OBS-SIS OCLC Committee
2014-2015 Annual Report
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The OCLC Committee is open to any OBS-SIS member interested in news from and about OCLC and its products and services. There is no formal committee work involved with joining this group, so it’s an easy and informative group to join.

Jackie Magagnosc will complete her term as OCLC Committee Chair at the close of the 2015 Annual Meeting. Jason Lemay, Assistant Law Librarian for Cataloging and Metadata, Emory University School of Law has been appointed to take her place.

OCLC programming at the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Antonio continued to use the popular OCLC Users Roundtable format adopted in 2011. The session was less well attended than in previous years. AALL’s OCLC liaison, Glenn Patton, provided a thorough and informative presentation on new developments in OCLC’s suite of services for cataloging and resource sharing.

Glenn Patton retired effective January 2015. Irene Hoffmann, manager of OCLC’s Member Relations Team, will be our contact to arrange speakers for future Annual Meetings. Irene states, "The member relations team is made up of library professionals whose primary goals are to reach members through one-on-one visits, conferences and conference programs, and member forums and meetings. The Liaisons are located in five different regions across the U.S." Irene will facilitate contact with the appropriate regional member relations staff person to arrange speakers for future Annual Meetings. This new arrangement bears monitoring and we should be prepared to provide OCLC Member relations with feedback.

With the advent of OCLC’s WorldShare Collection Management service, OCLC is discontinuing the WorldCat Collection Sets product. The service used to provide the OBS Website of the Month was discontinued September 30, 2014.

The chair authored the quarterly OCLC columns that appeared in each issue of Volume 40 of Technical Services Law Librarian. These columns included a summary the 2014 OCLC Users Roundtable held at the Annual Meeting in Seattle and appropriate OCLC news and updates from Glenn Patton and other sources.

The OCLC Committee webpage (http://www.aallnet.org/sections/obs/Committees/OCLC-Committee continues to be a useful portal. With the planned end-of-life of OCLC’s FirstSearch product, the page will need to be update to reflect OCLC’s WorldCat Discovery Services product. The OBS-SIS OCLC Committee discussion list has not be active, communications have been going to the broader OBS-SIS discussion list instead.

At the close of the 2015 AALL Annual Meeting, Jason Lemay of Emory University School of Law will take over as the OBS OCLC Committee Chair for 2015 to 2017.