

OCALD Membership (Virtual) Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda

Habib called the meeting to order. Everyone was asked to enter their name and institution on the Google Doc for attendance.

- Link to Google Doc for attendance – posted in chat:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O9vV2giPhfrOR4IrqdZdR6WM5-g3DU0XtiluW56eR7Q/edit?usp=sharing>

Introductions – Habib Tabatabai, Chair

Members:

- Habib Tabatabai, University of Central Oklahoma
- Ona Lou Britton-Spears, Connors State College
- Lee Anne Paris, Oklahoma Christian University
- Jon Goodell, Oklahoma State University-Center for Health Sciences
- Melissa Huffman, Rose State College
- Megan Donald, University of Tulsa Law Library
- Pamela Louderback, Northeastern State University
- Victoria Swinney, Oklahoma City University
- Stewart Brower, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa
- Sarah Robbins, University of Oklahoma-Norman (arrived at 1:30)
- Jason Dupree, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- Shannon Leaper, Northwestern Oklahoma State University
- Nancy Draper, Randall University
- David L McMillan, Bacone College
- Julie Rankin Oklahoma Baptist University
- Ann Raia, Oklahoma City Community College
- Mark Roberts, Oral Roberts University
- Lynne Simpson, Langston University
- Sheila Johnson, Oklahoma State University
- Barbara Pickthorn, Cameron University
- Karen Haught, College of the Muscogee Nation
- Joy Summers-Ables, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- Alan Lawless, Rogers State University
- Adrian Alexander, University of Tulsa
- Elaine Regier, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City

Advisors:

- Brad Griffith (for Dr. Debbie Blanke), OSRHE
- Melody Kellogg, ODL

Guests:

- OSRHE: Brittany Blake
- ODL: Jan Davis, presenter
- Oklahoma Historical Society: Chad Williams, presenter
- East Central University: Marla Lobleby, presenter (attending for Dana Belcher)
- Oklahoma State University: Kathy Essmiller, presenter

Approval of minutes of last meeting – Elaine Regier, Secretary

Karen Haught moved to approve the minutes of the November and January meetings. David McMillan made the second; the minutes were approved.

OCALD Executive Committee Report

Jon Goodell is in charge of the election process for new officers. He will send information about the officer positions and provide an opportunity to nominate someone or become a candidate.

Paula Settoon and Tulsa Community College received the ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries award in January. Alan Lawless retires from Rogers State University on April 30, following 38 years of service. Both of these people will be recognized with a plaque. Congratulations!

Speakers

Pamela Louderback - “Digital Accessibility GOALS Survey”

The Digital Accessibility Subcommittee of COLE (Council for Online Learning Excellence) and OCO (Online Consortium of Oklahoma) is seeking institutional-level input on accessibility in Oklahoma. A survey was done in 2012 or 2013. The group is gathering information to build an institution-wide technology accessibility framework. On Friday, April 30, 1:00-3:30, participating institutions will gather virtually during the Executive Leadership Summit to discuss the results of the most recent survey and to plan for the next steps. Contact Pamela, or Brad Griffith, with any questions.

Presentation of the Day - “Increasing Access to Special Collections”, Jan Davis, Administrative Archivist, Department of Libraries and Chad Williams, Director of Research, Oklahoma Historical Society

Jan works with permanent records of state government, while Chad’s role is about collecting, preserving, and sharing the history of Oklahoma.

ODL’s Digital Prairie Collection includes a number of government documents. There are some interesting items. As an example, there are 26 years of “Oklahoma Wildlife” with 291 searchable issues uploaded. Topics include women’s suffrage and the Tulsa race massacre. For the Images of Oklahoma Collection, they work with museums, libraries, and archives across the state to gather materials about the history of the communities and organizations.

The Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) has the Gateway to Oklahoma History. This searchable collection includes newspapers from across the state. By 2025, they will have 14 million public domain newspapers added from the Society’s microfilm collection. There are 535,000 photographs. Newspapers, photos, and maps can be downloaded. They are in the process of adding “The Chronicles of Oklahoma” to the Gateway. Partners include museums and public libraries.

ODL and OHS are members of the Oklahoma Hub, which is a group of institutions working to ensure that Oklahoma is well represented in the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). It includes over 42 million items representing all areas of the nation.

As part of the Oklahoma Hub, Oklahoma State University provides metadata review, and The University of Oklahoma provides technical expertise in harvesting the information and ingesting it into the DPLA.

Participation is encouraged. Rights statements are important to include.

Grant opportunities for preservation are available through several groups: Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board, OHS, and National Endowment for the Humanities.

Campus newspapers and yearbooks are excellent publications to digitize and include in the DPLA. Jan and Chad are both willing to help with these projects.

Discuss “OER and Online Education Opportunities”, Brad Griffith, OSRHE, Marla Lobley, Public Services Librarian, East Central University Library, Kathy Essmiller, Research and Learning Services, Oklahoma State University Library

OER collaborations are going strong in Oklahoma. Brad, Kathy, and Marla work with faculty and librarians across the state through COLE and subcommittees of the group. Brad mentioned several people in OCALD who are active in COLE: Pamela Louderback, Ann Raia, Melissa Huffman, and David McMillan.

Five of COLE’s subcommittees are Accessibility, Advanced Technology, Open Education Resources (OER), Policy, and Professional Development. COLE has a Slack channel to share information and to collaborate.

OER resources are listed on the Online Consortium of Oklahoma (OCO) website and include LibGuides, a learning portal, Pressbooks, and digital badge information. Digital badges are a way to recognize faculty and staff on their achievements in this area of work. The champion badge assesses basic competencies in OER, while the collaborator badge is earned by developing materials in collaboration with others.

The learning portal includes two moodle sites: Open Lifelong Learning and Oklahoma OER Collaborations. OCO provides access to Pressbooks for all state institutions to create OER content.

There are three types of project funding opportunities through OCO. Funding should be available this summer and will be awarded upon completion of the project.

1. Grant for fully authored project
2. Grant for OER remix/revision
3. Grant for OER adoption of whole resource

Participation is encouraged in OCO learning opportunities such as the Learning Innovations Summit. There are two days remaining, April 16 and 23. April 23 includes an afternoon devoted to OER.

Committee Reports and Discussions

- By-Laws, Joy Summers-Ables – no report
- Cooperative Library Services and Standards, Jason Dupree – no report
- OK-Share, Stewart Brower – no report
- Website updates, Elaine Regier
 - The link for OK-ACRL has been corrected.
 - OCALD minutes are posted for October, 1998-September, 2020.
 - Minutes for November and January should be posted soon.
- Cooperative Collection Development & Resource Sharing, Victoria Swinney and Stewart Brower (co-chairs)
 - The license for Academic Search Premier has been extended to match the contract with ODL.
- Archives, Jenny Duncan
 - Habib reported for Jenny. She is collecting paper documents for this project. Habib also asked if we really need to preserve the paper and wondered about scanning these documents and sending them electronically. He asked everyone to share any preferences on the listserv.

OSRHE Report - Dr. Debbie Blanke

Brad reported for Dr. Blanke. There are no significant updates as they are still working remotely but are transitioning back to in-person meetings. He asked about the next steps with EBSCO. Victoria explained that it is complicated. Melody believes that ODL is in year four of the contract and is happy to work with OCALD and the Regents.

ODL Report – Melody Kellogg

There have been a number of changes in personnel at ODL. The position for Director of Library Development is now open. This department also lost a library consultant and is down to four people.

FY22 is busy. The five-year evaluation for the Federal LSTA funds will be completed. This, in turn, initiates the next five-year plan. The department will be audited (state) during FY 22. The LSTA coordinator retires June 30.

ODL is looking at projects for spending ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds. One project is the career online high school program. It is currently being used in the Pioneer Library System. They are working with the Statewide Workforce Development and OneNet on this project.

The deadline for using funds from the American Rescue Plan is September, 2022. The focus for this funding is high poverty and unemployment areas with low access to Internet.

Announcements/Institutional Updates

- Institutional/Library Update – Transition from Hybrid to full opening - What next?

Stewart Brower, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa

No associate director at this time.

Habib Tabatabai, University of Central Oklahoma

Everyone reports onsite June 1 unless there is an exceptional condition. The summer semester is hybrid; fall returns to full onsite. Decisions about online classes for the fall have not been made.

Pamela Louderback,

Summer classes will probably be hybrid. Fall semester will be full operation as long as Covid numbers stay down. Everyone reported to work in July, 2020. The library has limited access to the stacks and study rooms but plan to start the transition to regular operations in mid-May. They still plan to practice social distancing, wearing masks, and more. Fall should be business as usual.

Mark Roberts, Oral Roberts University

Library staff returned June 30, and the library opened for full service in August. Classes are bimodal and will continue this method. They created a category of virtual students who are still part of the regular residents and not considered part of the online programs. Wearing masks and practicing social distancing helped to keep Covid numbers down.

Melissa Huffman, Rose State College

During the snowstorm, there was a water main break that flooded a building. This affected all buildings on campus. The library has been fully open since August. Classes return to campus in the fall.

Lynne Simpson, Langston University

The campus reopened in the fall. The library has reduced evening hours to allow for daily sanitation. Library instruction has been by Zoom, so the classroom has been opened to groups with a limit of 10. Study pods are sanitized daily and have limits on the number of people that can be in them. On-campus classes are based on the program. Some programs, such as physical therapy and nursing, require in-person labs.

David McMillan, Bacone College

The library is open with reduced hours. Classes are mixed. They plan to fully open in the fall. Someone from the Oklahoma Historical Society visited campus and verified that the buildings are structurally sound. They plan to raise \$150,000 to repair the dorms. They plan to create an OPAC with help from SLIS students. He is open to suggestions on how to do this. Please contact him.

Victoria Swinney, Oklahoma City University

Kevin Evans, the new president, begins on July 1. After this date, they will hire a new provost. Fall is tentative and not expected to be completely back to normal. They still plan for accommodations for students to quarantine or remain online. Masks and social distancing are required. The library has been open since August, but campus is not fully open.

Ona Brittain-Spears, Connors State College

Campus opened June 1. Hours are reduced because there are few night classes. The Muskogee campus still takes temperatures. Summer will be mostly online, but fall plans are not in place yet. Campus is in the final stages of selecting a Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

Adrian Alexander, University of Tulsa

The new president, Brad Carson, begins July 1. They are looking for a new provost. Karen Peterson is the new Dean of Arts and Sciences and is the first dean hired outside campus, at least since 2007. Classes have been hybrid for the academic year, and they are ready for regular operations beginning in August with protocols.

Sheila Johnson, Oklahoma State University-Stillwater

Dr. Kayse Shrum begins her term as president on July 1. She is the 19th president and the first woman to serve in that role. They have an interim provost. Library opened July 1 with reduced hours. They close at midnight for deep cleaning. The normal door counts run 1.5-1.8 million. This year, they might reach 400,000. Students are reluctant about wearing masks. They had no spring break, and people are very tired. They follow university policies but hope to have some hybrid staff locations to accommodate those who are hesitant to return. They plan to remain sensitive to staff needs. Not all jobs could be done remotely, so Special Collections and Oral History departments gathered materials that could be transcribed. Millions of pages have been completed. Many of Angie Debo's original research notes and diaries have been transcribed.

Elaine Regier, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City

Classes are currently about 85% online and anticipate about 60% online for fall. The library has reduced hours: Monday-Thursday, 8-6; Friday, 9-5. Until April 5, the library was physically closed, but virtual services were provided 8-5. The lightboard studio package purchased with funds from the Holleman Foundation has been installed. The search for a new president is in process, and they hope to announce the finalists soon.

Ann Raia, Oklahoma City Community College

The summer semester will be almost entirely online. They anticipate 50/50 for fall. In-person enrollment is still really low, with high enrollment in online classes. Classrooms are to be equipped as Zoom Rooms so half can come one day. There is still a lot of work to do to prepare these rooms. Study rooms are currently used for storage. They will re-evaluate after the summer semester. Not enough students are coming into the library for the study rooms to be an issue. They have a vacancy for Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs. The provost is acting president.

Jason Dupree, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Dr. Diana Lovell starts as president on July 1. They are currently interviewing for provost. With Linda Pye's retirement, they have an opening for a Technical Services Librarian, and the search has begun. The library has been open since July. They have been cautious about interacting with students, and most of their teaching has been online. They plan to return to pre-pandemic operating hours for the summer semester while continuing current precautions. Decisions will be made during the summer semester about what precautions will be retained or modified for the fall term.

New Business – none

Habib thanked the OSRHE tech team for their support.

Next virtual meeting: June 17, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Sheila Johnson and the team at Oklahoma State University will tell about their oral history collection and more.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Elaine Regier