

OCALD
Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors
March 24, 1999
Cherokee Strip Convention Center - Enid, Oklahoma

Bela Faltin, OCALD chair, called the meeting to order

The minutes for January 21, 1999, were approved.

In a discussion about PsycINFO, several members observed that the database can't be accessed from off-campus with the password supplied by ODL. Each university will need a special program to make it available to its faculty and students from off-campus. Also, local holdings information cannot be added. Additional questions were raised about the availability of backfiles. Each library's cost for renewing PsycINFO may not be known until November or December when it has been in use for several months.

Some libraries have not paid their invoice for the current PsycINFO subscription; each director should check on this and be certain that payment has been made.

Beverly Jones said that bids were received from three vendors of newspaper databases: Newsbank, EBSCO, and UMI. The group seemed to favor one of the options from Newsbank but wondered what each library's share would be under options 1 and 2.

Marty Thompson and Ed Johnson spoke about House Bill 1420 which was not reported out of committee. There is still concern that the concept of "sexually explicit material being separated and monitored" in libraries may appear as part of another bill.

OLA Legislative Day will be on April 8. OCALD members should be certain that legislators know what a benefit SearchBank and First Search databases are for students and faculty and what a good value they represent for the citizens of Oklahoma.

The legislature will not pass an increase in library fees this year; the only chance for new money will be tuition increases.

At the next meeting, members should be prepared to discuss and vote on a plan to implement a statewide borrower's card for academic libraries.

Dr. Ed Johnson spoke of OSU' s experience in assessing the value of its library building and collection for the State Risk Office. This agency feels that library buildings and collections in the state are undervalued, and other campuses will almost certainly be asked to revalue their facilities and collections. Insurance costs will go up as the value placed on the buildings and collections increases and colleges purchase insurance instead of being self-insured.

The OCALD members commended Dr. Ed Johnson for the successful Regents' workshop on February 25. The session was well attended and received many positive comments from regents and administrators.

The election of new officers will be held at the next meeting, April 22. The following individuals have agreed to be on the ballot:

Chair-elect	Ed Johnson
Secretary	Francine Fisk
Member-at-Large	Julie Brooks

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 22, in the State Regents' Conference Room in Oklahoma City. Committees will meet at 10:30 a.m. and the membership meeting will be at 1 :00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.