

OCALD

Minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting

State Regents' Conference Room

1 p.m.

In Attendance:

On Site: Jon Sparks, MACU; Tony Hardman, WOSC; Marty Thompson, OUHSC; Victoria Swinney, OK City University; Bonnie McNeely, UCO; Sherry Young, Cameron; Sharon Saulmon, Rose State; Barbara King, OCCC; Jan Reinbold, SNU; Jon Woltz, SWOSU; Don Gilstrap, OU; Susan Jeffries, NWOSU; Alan Lawless, Rogers; Njambi Kamoche, Langston; Adrianna Lancaster, ECU; Dana Belcher, ECU; Sharon Morrison, SOSU; Anita Semtner, St. Gregory's; Allen McKiel, NSU; Jenny Duncan, OSU-Okmulgee; Nancy Draper, Hillsdale

Remote: Cindy Pollard, Ardmore; Jim Kennedy, Murray State; Anne Prestamo, OSU-Stillwater; Tom Messner, NSU-BA; Daphane Kerley, Connors; Evelyn Schmidt, OPSU; Terrie Carroll, Carl Albert

Sherry Young called the meeting to order. The minutes from the Sept. 21, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

Dr. Young presented a PowerPoint presentation on the OCALD membership survey results. She distributed a detailed report via email prior to the meeting. Most items asked about were rated important or very important. Shared database access was rated the most important. There were good suggestions made through the comments section.

Sherry Young and Alan Lawless presented a report of the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute Alan attended in August. Sherry attended last year. It was a great experience with excellent speakers. Alan reported there were no strict application requirements. Paperwork must be submitted but most are accepted.

Barbara King gave a Cooperative Collection Development and Resource Sharing report. Currently there are two databases being considered, Ebsco's Education Research Complete and Proquest's Career and Technical Education database. Little interest has been expressed for either database. The Ebsco product is still available on trial and is still under consideration. Dana Belcher reported ECU recently subscribed to ERC and were very pleased.

Sharon Morrison gave a report on the Assessment Discussion Group. The group recommends it be changed to a committee and have a representative from each institution type. It was recommended they take the twelve ACRL standards and go through them one at a time. A listserv has been established. If anyone wishes to participate in the listserv they may contact Sharon or Karen Neurohr at OSU.

Announcements: Barbara King reported a new OLTN (Oklahoma Library Technology Network) Advisory Board has been formed to rewrite the state technology plan.

Sharon Saulmon reported that we need more academic librarians to be involved with legislative issues.

Tutor.com: Lewis Maurer from Tutor.com gave a presentation on their two services, Live Homework Help and Ask a Librarian. The majority of the presentation dealt with Ask a Librarian. Mr. Maurer gave a brief history of virtual reference.

The Ask a Librarian service is offered in two ways. Tutor.com will provide the librarians or a user may subscribe to their express service. Under the express service a library uses their staff. In either instance Tutor.com uses the subscriber's resources.

The service is compatible with any operating system, including Mac. It is a turn key system and Mr. Maurer said the service can be up and running in weeks.

The tutoring service they provide goes from 4th grade through college introductory level.

Mr. Maurer discussed the libraries and state systems that are current customers. There is a list of current customers on their site at www.tutor.com. Tutor.com will do online conference demos if there is interest.

They provide very detailed user reports.

New Business: The A&M libraries would like to do an OCALD survey. Questions may be sent to Sherry or the A&M libraries could distribute them.

Jon Sparks made a motion to adjourn. Jan Reinbold seconded. The next meeting will be February 1, 2007. The meeting was adjourned.