

OCALD Membership (Virtual) Meeting Agenda

April 25, 2024 1 PM – 3 PM

Recorded Meeting:

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Introductions – Lynn Wallace, Chair

- Attendance and institutional updates posted here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O9vV2giPhfrOR4IrdZdR6WM5-g3DU0XtiluW56eR7Q/edit?usp=sharing>

Attendance:

Members

Nancy Draper - Randall University
Natalie Currie - Oklahoma Department of Libraries
Angela Sample - Oral Roberts University
Paula Settoon – Tulsa Community College
Jason Dupree - SWOSU
Dana Belcher - ECU
Pamela Louderback - Northeastern State University, Broken Arrow
JJ Compton - Oklahoma Christian (OC)
Ona Lou Britton-Spears CSC
Shannon Leaper - NWOSU
Victoria Swinney - Oklahoma City University
Sandy Shapoval - Phillips Theological Seminary Library
Suzanne Rooker - Redlands Community College
Jill Krefft - University of Tulsa
Caitlin Corbett - Langston University
Jennifer Evans - Cameron University
Jon Goodell - Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
Andrew Soliven - Rose State College
Lynn Wallace, Oklahoma State University, Tulsa

Advisors and Guests

OSRHE Representative – Brad Griffith and Brittany Blake
ODL – Natalie Currie
Oklahoma ABLETech – Brent Greyson and Lyssa Prince

Approval of minutes of last meeting – Lynn Wallace, Chair

The meeting minutes from the previous session were reviewed and approved by the attendees.

OSRHE Report – Brittany Blake

- Council for Online Learning Excellence (COLE) hosted Oklahoma Learning Innovation Summit was April 25-26, 2024
 - During the Summit the Online Excellence Award Winners were announced. The website should be getting updated with that information and shared with the councils in the coming weeks. Award categories included
 - Accessibility
 - Innovation

- Teaching
 - Individual Leadership
 - Team, Program, or Institution Leadership
 - Open Education Impact
- OER 101 training opportunities are available and for public institution employees there is \$50.00 stipends available for completing the training by Friday, May 3.
 - Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education received a total of \$11,348,455 in GEER 11 funds. These were unused EANS funds that were reverted back to the Governor's Office and awarded to OSRHE based off a proposal the agency submitted. The funds will be disbursed to the institutions through four programs and marketing dollars. We are asking institutions not to start marketing the programs and funds available until agreements are finalized. These programs include:
 - Micro-credentials for Alternatively & Emergency Certified Teachers
 - Accelerated Teacher Education Program
 - Child Care Credentials
 - Adult Degree Completion

ODL Report – Natalie Currie

- The update on the state report highlighted the successful outcome of the legislative session, noting that all bills of concern failed to progress. A bill updating the Records Management Act was passed.
- In the Federal fiscal year 24 budget, there is a slight increase in appropriations for IMLS.
- Report on the advocacy fly-in event in March and the efforts to increase funding for various programs.
- There is a trend of negative legislation in other states regarding library affiliation and access to materials. She highlighted ongoing court cases challenging these laws.

New Business:

Guest Presenter – OK ABLETech on Digital Accessibility

- Brent Grayson (and Lyssa Prince) from Oklahoma ABLE Tech presented information about their organization and the services they provide for the State of Oklahoma.
- Brent introduced himself as part of the instructional design and accessibility team. He outlined the topics to be discussed, starting with why digital accessibility matters. Brent defines accessibility as making information and activities usable for everyone, including those with disabilities. He emphasizes that disabilities can be permanent or situational. Brent explained situational disabilities, where limitations occur due to environmental factors, not just permanent conditions. He gave examples like reading a cell phone in bright sunlight or studying in a noisy environment. He highlighted the responsibility of curating accessible environments. Brent addressed why digital accessibility is crucial. He mentioned it as the connective tissue between assistive technology and digital content. He stressed its importance in fulfilling an institution's mission, legal compliance, and the broader benefit to society.
- Brent then introduced Oklahoma ABLE Tech, describing its mission to make life accessible for Oklahomans of all ages and abilities. He explained the organization's role as a federally funded center under the Assistive Technology Act. He outlined the services provided, including device demonstrations, loans, reutilization, financial assistance, and digital accessibility services.

OLA Report – Dana Belcher

- Dana Belcher provided updates on the successful conclusion of the OLA Annual Conference, held March 6th-8th, highlighting positive revenue and ongoing negotiations for next year's contracts.
- She also mentioned an upcoming membership meeting and discussed differences in state organizations.
- Additionally, Dana shared concerns about a new education associate in South Carolina with an anti-library stance.
- She concluded by mentioning ongoing activities and budget preparations, inviting questions.

OK-Share – Nancy Draper

- Nancy Draper presented statistics compiled from a survey sent out last fall. Nancy noted that 27 institutions responded to the survey, while 14 did not.
- She mentioned that this would be her last meeting before retiring after 47 years of service.
- Nancy then shared the summary of the survey results, including the number of cards issued, circulation transactions, and patrons borrowing materials.
- She also mentioned the practice of requiring students to obtain an OK Share card for extra credit, which contributed to the number of cards issued.

Cooperative Collection Development & Resource Sharing – Victoria Swinney

- Victoria discussed the outcome of discussions with NewsBank regarding a potential consortial deal, highlighting challenges and limitations.
- Victoria shared her impression that NewsBank might be open to gaining more customers but would charge them the normal amount.
- Lynn Wallace shared difficulties encountered during her meeting with a NewsBank representative, highlighting the challenging terms of their archive purchase model and noted her skepticism about pursuing further negotiations with NewsBank due to the unfavorable terms.
- Natalie Currie from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries confirmed that there wasn't a statewide license for NewsBank.
- Victoria shared past issues with NewsBank's pricing model, which led to a collapse in a previous deal with the State regents.
- Lynn acknowledged the challenges and agreed that pursuing a deal with NewsBank might not be feasible.

OCALD Executive Committee Report – Lynn Wallace

- Lynn Wallace initiated a discussion on the need for professional development opportunities for library directors within the region.
 - The Executive Committee considered the establishment of a dedicated subcommittee focused on director professional development.
 - Lynn outlined potential areas of focus for the subcommittee, including executive presence, advocacy work, budgeting, fundraising, and staff development.
 - Dana Belcher expressed support for the idea and offered to assist with its implementation
 - Lynn mentioned the need to review the bylaws to accommodate the proposed subcommittee.
- An option to collaborate with Amigos training on topics (document shared). We may be able to continue to pursue this over the next year or two.
- Planning for next year's elections:
 - Opening for a Chair Elect and a Member-at-Large.
 - This is a great way to connect and grow your involvement
 - If interested, e-mail lynn.wallace@okstate.edu by May 5th.
- Plans for the upcoming year were outlined:
 - Suzanne Rooker was announced as the incoming chair
 - Dr. Sample will continue as secretary.
 - Andrew Sullivan and Victoria were acknowledged for their roles as member at large, with Victoria rolling off the committee, creating two openings for the next year.
 - Interest Survey for committee members to serve on subcommittees will go out with a deadline of May 5th.

Committee Reports and Discussions

- Lynn Wallace initiated an open call for updates from members of other subcommittees whose subcommittee chairs were not present.
- Announcements from Members/Institutional Updates
 - Nancy Draper announced her replacement, Autumn Vandevort
 - Dana Belcher shared news about new carpeting at their facility.
 - JJ Compton announced the appointment of Melanie Spoon as the new library staff director at Oklahoma Christian.

Institutional Report Summaries – as submitted on Google Doc

OC

- Melanie Spoon has been named the new Library Director and will begin at the end of May, 2024
- Holding a flat budget for FY2025
- Rumors of changes coming to the building/library but no confirmed information as of yet

ECU

- Waiting for FY25 budget sheets to be released
- Fighting for storage space
- Hired a Collection Services Librarian 4/1 - waiting to hear if we'll be able to fill vacant Digital Services Librarian position
- Hiring a new staff member to begin 7/1
- Will be getting new carpet throughout the library after 27 years of use (still need painting - maybe I'll get that before I retire in 2028)
- Have active shooter training in the library 5/3

Cameron University

- Katie Hall will start as Librarian on June 3, 2024 to replace Cathy Blackman upon her retirement

Connors State College

- Staff have a scheduled retreat in May
- The library website will get an update over the summer

ODL Report for the Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors April 25, 2024

ODL Report

- The next regular meeting of the ODL Board is scheduled for June 14 at the Sapulpa Public Library.
- [Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter](#) for updates on grants, programs, and statewide resources such as EBSCO! May newsletter will include ability to register for a webinar with EBSCO on the EBSCO Experience Manager and EBSCOadmin on May 7 at 10 a.m. and May 9 at 2 p.m..
 - o For questions about statewide e-resources such as EBSCO, contact Rachel Walker at Rachel.walker@libraries.ok.gov.
- [35th Annual Oklahoma Book Awards](#) – Join us Saturday, May 11 at the Oklahoma History Center in OKC. The Arrell Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to author, poet, filmmaker, and playwright LeAnne Howe.

State Report

- See attached legislation tracking report.
- Workforce Development
 - o Continuing to build relationships with CareerTech, Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission
 - o Oklahoma Education Commission
- Broadband Expansion, Technology Adoption and Digital Skills Building
 - o Working closely with the Oklahoma Broadband Office
 - o [State Digital Equity Plan has been approved by NTIA](#)
- 4/2/24 The Oklahoman: [Why Edmond district wants state Supreme Court to hear its case against education board](#)
 - o OSCN.net

National/Federal Report

- FFY 2024 budget was signed March 23. Appropriations for IMLS held steady at \$294,800,000. ODL's FFY 2024 allotment for LSTA Grants to States funding from IMLS is \$2,529,938 – an increase of \$28,684 over our FFY2023 award.
- Voices for Libraries Advocacy Fly-in was March 5-7, in Washington D.C. Main talking points:
 - o Support at least \$232 million for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and \$50 million for Innovative Approaches to Literacy Act (IAL). Reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act in 2025.
- [2024 ALA State of America's Libraries report](#)
- News from other states
 - o Alabama
 - 4/22/24 CBS42: [Alabama library employees call proposed bill 'potential slippery slope,' consequences 'frightening'](#)
 - o Alaska
 - 4/2/24 Alaska Public Media: [Mat-Su schools book ban goes to federal judge for oral arguments](#). No rulings or other updates have been posted as of date of this report.

- Arkansas
 - 3/19/24 Arkansas Times: [Policing libraries, aka book banning, moves a step further in Arkansas](#)
- Iowa
 - 4/10/24 Boise State Public Radio: Gov. Little: [‘I signed that stinkin’ library bill’ according to report](#)
 - 4/16/24 Publishers Weekly: [Five Publishers Join Lawsuit to Stop Iowa Book Banning Law](#)
- [ALA Intellectual Freedom Blog 4/12/24](#)

NOTES from OSRHE

- OER 101 training still available. \$50 stipend
- Received funding \$11m for micro-credentials. Adult degree completion scholarships.
 - Announced to training institutions.