OBS-SIS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
October 11, 2017

In attendance: Jennifer Noga (Chair), Jackie Magagnosc (Vice-Chair), Jason LeMay (Member at Large), Kevin Carey (Secretary/Treasurer), Marjorie Crawford (Past Chair), Gypsy Moody (FROG committee chair)

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

   Jennifer Noga called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. EST.

2. Approval of Minutes

   July 2017 Executive Board meeting minutes – Jackie Magagnosc moved to approve the minutes, Jason LeMay seconded: the motion passed.

   July 2017 Business meeting minutes – Jennifer asked whether we can/should publish the business meeting minutes in the following issue of TSLL, before they have been approved at the following year’s business meeting. The board discussed whether to publish in TSLL as a draft, and how to attribute member comments in the minutes. All agreed to go ahead with publication of the draft minutes in TSLL, with Jennifer to contact quoted members to see if they are okay with published attribution. Going forward OBS will publicize that business meeting proceedings are public.

3. Officer Reports

   Treasurer/Secretary: Kevin Carey reported that he is still waiting on the September 2017 statement from AALL HQ. There were no issues with annual meeting reimbursements which were submitted for a total of $447.44, and the OCLC contribution for the OCLC Update session is expected to be reflected in the forthcoming statement, as well as the membership dues.

   Vice-Chair: Jackie Magagnosc reported on the AMPC information management team, which received all the proposals for evaluation, with a meeting to discuss them scheduled for November 6.

   Members at Large: Patricia Alvayay was not present; Jason LeMay had no report.

   Chair: Jennifer Noga reported on the ongoing liaison issue. The proposal put forward to the Council of SIS Chairs was passed, so they sent an action item to the AALL Executive Board to reinstate the financial support for the liaison, which should be discussed at their next meeting. Jennifer also reported on a discussion with Suzanne Graham about a grant to record the reports from the liaisons, which the council is not applying for due to registration and fees involved, but are still moving forward with a plan
to have a system in place to record the liaison reports. Jennifer then brought up the OBS Facebook page, and raised the question of updating the administrators of that page. Jason had already been added as an administrator by Barbara Szalkowski, and he also added Kevin as an administrator during the meeting.

4. Committee Reports

Jennifer reported that the Nominations Committee is in place, with Georgia Briscoe as chair, along with two newer members, Katie Dunn and Angela Griffin.

Jennifer reported on the Web Advisory Committee, having worked with Barbara Ginzburg on updating the OBS website, including new officers and committee assignments, meeting minutes, etc.

Gypsy Moody reported on the FROG Committee, which has been talking with AALL about their Twitter and social media and how to come up with a plan to better publicize the FROG grant.

Jennifer reported on the Education Committee, which helped to coordinate four strong program proposals that should have excellent chances of getting approved. The topics of the proposals are: NISO standards, APIs, OpenRefine, and a panel discussion about changing ILS systems.

5. New Business

Dine-arounds: Jennifer opened discussion continuing the dine-arounds in Baltimore for the 2018 annual meeting, in lieu of bringing back the Alphabet Soup reception. The dine-arounds went well in Austin, with a good response from participants, and providing a better opportunity to meet new people in smaller groups. All present are in favor of continuing the dine-arounds in Baltimore.

Website of the month: Alan Keely compiled a MARC file of all the records for previous websites in this series, which can be posted on the OBS page and downloaded and batch-loaded by institutions which have not previously added these records. Jason suggested looking into creating a contributed WorldShare Collection set of these records, which could then be updated for regular delivery by WorldShare subscribers. Marjorie suggested we move forward with both ideas: posting the file on the OBS page and working to set up a WorldShare collection as well. For now we will start by posting the file on the OBS page and publicizing its presence there.

TSLL: Michael Maben will be stepping down as TSLL editor in July, as his term will be ending. He has asked TS and OBS leadership to help identify a potential replacement as editor, and so Jennifer brought this up for the board to think about and possibly discuss at the next board meeting.

Repositioning OBS: Jennifer proposed that the board establish a special committee to work on the idea of re-positioning (rather than simply re-branding) OBS and then provide a recommendation to the board about that. This came out of the previous year’s membership survey, in which about half of the responses said the name needs updating or re-thinking, as well as the recent TS discussion where it was suggested that OBS might become a committee
within TS, but this is a question that has periodically been raised over the years. Jason and Gypsy suggested that OBS could do a better job of marketing itself to librarians who work with discovery and systems, and Jackie said that OBS should work to take ownership of electronic resources management issues within AALL. The board is in favor of establishing this special committee, with Jason agreeing to chair it. Barbara Szalkowski was suggested to be included as an expert/experienced OBS member, and Jennifer also recommended the new member who was awarded an OBS membership at CONELL.

6. Adjournment

Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m. EST.