

OCALD

Minutes of the May 20, 1999 meeting

State Regents' Conference Room, Oklahoma City

Beth Anne Freeman, chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the April 22, 1999, meeting were approved.

Freeman expressed concern and relief that Sharon Saulmon and Rose State survived the May 3 tornado. Freeman also reported that Julie Brooks is back at work part-time following her surgery and recovery. Julie sends her best regards to OCALD members and thanks them for their expressions of concern.

Brice Fair gave a legislative update. Current appropriations for higher ed are 10-11 million below current year level. They are hopeful the higher ed shortfall may be replaced with "rainy day" funds. It doesn't look like an increase in library fees will be included in a tuition increase bill. The possibility of a bond issue this year does not look positive.

Phil Moss provided an update on our Psycinfo subscription with Gale Group, which recently acquired IAC. Nancy Taylor, representative from Gale Group, reports that neither Gale Group nor IAC ever had the historical files to PsycInfo available to users, and currently the tapes are not loaded on their server. Moss has requested information as to how this could be technically accomplished. Freeman asked the Database Committee to review the usage and satisfaction with this product over the summer months.

Jon Sparks, chair of the Expanded Instructional Support Committee, opened a discussion of the OK-Share Agreement. OCALD voted unanimously to accept the OK-Share Agreement. A final revised copy of the agreement will be sent to each OCALD library soon. It is recommended that each institution wishing to participate return the signed agreement to Dr. Phil Moss no later than July 1, 1999. Phil's staff will facilitate getting the OK-Share cards printed and distributed. In addition, please return institutional policy information no later than July 1, 1999.

Susan McVey, ODL, provided an update on OLTN activities. In the coming year there will be new interfaces on some products for the statewide licensed databases. SearchBank will be changing to InfoTrac Web interface. This new interface is very customizable. There will be a change in URL with the change in InfoTrac Web interface. FirstSearch also has a new interface. Kids Edition will be replacing Primary TOM and will require a different URL. There was no funding this year to continue an electronic encyclopedia.

McVey mentioned that the Electric Library Elementary product has full-text of the Dallas Morning News as well as radio and television transcripts. The OLTNCAT license has been reviewed and awarded to AutoGraphics. Training is planned for

the new products. Phil will post the address of a trial demo site of the Gale Group InfoTrac Web interface.

McVey requested that we let our legislators know if these databases have been successful with our patrons.

Freeman announced that OCALD committees need to meet during the summer months to review status of projects and report plans at the August 26, 1999, OCALD meeting. Committees will be created to review OCALD by-laws and one to look at issues involved in creating and maintaining an OCLAD web page. If you are interested in serving on either committee, let Freeman know.

Ed Johnson requested input from members on topics for a workshop in the coming year.

Mark Herring, OBU, announced that he has accepted a position at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

The next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 1999, in the State Regents' Conference Room. Committee meetings be at 10:30 a.m. Meeting room assignments to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Francine J. Fisk
Secretary**