Present: Lauren Seney (Chair), Ajaye Bloomstone, Sharon Bradley, Carol Collins, John Hostage, Diana Jaque, Kent Milunovich, Karen Selden, Kerry Skinner, and Marijah Sroczynski.

1. Welcome

   a. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Lauren Seney, at 10:02 AM Pacific. Lauren welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Karen Selden for accepting the Member at Large position. Lauren mentioned that the election concluded today, but she is still calling candidates and notifying them of the election results. So, there will not be an announcement until all candidates are informed. Lauren will send the results to the TS-SIS membership.

2. Annual Meeting

   a. CONELL- Trina Holloway will attend on behalf of TS. If anyone else is interested, please contact Trina.

   b. Alphabet Soup Replacement- Patty Alvayay is spearheading an effort to organize joint dine arounds. More details to follow.

   c. Refreshments at Morning Meetings- Food requests are due soon to headquarters. Due to cost, we did not provide food and beverage in the past. Discussion surrounded the cost associated with providing food and beverage at our meetings. It is extremely expensive and we agreed that we will not have refreshments at our meetings this year.

   d. Technology Form Deadlines

      i. Business Meeting- We have received $750 in sponsorship for the Business Meeting. This amount will need to be used and we are able to use it for A/V. It was discussed that we feel technology is a better use of the money than food. This year, our meeting will have a different format because of the Marla Schwartz auction. We are planning to have small table discussions about current trends and the future of technical services. Suzanne Graham’s work for the Committee on Committees will be our jumping off place. Lauren asked the board for comments. Sharon mentioned that she has seen scrolling software that we can use to project what attendees are typing throughout the room. We also might consider using a twitter feed. However, both ideas would require that we pay for wireless throughout the room. Lauren let us know that wireless costs may be dependent on the number of simultaneous users. Karen asked if this would be included with any sort of A/V package.
Lauren found more specific information about the wireless pricing. Here are the rates: 1-5 users $500, 6-10 $750, and 11-25 $1250 plus labor. The labor fees are not specified so it is difficult to determine the exact cost. Ajaye remarked that convention center rates for wireless are sometimes substantially less than conference hotels. She suggested that we ask headquarters about moving the meeting to the convention center. Lauren will ask headquarters about moving the meeting location to the convention center dependent on whether or not A/V is cheaper there.

ii. Hot Topic- Karen let us know that the OBS VIP and Hot Topic speaker, Scott Carlson, is publishing a forthcoming book on linked data. His session will be interactive and will focus on linked data. This will be more like a discussion or a round-table than a lecture. He will share what stumbling blocks exist with linked data. The session is scheduled for Sunday between 5:15-6:15 PM. OBS and TS will split the A/V costs so the costs for the session should be more manageable. For A/V, we will need a couple of microphones as well as some flip charts. Ajaye suggested that we ask the TS community for questions beforehand. Karen is receptive to querying the community. She will work with Jackie Magagnosc to solicit questions from TS members.

3. Committee Updates

a. Awards: Updates to Website- There will be some updates to the web site and in particular the wording of the grants. Karen motioned to approve Awards Committee Chair Kent Milunovich’s changes to the web site as circulated last week. Carol seconded the motion. The motion passes with no opposition.

b. Preservation Committee: Worst Book Contest- Sharon discussed that the Worst Book Award was $200 in 2016 and $150 in 2015. The dates for the contest will be the same as last year. This has typically been a reimbursement for archival materials purchased by the winner. John motioned to award $200 to the winner of the Worst Book Contest. Karen seconded the motion. With no opposition, the motion passes.

c. Bylaws and Handbook Committee- Hollie White and Alan Keely have suggested changes to the bylaws. We have determined that this can take place as an online vote and that we will not incur additional charges to use the AALL voting system. We will distribute the new bylaws information in July at least 30 days prior to voting and then voting will take place in August. John commented that this sounds fine. We will have discussion within the 30 day period prior to the election. Once the election begins, the polls should remain open for a longer period of time, thirty days, as this is a typical vacation period for many TS members.

d. Professional Development Committee- Ajaye mentioned that this year’s TS workshop has sixteen registrants at this point. Twenty is the break-even point. The maximum the room can accommodate is fifty. PR for the workshop is going out as we speak with plans for more PR in the future. As well, we are also advertising the workshop to the Austin library community.
4. Volunteer Survey Results

a. Committees- Lauren is working on determining committee chairs and is assigning the standing committees now. All administrative committees are filled except Nominations. If she is unsuccessful in filling all, Lauren will come back to the board and ask us for recommendations. Martin has let Lauren know that he will continue managing the web site for this year, but he would like to transition off in the future. Please send any suggestions to Lauren for someone to assist this year and later take over.

5. Old Business

a. ALA reps: Answers to Our Questions- Stacy Etheredge was unable to attend the April AALL Board Meeting. So, as of now, we do not have answers to our questions concerning the ALA representatives.

b. Anything else- Kerry had a brief update on the FROG Committee. The committee met earlier this week and they voted to fund Sarah Lin’s proposal. This year the grant will be funded up front. In the future FROG will consider making their guidelines in-line with other grants awarded by TS.

Carol will send an email to the TS listserv regarding Marla Schwartz auction donations in the first week of May.

John Hostage moved to adjourn the meeting and Karen Selden seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:58AM Pacific.