussion and a possible vote. There is an argument to be made to make it the same size as the Liaisons fund to show how important we are taking it. But the Liaisons fund also supports multiple people. But this is also true of the Scholarship fund. Members asked whether it should be a one time or annual donation. Jessica stated the Board had discussed both. There will be two votes and discussions: whether it should renew annually and for how much. Alan Keely agreed it should be two votes. Kevin stated the Liaisons and FROG grants are approved by a Committee every year. Alan agreed they should be.

Members asked how much we are currently giving to the Liaisons and Elizabeth stated it was \$300 annually. Jackie stated there was a guideline in place once that determined how much was given to the Liaisons fund, based on membership levels: \$100, \$300, and a lot more. The



guideline was based on how much of the SIS income was coming from dues. Jackie then stated that she felt strongly that this is something we should be doing on an ongoing basis, we should be finding ways to ameliorate inequity and bias in our society.

Karen Selden stated the George A. Strait fund is well funded and it has been expanded from a scholarship and now includes a fellowship, to keep in mind whether it is the best place for our donation. She thought they had a generous vendor donation.

Jackie then stated the Board considered whether another fund would benefit more from our donation. Elizabeth contacted Dawn Smith, chair of the Black Law Caucus, to ask whether they had a suggestion for where funds could be directed. She did not receive a response, but she also expected to some extent that she would not given the current social and political climate and the emotional labor already expected of Black members at this time.

Member Scott verified in the chat that Thomson Reuters had endowed the George A. Strait fund along with AALL initially. Other members agreed with Jackie. Jessica also stated the Board had considered along with a one-time donation to the scholarship fund, to sponsor a free SIS membership (or 2 or 3...) for minority members (the way we do with our CONELL free membership). This will support minority AALL members and increase our SIS diversity.

Jessica suggested we make a motion for this one-time donation and continue to discuss this important topic another time. Jackie suggested we make this two motions. Karen suggested the second motion could be to create a charge for Kevin, as incoming chair, to form a committee to examine the topic and bring suggestions to the Board. In the future, we also need to consider shrinking budgets and member abilities to attend conferences. Perhaps we can support minority members in this way. Some members have already cut travel spending for 2021.

At the last Executive meeting, the Board agreed on a donation of \$300 and agreed to take it to the members for a vote. Elizabeth confirmed this from her minutes.

Scott moved that we vote to make a \$300 donation to the George A. Strait Scholarship fund this year and next year the Board will report back with alternatives or other options for further contributions. The motion was seconded by Barbara. There was a voice vote and the Ayes carried the motion.

6. Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Committee Chairs



Jessica thanked Jackie, Barbara and Heather for their leadership and service. She thanked Kevin, Larissa, and Keelan for being willing to serve. She then thanked all the Committee chairs. Rachel Evans, then said a special thank you for funding the Cataloguing Liaisons fund.

7. Introduction of the 2019-2020 LSRD Executive Board and “Passing the Hat”

Then followed a virtual version of 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. Jessica stated it would soon be in the mail to Kevin. Kevin thanked Jessica and expressed his regret that this year is a little different and he looks forward to receiving the hat and adding an LSRD patch to it, continuing the tradition with the same physical artifact. Kevin thanked Jessica for her leadership during this year, for building the TS-OBS Summit, and contributions throughout this year. Kevin welcomed Keelan to the Board. Elizabeth stated Jessica had received a plaque and Target gift card in the mail thanking her for her service. Jessica selected a name for the free membership drawing, and the winner was Erin Lybrand-Wenz, Collection Management Services, The California Judicial Center Library.

8. Adjournment

Kevin Carey called for a motion to adjourn the Business Meeting. Barbara Szalkowski so moved, Alan Keely seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Manriquez, OBS (LSRD) Secretary/Treasurer, 2019-2021