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 completed her term as OCLC Committee Chair at the close of the 2015 Annual Meeting and Jason LeMay was appointed to take her place.

OCLC programming at the 2015 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia continued to use the popular OCLC Users Roundtable format adopted in 2011. The session was reasonably well attended. OCLC’s speaker, Rob Favini of OCLC’s Member Relations Team and a former law librarian, provided a thorough and informative presentation on overall developments at OCLC, as opposed to the more cataloging focused presentations of previous years. The broader overview of changes at OCLC was relatively well received, but there were a number of cataloging-based questions that required further research and could not be answered immediately.

Future meeting speakers will continue to be arranged with Irene Hoffman, manager of the Member Relations Team, and will vary depending on the region in which the meeting takes place. Rob Favini will return for the 2016 meeting in Chicago.

With the advent of OCLC’s WorldShare Collection Management service, OCLC has previously discontinued the WorldCat Collection Sets (WCS) product, and is in the process of now transitioning WorldCat Cataloging Partners (WCP) to WorldShare. The WCP product is planned to have ceased operating as of May 1, 2016. Future deliveries of WCP files for vendors such as YBP will only occur through the WorldShare interface.

The chair authored the quarterly OCLC columns that appeared in each issue of Volume 41 of Technical Services Law Librarian. These columns included a summary the 2015 OCLC Update held at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia and appropriate news and updates from OCLC.

The OCLC Committee webpage (http://www.aallnet.org/sections/obs/Committees/OCLC-Committee provides links to several useful OCLC sites, however some of the information has become dated. The OBS-SIS OCLC Committee discussion list has not been active, as communications have been going to the broader OBS-SIS discussion list instead.

The OBS OCLC Committee Chair looks forward to another year of keeping OBS members informed about OCLC products and services. Please let the Chair know of any issues, concerns, or ideas you would like to have explored or investigated. We are here to serve the OBS membership, so please forward your comments and suggestions. I can be reached directly at jason.lemay@emory.edu.