OCALD Membership Meeting Minutes
Rose State College Professional Training & Education Center
November 17, 2011
1:00-3:30 p.m.

Attending: Tamie Willis, Maria Martinez, Sharon Saulmon, Theda Schwig, Christine Dettlaff, Marilyn Hudson, Susan Jeffries, Victoria Swinney, Bonnie McNeely, Sharon Morrison, Bettye Black, Mike Rusk, Michele Frasier-Robinson, Adrianna Lancaster, Barbara King, Sherry Young, Anita Sempter, Joy Summers-Ables, Arlita Harris, Jonathan Sparks

Remote Sites: Sheila Johnson, Karen Rupp-Serrano, Alan Lawless, Paula Settoon

Guests: Vicki Sullivan -- ODL; Kirk Gordon -- EBSCO; Michael Markwith -- Sky River

Continuing Business:

- Introductions/Announcements – Tamie Willis announced the retirements of Sharon Saulmon and Mike Rusk in January 2012, and invited each to say a few words. Mike had volunteered to serve on the Executive Committee as past president when Don Gilstrap left OCALD. Tamie asked that if one of the other past presidents would be interested in assuming that position on the Executive Committee for next semester, they should contact her.
- Approval of Minutes – There was a change to the minutes sent in by Adrian Alexander. Mike Rusk made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Jon Sparks seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved with the change.
- ODL Report – Vicki Sullivan

Vicki and Susan had the opportunity to attend a meeting about state libraries and public libraries sponsored by the Gates Foundation at their new facility in Seattle. The information from that meeting can be shared among different kinds of libraries and will be forthcoming.

The Pew Center released a report on the outlook of state government today. Revenues are slowly bouncing back but remain below peak in most states. Oklahoma is 10-15% below peak revenues. States still have budget gaps, mostly due to Medicaid, state employee retirement benefits, and corrections. State spending is still below pre-recession. State government employment continues to fall.

The Texas State Library had funding reductions of 64% this fiscal year. Funding for library programs was cut by 88%. Their database program was cut from $8 million to $2.5 million and had to increase fees. ODL has been able to maintain its level of service and not charge for participation. Also, the Texas State Library has had a 19% reduction in personnel.

Oklahoma state agency consolidation – most savings has been realized by attrition, restructuring and buy-out of retirements. Of most concern is the loss of institutional memory due to the many IT professionals who left as a result of the consolidation. As of February 1, 2012 all state agency IT

employees will be under OSF. They may remain in their agency, or may be relocated, depending on their skills sets.

Vicki stressed again how important it is to contact state legislators about the benefits provided by ODL, especially the statewide databases. The state appropriations are still very important, and help ODL secure federal funding.

- Legislative Report – Joy Summers-Ables

Dr. Johnson's PowerPoint regarding finances was sent out by email, and everyone is encouraged to read it.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee – Tamie Willis

Tamie asked Arlita Harris to report on the November 9 webinar on Measuring the Outcome and Value of Libraries by the East Tennessee Library Association. Arlita reported that the webinar was very worthwhile. Carol Tenopir at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville spoke about the monetary and environmental value of libraries, how to measure outcomes in ways that are meaningful to administrators (not just other librarians), and how to talk about library services in terms of value to the community. Her comments related to small libraries as well large. Tamie will send out the URL to the recorded webinar.

Alan Lawless has found information on library fees from the State Regents' website; Tamie will forward that link to the OCALD list.

The meetings for next semester will be February 16 at the State Regents' office, a dinner or lunch at OLA, and the last meeting of the year will be on April 19.

- Assessment Committee – Sharon Morrison

There will be a workshop in September. The committee is talking about a keynote speaker, and has a tentative schedule. The objective for the workshop is for attendees to receive the basic tools they need to duplicate a project (from the Value of Academic Libraries ACRL report).

- Expanded Instructional Support – Susan Jeffries

The Expanded Instructional Support Committee will be coordinating with the Executive Committee on the Affordable Learning Solutions portal project. There will be a webinar with Gerard Hanley (Director of Academic Technology Services at MERLOT) at 9:30 a.m. on December 5.

New Business:

- eBooks on EBSCO – Kirk Gordon

EBSCO currently has about 360,000 eBooks available and is adding about 5,000 per month (not all English language titles, not all academic). They also have about 16,700 eAudiobooks. About 95% of the eBooks are downloadable (library must have a license for Adobe Content Server; individuals must have Adobe Digital Editions on their device). The Kindle, Nook, and all other devices are supported. EBSCO is working on their own app for iOS and Android. The maximum number of pages that can be printed from an eBook is 60 (libraries can set that limit lower through EBSCOadmin; checkout period is also set by individual libraries in the admin module). Patrons have the ability to place holds on eBooks. Libraries can transfer other eBooks they own to the EBSCO platform. Downloadable audiobooks work with Microsoft and iTunes.

EBSCO is moving away from shared collections to give libraries more flexibility in purchasing. They have Subject Sets, with nothing more than three years old, and the library must buy the whole set. Featured Collections allow the library to choose which books to buy. EBSCO will also build Custom Collections. They have a subscription model which allows a library to "try out" books for a year before deciding which ones to buy. And they have Patron Driven Acquisition, in which after three instances of "meaningful use" the book is automatically purchased. It may also upgrade an owned book to a three-user or unlimited-user license after so many turnaways (the number set by the individual library).

From now until March 31, EBSCO is offering a 5% cash back/rebate. The rebate is put into an account to be spent on any EBSCO product (including databases). If it is not used by the end of June, EBSCO will issue a check to the institution. If OCALD member libraries were to purchase eBooks as a consortium, we could receive up to a 25% discount depending on how many libraries participated. The libraries would not all have to purchase the same books, but we would have to purchase at the same time. Kirk will check to see if purchasing through a deposit account would qualify. OCALD's Cooperative Collection Development committee chaired by Barbara King will follow up on this.

Other developments – a new Collection Manager administrative module will be released in late January (no charge to libraries). The "update" button is going away – changes to search parameters will take effect automatically.

- Sky River – Michael Markwith and Sherry Young

A new bibliographic utility, Sky River was developed by Innovative Interfaces founder in partnership with Michigan State and Cal State-Long Beach. It launched in October 2009, and now has over 50 libraries participating. (The only Oklahoma library so far is Cameron University.) Their philosophy is that no one owns bibliographic records; however, Sheila Johnson brought up the concern that their cataloging represents a significant investment and that OSU records are provided only as finding aids for users of their collections. Sky River has 38 million "unique" records, from sources such as the Library of Congress, GPO, union catalogs, and contributed records from member libraries. Their records also include RDA information, but individual libraries can decide whether or not they want to see that information.

Sky River's software enhancements are all at the request of their customers. Their libraries save 20 to 40 percent on cataloging fees. Their all-inclusive annual subscription fee allows libraries unlimited access.

The software client is loaded on all staff workstations, and records are downloaded from servers in California for local manipulation.

Currently, OCLC is preventing Sky River records from being added to WorldCat, so libraries still have to rely on OCLC for resource sharing. Sky River's suit against OCLC is held up in the Ohio courts.

Sherry Young reported that the main reasons Cameron decided to go with Sky River were the ability to bill through Amigos and customer service issues with OCLC. They were also troubled by the lack of competition OCLC has had. Since Cameron has just recently changed to Sky River, they cannot make a judgment at this time on how long they will continue with it.

Continuing Business, cont.:

Tamie announced that East Central University passed their HLC reaccreditation, and Barbara King announced that OCCC did also. Both institutions received another 10 years' accreditation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.