

**OLA Annual Reports 2013-14**  
**Divisions, Committees, Round Tables, Special Assignments**

**OLA unit: Academic Division**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Isaac Gilman, President, Pacific University; Hannah Rempel, Vice President / President Elect, Oregon State University; Anne-Marie Deitering, Past President, Oregon State University; Elizabeth Brookbank, Oregon University System Representative, Western Oregon University; Annie Downey, Private Colleges Representative, Reed College; Janet Tapper, Legislative Representative, University of Western State; Marika Pineda, Community Colleges Representative, Lane Community College; Yen Tran, Member at Large, University of Oregon; Tom Larsen, Member at Large, Portland State University; Emily Miller-Francisco, Member at Large, Southern Oregon University; Uta Hussong-Christian, Member at Large, Oregon State University; Robin Champieux, Communications Coordinator, Oregon Health & Science University; Arlene Weible, State Library Representative, Oregon State Library

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

ACRL-Oregon seeks to support academic libraries and librarians; to foster communication among academic librarians; to promote the development of Oregon academic libraries; to sponsor educational programs of interest to academic librarians; and to serve as liaison between academic librarians and other academic and library constituencies.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

1. Improve new and current member communication and connections. This includes:
  - a) Evaluating our web presence and revising content, and the use of, both Memberclicks and Wordpress
  - b) Exploring opportunities for networking and collaboration, both virtually and in person.
  - c) Developing a digital new member packet/information that can be provided to members as soon as they register with OLA ,
2. Develop partnerships and collaborative opportunities with OASL. This includes:
  - a) Funding attendance of ACRL-OR representative at the OASL annual conference
  - b) Funding attendance of OASL members at the Library Instruction West conference
  - c) Collaborating with OASL on a joint OLAQ/Interchange issue
3. Develop and recruit academic content at OLA 2014
4. Plan Menucha (ACRL-OR/ACRL-WA) conference for October 2014

**Progress on goals and objectives**

1. Improve new and current member communication and connections
  - a) Arranged with OLA business manager to receive a report whenever new members signed up for ACRL-OR. Welcome emails with information about how to become involved in the division were sent to new members.
  - b) Developed a strategy for our web presence, which will involve using Wordpress as our primary external communication tool
  - c) Held one virtual networking event focused on data management and one in-person social event
2. Develop partnerships and collaborative opportunities with OASL.
  - a) Two ACRL-OR representatives attended the fall OASL conference and reported back to ACRL-OR on opportunities for dialogue or collaboration with school librarians
  - b) Approved funding for two scholarships for OASL members to attend Library Instruction West, but there were no applications (OASL did promote the opportunity to its members)
  - c) A joint OLAQ/Interchange issue was produced, and articles were solicited from members of the academic library community
  - d) A letter of support addressed to the Oregon Department of Education was sent in support of adopting the OASL information literacy standards
3. Develop and recruit academic content at OLA 2014
  - a) ACRL-OR cosponsored a pre-conference with LTRT focused on user experience
  - b) ACRL-OR sponsored or co-sponsored several conference sessions:
    - \*Academic Libraries and Student Affairs: Developing New Partnerships to Support Student Learning
    - \*Collective Insight: Driven by Shared Data
    - \*Controlling your Digital Alter Ego: Educating Library Users in Online Identity Management
    - \*Privacy and Libraries: A Changing and Challenging Landscape
    - \*What's New (and not New) with the Statewide Database Licensing Program?
    - \*Focus the Conversations: Faculty Outreach for Embedded Information Literacy

\*Library Service and the International Student

4. Plan Menucha (ACRL-OR/ACRL-WA) conference for October 2014

- a) A theme (Libraries and Technology) and draft program have been developed for the conference; the focus of the meeting will be on the impact of technology on the identity and work of librarians.
- b) Two keynote speakers, Deborah Hicks and Chris Bourg, are under contract to speak at the conference.

### **Goals for 2014-15**

- 1. Plan a reception for ACRL state chapter officers at the ACRL 2015 national conference in Portland
- 2. Develop partnerships and collaborative opportunities with SSD. This will include funding new scholarships for support staff to attend Menucha.
- 3. Implement web strategy by updating design and content on Memberclicks and Wordpress.
- 4. Develop and recruit academic content at OLA 2015
- 5. Continue work on evaluating ACRL-OR archives materials in OLA archive

### **Comments**

In addition to the accomplishments related to our goals, there were several other items of note this year:

- a) The ACRL-OR Award for Excellence was presented at OLA 2014 to Todd Hannon from OHSU for his work with rural Oregonians on the Community Research Enhancement and Education Development (CREED) project.
- b) ACRL-OR awarded to scholarships for first-time attendees to the ACRL-OR/ACRL-WA fall conference at Pack Forest
- c) New board members were elected and appointed (and current members were elected to new positions or terms): Uta Hussong-Christian is the incoming VP/President Elect; Stewart Baker and Jen Klaudinyi are the new members-at-large, Elizabeth Brookbank was appointed the OUS representative, and Annie Downey was appointed private colleges representative.
- d) ACRL-OR provided access, through ACRL, to two webinars:
  - \*Out of the Library and Into the Community: Academic Libraries and Community Engagement (May 2014)
  - \* The Publishing Rollercoaster: Writers Sound Off (March 2014)

Rather than trying to host synchronous viewing of ACRL webinars, ACRL-OR will be making the archived webinars available for ACRL-OR member-affiliated events/viewings.

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**OLA unit: Children's Services Division**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Becky Pearson, Danielle Jones, Denise Willms, Heather McNeil, Jane Corry, Karen Fischer, Korie Buerkle, Rebecca Mayer, Rick Samuelson, Taylor Worley

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The defining goal of the Children's Services Division is to champion children's literacy, and to provide continuing education for Oregon's children's librarians and support staff working in children's services.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

1. Create a strategic plan to focus CSD's efforts where needed across the state to support children's librarians and support staff.
2. Send a representative to ALA's legislative day in Washington DC to represent the interests of youth librarians.
3. Create a budget for 2014-2015 to focus CSD resources.
4. Approval of the updated CSD bylaws
5. Update the Youth Services Guidelines
6. Archive CSD materials at the State Library
7. Provide scholarships to CSD members to facilitate continuing education
8. Provide continuing education opportunities throughout the year: Fall Workshop, Spring Workshop, Mock Caldecott, Mock Geisel
9. Create networking opportunities for CSD members by encouraging storytime meet-ups across the state.
10. Support Summer Reading in the state of Oregon through sending reps to CSLP and advocating for Oregon children and libraries.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

1. On 2/3/13, 23 people from around the state met for the first phase of the strategic plan. Four goals were chosen by the attendees. Next a survey was sent to CSD members, and non-members to narrow focus. Seventy one people responded, many with insightful suggestions and comments. The CSD board plans to meet at the end of the summer to create action items around those goals.
2. Jane Corry attended ALA's Legislative Day this year. She connected with legislators around literacy issues.
3. We are currently working on a budget for next year, and will be enlisting Shirley Roberts's expertise.
4. The CSD bylaw updates were approved by both the CSD members and the OLA Board.
5. The updates to the Youth Services Guidelines are ongoing.
6. The CSD materials to archive have been culled, and will take up residence at the State Library in August.
7. This year CSD provided 7 members scholarships to attend conferences (in state and national) in the amount of \$2,594.
8. CSD provided Fall and Spring workshops focusing on STEAM this year, as well as two Mock workshops to increase understanding of what makes a stand-out picture book and early reader.
9. This year CSD board members hosted 4 storytime meet-ups across the state. These meet-ups facilitated discussion around best practices as well as fostering camaraderie.
10. The Summer Reading chair attended the national CSLP conference and advocated for Oregon children and libraries.

**Goals for 2014-15**

1. Implement CSD's strategic plan
2. Send a representative to ALA's legislative day in Washington DC to represent the interest of youth librarians.
3. Update the Youth Services Guidelines
4. Continue to provide education opportunities throughout the year through workshops and networking
5. Create a budget for 2015-2016 to focus CSD resources.
6. Continue to support and advocate Oregon Summer Reading Programs by sending a representative to the CSLP conference.

**Comments**

It has been an incredible opportunity to work with the CSD board this year. This board is committed to helping out their fellow children's services workers. They are energetic and full of ideas. I can't wait to see what next year brings for the Children's Services Division.

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**OLA unit: Oregon Association of School Libraries (OASL)**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Nancy Sullivan, OASL President

Stephanie Thomas, OASL President Elect

Susan Stone, OASL Past President

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

Our mission is to provide progressive leadership, to ensure that Oregon students and educators are effective users of ideas and information, and to pursue excellence in school library media programs.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

In addition to ongoing regular OASL business:

School District CIP (Continuous Improvement Planning) outreach to superintendents - led by Jen Maurer

Ad hoc committee - Standards - led by Peggy Christiansen

Ad hoc committee - School Library Staffing Models - led by Kate Weber

Ad hoc committee - SB290 Evaluation of School Librarians - led by Kathryn Harmon

AASL Affiliate business

**Progress on goals and objectives**

Please see specific committee reports.

**Goals for 2014-15**

Goals will be set at our Retreat July 27 & 28, 2014.

An Evening with OASL: Featuring Angela Johnson on Saturday, October 18, 2104

**Comments**

Special thanks to OLA, especially, Candice Watkins and Penny Hummel, for outreach support to stakeholders and the media during early June 2014.

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**OLA unit: Oregon Young Adult Network (OYAN)**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Chair: Mark Richardson Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Sonja Somerville Past Chair: Aimee Meuchel & Traci Glass Secretary: Danielle Jones Web Editor: K'Lyn Hann Publications Managers: Ian Duncanson, Elvira Sanchez-Kisser, Barratt Miller CSLP Liaison: Abbie Anderson

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

OYAN goals are to advocate for excellence in library service for teens, to take a proactive role in providing library services to teens, and to provide a network for communication among those who work with teens.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

1. Identify an ethical way to raise funds for OYAN.
2. Coordinate, develop and participate in programs with CSD and OASL.
3. Utilize virtual conference software to increase program and meeting attendance, diversity and participation.
4. Develop new procedures for providing OYAN blog content.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

1. Our raffle, preconference and membership dues provided most of our income for the year. We have structured the raffle in such a way that anyone can purchase tickets. We have an online sales component that is advertised statewide in the Oregonian before the raffle. We believe this satisfies the ethical problems identified in the past few years.
2. We coordinated with CSD on two conference sessions at OLA and Mark attended the OASL conference. OYAN membership is free to OASL members who choose to enroll. There is certainly more we can do in this area.
3. We continue to use Go-To-Meeting to allow disparate members to attend meetings virtually. Some meetings this helped attendance and others it had no effect. We will continue to use it.
4. We have three publications managers who provide most of the content for the blog. Their thinking continues to evolve in this area and we have more work to do.

**Goals for 2014-15**

1. Connect with school librarians, school library assistants and OASL more. Send members to ILAGO meetings in order to improve OYAN members understanding of Information Literacy issues and how they impact teens and school libraries. Inform members on how they can improve contacts with school libraries and the people who run them.
2. Increase members' awareness and knowledge about good nonfiction for teens. Promote these titles more.
3. Define and implement an improved method for archiving OYAN materials.
4. Promote our scholarship opportunities more.

**Comments**

OYAN had a solid year. Funding was stable, all OLA programs were well attended and we had a wonderful preconference in Salem with Linda Braun.

- The Book Rave and Graphic Rave were published as usual. We continue to seek more manga suggestions and more good nonfiction for the lists.
- Quarterly Membership meetings were held at Beaverton, Tualatin and Tillamook and will finish at Crook County in Prineville later in July.
- Announcements to the membership and other interested parties by means of memberclicks messaging, OYAN's listserv, Libs-OR and the OLA Hotline.
- Two scholarships were awarded to Barratt Miller and Danielle Jones.
- The Chair attended the OASL conference to show support and connect with OASL members.
- The OYEA! Award was awarded to Heydi Smith formerly from Stayton Public Library.
- OYAN continues to appoint a member to be a part of the ORCA committee.
- The annual OLA raffle to benefit OYAN was sold out with a record number of tickets sold.

- Workshops & Presentations:

- Fall Workshop with Jo Oshiro and Ryan Collay on science programming.
- At the 2014 OLA Annual Conference, OYAN 3 sessions, sponsored a fourth session, and co-sponsored (with CSD) a fifth session. OYAN also sponsored a preconference by Linda Braun.
- The 2014 Mock Printz workshop was near capacity again with many teens and adults

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**OLA unit: Public Library Division (PLD)**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Pam North, Maureen Cole, Su Liudahl, Dan White, Kevin Barclay, Stephanie Lind, Karen Muller, Jane Tucker

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The Public Library Division of OLA represents all public libraries in Oregon. The purpose of the PLD is to promote public library service and development, to promote the potential for increasing cooperation among public libraries, to represent the interests and concerns of public libraries in relation to the Oregon Library Association and the Oregon State Library and to develop legislative priorities for public libraries and other issues as may be pertinent to the Division.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

1. Complete revision of the Standards for Oregon Public Libraries and seek adoption by the PLD membership
2. Plan a pre-conference and programs for the OLA Conference in Salem
3. Plan the annual Public Library Division banquet at the Conference
4. Seek and select the annual OLE' Award winner
5. Plan and convene the Oregon Public Library Directors Meeting

**Progress on goals and objectives**

All goals and objectives achieved!

**Goals for 2014-15**

1. Review and refine the Standards for Oregon Public Libraries
2. Plan a pre-conference and programs for the OLA Conference in Eugene
3. Plan the annual Public Library Division banquet at the Conference
4. Seek and select the annual OLE' Award winner
5. Plan and convene the Oregon Public Library Directors Meeting, tentatively set for October 10 at the Hillsboro Public Library
6. Submit a program proposal to the League of Oregon Cities Conference
7. Work on updating the PLD presence on the OLA web pages
8. Support the "See To Read" program in cooperation with the OHSU Casey Eye Institute, the Lions and the Elks

**Comments**

We voted to annually donate \$500 to the OLA Scholarship Fund and applied to present on public libraries and their impact on local economy at the League of Oregon Cities Conference. Our conference proposal was denied.

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**OLA unit: Support Staff Division (SSD)**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Elaine Bortles, chair 2013/2014; Margaret Harmon-Myers, past chair; Rea Andrews, Treasurer; Jay Hadley, Recorder; Susan Gilmont, Continuing Education chair; Becki Roth SSD-Blog; Archivist..vacant; Webmaster..vacant; Members at large (4) vacant

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The Support Staff Division's goals continue to be one of inspiration and one of promoting professional growth. This is achieved through networking, conferences, and workshops and through mentoring. Some of the Support Staff Division's goals are to increasingly share awareness of library issues as well as practical applications of ethical and technological knowledge and skills.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Increase membership; greatly increase active member participation.

Keep SSD Blog a forum for problem solving and sharing of ideas.

Continue book-mending workshops.

More outreach to other library organizations for a greater state wide presence.

Continue work on issues that pertain to support staff through workshops, conferences.

Continue to use and improve our communication with members.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

We have had four potential members inquiries. We are inviting them along with others to come to our Aug meeting in Gresham at the Public Library.

Becki Roth our Blogger, has done an excellent job and is willing to continue in 2014-2015.

SSD sponsored/proposed several programs at the April 2014 OLA conference.

With illness throughout the exec board along with board members leaving, we were unable to host our annual SSD conference.

**Goals for 2014-15**

- 1) Build membership and provide scholarships if needed to assist new members joining along with assistance to attend conferences.
- 2) Hosting book-mending workshops, hosting at least two per year. One to be held in a government building so those who are limited by attending meetings in a government building can do so.
- 3) To continue building on strong communication and outreach to all support staff across the state.
- 4) Continue to look at ways to participate with the OLA mentoring program in a positive way that is still informal but effective.

**Comments**

It has been a difficult year for the SSD exec board with my being gone almost the entire year on medical leave, with other board members illness, it has left everyone completely worn out. Their commitment is never failing. They attended the OLA conference, got programs submitted and accepted along with co-sponsoring /sponsoring sessions in spite of being a group of five which includes Becki. I am so very proud of our little group and appreciate their individual and group dedication. A great deal was accomplished by a very few. Elaine Bortles, Chair 2013-2014

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**OLA unit: Communications Committee**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Berenice Prado Mendoza and Sara Kelso, co-chairs. Sara Q. Thompson, Social Media Coordinator

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

- Oversee OLA Publications (OLA Hotline and OLA Quarterly) and social media content (Facebook, Twitter)
- Solicit news from OLA Board and units in order to provide timely ways to communicate with members concerning OLA activities and to report OLA's official actions
- Report news of Oregon librarians, library staff members, and library activities.
- Report local, regional, and national news that affects the Oregon library community, including legislative actions.
- Committee Chair will serve as ex officio member of the Publications Committee
- Present information on significant materials of local and regional interest.
- Edit material according to criteria developed
- Forward material to Web Member Manager for web posting

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Restructure committee to provide avenues for increased communications.

Recruit a new hotline editor and social media coordinator.

Expand OLA's social media presence.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

Recruited new members and developed new committee structure.

Effective August 31st, 2014: Division, RT, Committee Board Members

Sara Q Thompson, chair.

Sara Kelso, OLAQ Editor.

Berenice Prado Mendoza, Hotline Editor.

Colleen Sanders, social media coordinator.

**Goals for 2014-15**

- Expand social media presence and create guidelines for social media communication and interaction.
- Improve systems for timely updates of OLA website information
- Improve systems for communication of OLA board news items of note

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Conference Committee**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Judith Norton; Steve Silver; Robin Beerbower; Jey Wann; Paul Lightcap; Emily Cable; Christopher Rumbaugh; Suzanne Sager; Lisa Sjoblom; Arlene Weible; Darci Hanning; Yen Tran; John Replinger; Laura Baca

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

To plan and bring to fruition an annual conference that will allow members to conduct Association business and attend workshops, visit exhibits, and meet informally with colleagues from a variety of types of libraries and regions of Oregon.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Assemble a conference committee.

Develop a planning timeline.

Meet on a regular basis to update information and assign tasks.

Keep OLA President and Board informed of progress.

Present conference.

Develop final report.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

All goals and objectives have been met.

**Goals for 2014-15**

Steve Silver will chair the Conference Committee that will plan the next O.L.A. Conference. It will be held at the Hilton in Eugene, OR on April 15-17, 2015.

Continue to revise and update the Conference Handbook by applying ideas learned during conference planning.

**Comments**

A total of 454 people registered to attend the 2014 annual conference, with 126 people attending one of six pre-conferences. According to the May 2014 OLA Financial report, the Conference brought in revenue of \$93,991.80, with expenses of \$45,682.23. Conference profits at the end of May total \$48,609.57. As of the June 30, 2014 financial report, with all expected transactions completed, net profit was \$45,882.

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**OLA unit: Honors, Awards, and Scholarship (HAS) Committee**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Sarah Beasley, Portland State University Library

Gary Sharp, North Bend Public Library

Maureen Cole, Oregon City Public Library

Ruth Murray, Portland State University, OASL

Yen Tran, University of Oregon Library

Leah Griffith, Newberg Public Library

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

Manage the awards of the organization

Select and present the association wide awards

Announce other unit awards at the OLA conference

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Advertise, review and select the OLA awards winners and announce them at the 2014 conference.

Work with the winners libraries on PR for the award winner.

Implement the SAVVIES (S successes, A achievements, V victories, V ventures, I innovations, E endowments, S Shared Accomplishments) program to recognize successes and honors at individual libraries.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

Awards were presented at the OLA Annual Conference:

Librarian of the Year, Heather McNeil, Deschutes Public Library

Distinguished Service, Deborah A. Carver, University of Oregon

Library Employee of the Year, Sara Brehm, Portland State University Library

Library Supporter of the Year, Grace Scatterday, Volunteer at Dallas Public Library

Lifetime membership, Allen Kopf, OASL

No Honorary Membership or Distinguished Service Awards were presented this year.

The SAVVIES had limited participation and the presentation at the conference was just a slide show on a laptop near the registration area.

This year included integrating the OASL award process into the OLA process. OASL wanted to present a lifetime membership award to Allen Kopf at their fall conference which was out of alignment with the normal OLA process. The committee worked it out for this year with Allen receiving the award in October and in the future OASL would submit nominations for Lifetime membership during the normal OLA Award cycle which is late December through February.

**Goals for 2014-15**

Advertise, review and select the OLA awards winners to be announced at the 2015 conference.

Work with the winners libraries on PR for the award winner.

Develop the SAVVIES program to recognize successes and honors at individual libraries.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: HAS OLA MLS Scholarship Committee**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

The Scholarship Selection Committee members are:

Gary Sharp, Chair; Members: Terry Rohe, Anne Pearsons, Carol Ruggeri, Debbie Brodie

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

Our goal is award scholarships to help MLIS students complete their degrees, in an effort to help provide well-trained professional librarians for Oregon libraries. The Scholarship Selections Committee reviews scholarship applications received for OLA's program from the Oregon Student Access Commission, to make scholarships annually to eligible students enrolled in, or starting their studies in ALA-accredited MLIS programs.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

For the past 7 years this program has largely been funded by a \$25,000 LSTA grant, which is not being renewed. The main objective of this year is to develop a new fund raising initiative for the program. A direct mail fund raising effort will take place in fall 2014.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

Discussions about the future of the program have been taking place with scholarship selection committee members, OLA President Penny Hummel & incoming President Candice Watkins and will continue at the OLA retreat.

**Goals for 2014-15**

To undertake new and higher profile fund raising efforts in order to raise significant funds to help the program overcome the loss of the grant funding.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Intellectual Freedom Committee**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Roberta Richards, Co-Chair (Portland Community College); Garnetta Wilker, Co-Chair (K-12 Schools); Judy Anderson, (Concordia University); Christy Davis (Klamath County Library Service District); Krista Reynolds (Concordia University); Morgan Sohl (Driftwood Public Library); Kathy Street (Arlington School District); Katie Anderson, ex officio (Oregon State Library); Candace Morgan, ex officio (Emporia State University); Leigh Morlock, ex officio (OASL IF Committee); Janet Webster, ex officio (Oregon State University)

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

To aid development of OLA's position on intellectual freedom, interpret it to the public, and act in support of this position.

To inform membership of pending legislation, present recommendations, and tender OLA's support of such legislation.

To promote development by libraries of a selection policy.

To determine facts in cases of public controversy over censorship, develop a statement of OLA's position, and present OLA's position to all interested parties.

To develop liaison with other statewide organizations interested in intellectual freedom.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Conduct quadrennial survey of Internet policies and practices in Oregon Public Libraries Support Celebrate the Freedom to

- Focus on privacy issues by providing information and training materials
- Participate in OASL Fall Conference and OLA Spring Conference
- Develop Intellectual Freedom Toolkit for IF web pages

**Progress on goals and objectives**

Informational messages on privacy issues posted to Libs-OR and OASL lists

OASL Fall Conference Session presented

Know What Matters: Intellectual Freedom and School Libraries

OLA Conference Sessions presented

Controlling Your Digital Alter Ego - Educating Library Users in Online Identity Management

Libraries and Privacy - A Changing and Challenging Landscape

Hosted information table focusing on privacy issues at OLA Spring Conference

Intellectual Freedom Champion Award presented to Senator Ron Wyden in recognition of his efforts on behalf of intellectual freedom and privacy

Participated in Roundtable on Net Neutrality with Multnomah County Library and Senator Ron Wyden

IF Toolkit web pages posted in support of OLA Conference sessions and intellectual freedom issues

**Goals for 2014-15**

Continue work on privacy issues

Add focus on net neutrality

Communicate regularly with Libs-OR and OASL lists to provide information on IF issues

Participate in OLA Spring Conference

Continue to add support and training materials to IF Toolkit on IFC web pages

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Library Legislation & Development Committee**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

George Bell, Salem library user (emeritus)  
Aletha Bonebrake, Baker County library user (emeritus)  
Rachel Bridgewater, Reed College (2016)  
Sara Charlton, Tillamook County Library (2015)  
Carol Dinges, Lebanon Public Library (2014)  
Abigail Elder, Beaverton City Library (2015)  
Emily Ford, Portland State University Library (2014)  
Harold Hayes, Douglas County Library District (2016)  
Tina Hovekamp, Central Oregon Community College (2015)  
Kate Lasky, Josephine Community Libraries (2015)  
Buzzy Nielsen, Hood River Library District (2016)

**Ex Officio Members:**

Network Coordinator: Diedre Conkling, Lincoln County Library District  
OLA President: Penny Hummel, Canby Public Library  
OLA President Elect: Candice Watkins, Clatsop Community College  
OLA Intellectual Freedom Chair: Garnetta Wilker, Portland Public Schools and Roberta Richards, Portland Community College Library  
State Librarian: MaryKay Dalgren  
OLA Lobbyist: Nan Heim and Amy Goodall  
OASL Representatives: Susan Stone, Portland Public Schools and Ruth Murray, Portland State University  
ACRL Representative: Janet Tapper, University of Western States

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

Develop, revise and implement OLA's Legislative Agenda  
Monitor local, statewide and federal issues of concern to OLA and the Oregon library community.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

1. Work with the State Law Library to provide equitable access to legal information throughout the state through licensing of electronic resources.
2. Advocate for retention of school librarians by working with the Department of Education and other partners.
3. Explore issue of maintaining library services in communities with constrained resources.
4. Provide expertise to the library community on advocacy and keep them informed on developments affecting our mission.
5. Represent the interests of OLA members, libraries, and library users in the Transformation Project for the Oregon State Library.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

1. **Work with the State Law Library to provide equitable access to legal information throughout the state through licensing of electronic resources.** No action.
2. **Advocate for retention of school librarians by working with the Department of Education and other partners.** The eCIP program has been revised. School districts are now required to report every three years on progress, including their efforts towards building/maintaining a strong school library program. The Committee promoted this as an opportunity for local librarians to get their local school district to describe the program and how it will improve. Committee members and others attended National Library Legislative Day and discussed the importance of school librarians with legislators and their staff members.

3. **Explore issue of maintaining library services in communities with constrained resources.** The Committee has been monitoring the situation in selected libraries, especially Josephine County, as the almost all-volunteer library seeks to become a special district.
4. **Provide expertise to the library community on advocacy and keep them informed on developments affecting our mission.** The Committee provided two successful 2014 conference sessions: one on outcome-based evaluation for grant funded projects, and one on how to talk to voters and not just library users. The Committee also promoted the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ready to Read, encouraging libraries to thank their legislators with specific stories of how they have used the funds in their community.
5. **Represent the interests of OLA members, libraries, and library users in the Transformation Project for the Oregon State Library.** The Committee met with representatives from DAS, Law Library, and State Library to learn about the proposed Transformation and give input. Committee members also corresponded and met with legislators, and provided recommendations regarding government documents and other services that directly impact Oregon libraries and their patrons. Janet Webster has been appointed to a legislative task force working on next steps in the Transformation process.

#### **Goals for 2014-15**

1. Advocate for retention of school librarians by working with the Department of Education and other partners.
2. Explore issue of maintaining library services in communities with constrained resources. Create a toolkit to support library supporters seeking to create stable funding sources in those communities.
3. Provide expertise to the library community on advocacy and keep them informed on developments affecting our mission.
4. Represent the interests of OLA members, libraries, and library users in the Transformation Project for the Oregon State Library.

#### **Comments**

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**OLA unit: Membership Committee**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Meredith Farkas, Portland State University Library; Steph Miller, Multnomah County Library; Lisa Molinelli, Portland State University Library; Emily Papagni, Multnomah County Library; Shirley Sullivan, Beaverton City Library; Courtney Terry, McMinnville Public Library; April Witteveen, Deschutes Public Library

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The intent of the Committee is to secure new members for the Association and to retain current members by engaging them in the activities of the Association. We also strive to make both members and non-members aware of the many benefits of OLA membership and of the opportunities to become active in the Association.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

This year our most significant objective was the completion of the Mentoring Program pilot and the evaluation of the pilot. We also planned to continue our work helping members find ways to become active in OLA and to continue creating a greater sense of community among the membership.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

**Mentoring Program**

1) Since the pilot began, the Mentoring Program has been managed by Meredith Farkas, Shirley Sullivan, and Emily Papagni. Mid-year Shirley Sullivan, rotated off of the committee and we welcomed Lisa Molinelli as a Mentoring Program Administrator. Part of orienting Lisa to the program included updating our documentation to include tasks that need to be done in rotating a librarian on or off of the role of Mentoring Program Administrator. The documentation will make future transitions easier.

2) The Mentoring Program has continued to grow and we are now in the process of gathering feedback with our end of year survey. These surveys, along with the mid-year surveys sent to mentors and mentees, will help us assess how the program is working and what changes may be necessary. The results of the mid-year survey included several requests from mentors which the committee is working on implementing. Examples are the creation of a list of activities or events that mentors and mentees can do or attend together, a meetup at the annual conference, guidelines regarding supporting mentees with a focus on job-hunting, a checklist of mentor actions, and a non-credit internship for new librarians. We have had more mentors than mentees since the launch of the Mentoring Program. We have advertised the specific skills that the unpaired mentors would like to provide guidance in which has resulted in some additional new mentees and additional pairings.

3) We ended the Mentoring Program pilot early (January 1, rather than at the 1 year mark in late spring) so that we could address SSD's interest in the program. We met with SSD in December to discuss the collaboration. The current Mentoring Program Administrators composed an administration document both for SSD and any future Membership Committee administrators. We understand that SSD has not had the resources to partner with us immediately, but we look forward to collaborating with SSD as soon as SSD members are ready to do so. Next steps will include adding mentor areas of interest unique to SSD to the mentor application, updating our online documentation, recruiting SSD mentors, and drafting an announcement to open the program to SSD mentees. Also, we discussed with the Board the possibility of allowing librarians who are not members of OLA, but who have something to contribute as mentors, to participate as mentors in the program. After much discussion, it was agreed that membership is required to participate in the program, but that the issue can be revisited in the future.

4) We also approached the Technology Round Table to discuss a mentoring collaboration. This was prompted by a session at the Internet Librarian conference about the challenges that women in technology face. We hope that the Mentoring Program will provide some support for librarians who are new to the field, working in their first technology positions, and possibly unaware of some of the challenges they may have to face.

5) About 24 mentors and mentees joined Emily Papagni and Meredith Farkas for a meetup during the Friday lunch at the annual conference. For some pairs, this may have been their first opportunity to meet face to face.

6) **Video Testimonials**

Over the last couple of years the Membership Committee has been working on a project to gather video testimonials from OLA leaders about the value of OLA involvement. Early on, Steph Miller had the idea of recording leaders talking about their experience with OLA and posting those videos online. It was our hope that the videos would inspire others to become active in OLA. When we had collected a few videos and needed a video editor, we were fortunate to have Courtney Terry

step up and take on the task. Courtney's creative editing makes these videos not only inspiring, but fun. We posted the videos in February at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxi7mWLzPQIzw1-tU2YtbYQ/videos>.

#### 7)Membership Profiles

Courtney Terry was the Committee's OLA Membership Profile Coordinator. This position contacts new OLA members and invites them to introduce themselves to the membership with a short biographical profile. Profiles are sent to the OLA Hotline Editor for publication. The profiles represent the diversity of OLA members and accomplishes the Membership Committee's goal of engaging the membership and creating a sense of community among members.

#### 8)Brochure

We continued to distribute the OLA brochure that we created in the previous year. The OLA and OASL annual conferences provided opportunities to distribute the brochure.

#### 9)Volunteer Positions

Steph Miller and Emily Papagni kept our volunteers page (<http://www.olaweb.org/volunteers>) up to date by continuing to request open volunteer positions that needed to be filled. This guidance in how members can get involved in a unit is very helpful to members with an interest in becoming active in OLA. Thank you to all the unit leaders who have provided job descriptions for the page.

#### 10)Membership Renewals

Emily Papagni worked with the Association Manager to monitor members who did not renew and made contact as appropriate.

#### 11)Annual Conference

At the annual conference, the committee co-sponsored with the Past-Presidents Round Table the session "The Inside Out Organization: OLA". The session included a panel of speakers discussing how to become active in OLA. Also, at the conference we organized a "People Bingo" game to encourage members to get to know one another. April Witteveen, Lisa Molinelli, and Emily Papagni organized the game. Prizes awarded were a grand prize of one year free OLA membership and smaller prizes were 4 Powell's gift cards.

#### **Goals for 2014-15**

We will continue collecting end of year surveys from participants in the Mentoring Program. We will use that feedback to evaluate and make recommendations for an ongoing Mentoring Program.

#### **Comments**

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**OLA unit: Nominating Committee**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Michele Burke (OLA Past President) and Emily Papagni (Membership Committee Chair).

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The Nominations Committee is charged with the conduct of the regular and special elections and the counting and tabulation of all votes cast. submit a press release to the OLA Hotline for the January issue requesting suggestions for nominees and petition nominees; will determine a slate of nominees in February; will submit candidates' statements for the OLA Hotline in the April issue; will insure that candidates are introduced and that information about the candidates is available at the annual conference 6.072 Procedures 6.0721 Submits a press release to the OLA Hotline in a timely manner and no later than the January 15 issue requesting suggestions for nominees for open positions and petitioning for self-selected nominees; 6.0722 Pursues leads from Hotline and recommendations from other sources; determine a slate of nominees in February; 6.0723 Submits candidates' statements for the OLA Hotline in the April 1 issue 6.0724 Ensures that candidates are introduced and that information about the candidates is available at the annual conference 6.0725 Conducts election and report results to President. 6.0726 After President informs successful candidates of their election, publishes an announcement in Hotline. 6.0727 Shall have three members. (See Chapter 3, Section 3.0411) 6.073 Chairperson 6.0731 Is the immediate Past-President of OLA; if a Past-President is unable to serve for good cause, a Chair is appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board (See Chapter 3, Section 3.0411) 6.0732 Is responsible for the organization of and the work of the committee.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Submit a press release to the OLA Hotline for the January issue requesting suggestions for nominees and petition nominees; will determine a slate of nominees in February; will submit candidates' statements for the OLA Hotline in the April issue; will insure that candidates are introduced and that information about the candidates is available at the annual conference

**Progress on goals and objectives**

- Submitted a press release to the OLA Hotline and on the Libs-or listserv in January requesting suggestions for nominees for open positions and petitioning for self-selected nominees. Contacted nominees and determined a slate of candidates.
- Submitted candidates statements in the OLA Hotline.
- Ensured that candidates were introduced and that information about them was available at the annual conference.
- Conducted election and reported results. Published announcement in the Hotline.

**Goals for 2014-15**

**Comments**

Officers Elected: Vice President/President Elect = Jane Corry and Secretary = Stephanie Debner

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**OLA unit: Oregon Authors Committee**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Katie Anderson - Oregon State Library; Bill Baars - Lake Oswego Public Library; Lauren Howard Gunderson - Wilsonville Public Library; Josie Hanneman - Deschutes Public Library; Catherine Jasper- Deschutes Public Library; Linda Malone - Lake Oswego Public Library; Kevin Mittge - Siuslaw Public Library; Hillary Ostlund - Hillsboro Public Library; Roxanne Nagy - Oregon City Public Library; Philip Ratliff - Portland State; Joni Roberts - Willamette University Library; Rachael Short - Multnomah County Library

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The Oregon Authors Information Clearinghouse was established to provide access to information and resources about authors living in Oregon. It is maintained by the Oregon Authors Committee, a standing committee of the Oregon Library Association whose charge is to collect and preserve bibliographic data on Oregon authors.

Since 2008, the Oregon Authors Committee has added current Oregon authors and their publications to the Oregon Authors Website. Entries in the website are determined by criteria established by the Oregon Authors Committee, and include full bibliographic data, awards, audience, genre, subject headings, and other information as appropriate.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Our goals for 2013-2014 were to keep the committee membership filled, discuss guidelines for handling self-published and ebook-only works, schedule quarterly meetings, seek funding for and prioritize upgrades to the website. We also planned to evaluate participation at the Wordstock Festival and register earlier next time.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

We have a full committee, so the work that is spread out to members is manageable. One of the most confusing things we've dealt with is what to do with authors whose works don't appear in major bibliographic databases. We met online and agreed to require that a work should be cataloged in WorldCat or the Library of Congress before we add it. We are also working to standardize the subject headings that appear in the author's records. They were meant to be LCSH headings, but are not consistent. We received funding from OLA for website maintenance, and have had many improvements made to the website. One of the features added was to display the subject headings under each work, which is why we want to standardize them. Several of us met at the OLA conference, and we had one virtual meeting this year. Most communication is done through email. We participated in Wordstock last fall, and distributed bookmarks promoting the website. The next event was postponed to spring 2015, so we are waiting to hear more about it. Our committee also sponsored the Two-Minute Oregon Authors book-talk at the OLA Conference, which is organized by Bill Baars. Phillip Ratliff has been adding authors from the old Oregon Blue Books, so our date range is expanding.

**Goals for 2014-15**

We'd like to continue to make improvements to the website, and work on the quality of the information we include. I will set up quarterly meetings, and train the co-chair, Rachael Short, to set up a meeting. When signups for Wordstock are announced, I will survey the committee members to get a volunteer to organize our participation, and sign up early. I will also communicate with Bill Baars to find out if he will continue presenting the Oregon Author program at the OLA Conference.

**Comments**

This will be my third year as chair, so I asked for a volunteer to co-chair with me, with the idea that the person would be chair the following year. Rachael Short accepted the challenge!

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**OLA unit: ORCA**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Chair, Nina Kramer (Albina Library, Portland)

Oregon Young Adult Network (OYAN): Elizabeth LaShomb Christley (Lake County Libraries, Lakeview) Lisa Elliott (Tigard Public Library) Teena Nelson (Driftwood Public Library, Lincoln City)

Oregon Reading Association (ORA): Beth LaForce (George Fox University) Marie LeJeune (Western Oregon University) Karren Timmermans (Pacific University)

OLA's Childrens Services Division (CSD): Melanie Hetrick (Tillamook County Library, Tillamook) Jessica Marie (Salem Public Library) Denise Willms (Willamina Public Library)

Oregon Association of School Librarians (OASL): Kathryn Harmon (Neahkahnie School, Rockaway Beach) Kiva Liljequist (Metropolitan Learning Center, Portland) Laurie Nordahl (North Bend High School, North Bend)

Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association (PNBA): Kira Porton (A Children's Place Bookstore, Portland)

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

Oversee and promote the Oregon Reader's Choice Award, working with members from OYAN, ORA, CSD, OASL, and PNBA. Eight titles are selected for nominees for three grade ranges (Upper Elementary, Middle School and High School).

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Select titles for the next year, promote the titles to students, teachers and readers around the state who fall within the appropriate age ranges. Recruit committee members to fill seats of members whose terms have expired.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

Yes.

**Goals for 2014-15**

Continue to build on program to date.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Resource Sharing Committee**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

John Hunter, Woodburn PL (Chair); Eva Calcagno, Washington County CLS; Ed Gallagher, Albany PL; Kate Winsor Hood River County LD; Robin Shapiro, Portland CC; Stephen Skidmore, Siuslaw PL; Jane Tucker, Astoria PL; Dan White, Scappoose PL; Christina Trunnell, Treasure Valley CC

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

Implement and provide logistical support for the Oregon Library Passport Program. Major responsibility for 2013-14 was the collection of data from participating libraries.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Collect participant data from first year of OLPP project.

Meet as a committee to discuss resource sharing priorities and logistical support of OLPP.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

An electronic survey was developed and distributed for the collection of participant data that reflects the first of three years' activity. The committee met in November 2013 to discuss potential steps to expand resource sharing, including a statewide card and some type of statewide courier service. These discussions are still theoretical in nature.

**Goals for 2014-15**

Interpret and summarize first-year data set. Report data to OLA board.

Meet to discuss data results and to evaluate progress of OLPP program.

Collect second year of participant data and report results to OLA board.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: DIGOR Round Table**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Chair: Tiffany Thornton, University of Oregon

Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Dotty Ormes, Southern Oregon University

Secretary: Jey Wann, Oregon State Library

Past Chair: Arlene Weible, Oregon State Library

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The Documents Interest Group of Oregon (DIGOR), is dedicated to making government documents of all kinds more easily accessible and more useful to library staff and patrons. DIGOR promotes information sharing among people involved with, or interested in, government documents by sponsoring educational programs and giving documents librarians an opportunity to meet and interact.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

1. Provide one or more sessions at the 2014 OLA Conference.
2. Organize a fall meeting, preferably in a Southern or Eastern area of the state.
3. Explore options for collaborating with Washington and Idaho libraries for continuing education virtual conference, or collaborate with Six-State Virtual Government Information Conference (<http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/conference/6state/>)
4. Provide any needed advice/support to the Oregon State Library's Transformation Project, especially related to Federal and State government information programs.
5. Contribute to the Oregon Digital Collections planning project, and LSTA-funded project coordinated by the Oregon State Library

**Progress on goals and objectives**

1. DIGOR sponsored one OLA 2014 conference session (Smart Technology in the Stacks: iPad instruction Pilot Program), and co-sponsored another (Plaintiffs, Pills, and Passports: How to reply to Legal, Medical and Government Services Questions) with the LRRT and RRT.
2. DIGOR organized and held a Fall meeting in Eugene, Oregon.
3. This goal has been accomplished: The six-state Virtual Government Information Conference (now "Western States Virtual Government Information Conference" since Oregon joined) will be held in August: <http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/conference/WesternState2014/index.htm>
4. DIGOR prepared two State Library Transformation Project briefing papers for OLA. The briefing papers can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/o9dlggf>
5. A number of DIGOR members were interviewed for the Digital Collections Recommendation Report, which will be used as the basis for more specific recommendations to the LSTA Advisory Council: <http://www.oregon.gov/osl/LD/Pages/projects/digicollections/index.aspx>

**Goals for 2014-15**

1. Provide one or more sessions at the 2014 OLA Conference.
2. Organize a fall meeting.
3. Provide advice/assistance to address any Government information-related issues emerging from the Orbis Cascade Alliance's Shared ILS migration.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: International Relations Round Table**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

IRRT Chair: Brandon Barnett

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The objectives of this organization shall be to provide a framework for information sharing of librarians, library workers, and library supporters interested in international librarianship activities of all types of libraries. The specific aims of the IRRT are to increase the communication of OLA members from all types of libraries about the international visits, exchanges, and special programs in which OLA members are involved. To increase the general awareness of contributions made by Oregon librarians at the international level, IRRT will sponsor programs at the conference of the Oregon Library Association.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Manage the Horner Exchange for 2013.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

We completed the selection process for our part of the Horner Exchange, hosted the visiting Chinese librarians, supported the visiting Oregon librarians on their trip, and sponsored a presentation at the OLA annual conference.

**Goals for 2014-15**

- 1) Host an event for OLA members and other interested library staff to raise awareness around international librarianship.
- 2) Begin conversation about continuing Horner Exchange (current arrangement ends with the 2016 exchange).
- 3) Sponsor a presentation the OLA annual conference.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Legal Reference Round Table**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Chair: Sue Ludington, Washington County Law Library

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

To improve the quality of legal reference service in all types of Oregon public libraries, by opening up lines of communication and increasing professional interaction between Oregon public law library and non-law public library reference staff.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

1. Continue to increase the promotion of county law libraries to the OLA community.
2. Continue to explore ways to provide legal reference training to public librarians.
3. Consider strategies for recruiting more members to join the roundtable.
4. Continue to update and improve the LRRT website to provide valuable resources to all Oregon librarians that encounter legal reference questions.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

- 1 and 2. The LRRT made strides in increasing county law library awareness and providing legal reference training by serving as one of the sponsors for the 2014 OLA Annual Conference session "Plaintiffs, Pills, and Passports: How to Reply to Legal, Medical, and Government Services Questions." In the presentation, two county law librarians explained effective use of a variety of legal referrals; additionally, an "Oregon Legal Assistance Resource Guide" compilation was distributed and later made available via Northwest Central, the Libs-Or listserv, and Answerland, among other outlets.
3. Recognizing that the LRRT (like some other RTs) has a small membership, informal discussions were held between the LRRT Chair, the Reference Round Table (RRT) Chair, and select members of both RTs to brainstorm how our two groups might maximize our impact within OLA. While increasing RT membership is desirable, tactics for boosting participation by current members emerged as an initial focus. Some ideas debated included collaborative projects, trainings, and/or conference programs; a joint listserv; or even possible merger. No final decisions were reached, but, with LRRT encouragement, the RRT listserv was revived and promoted to members of both RTs.
4. Although no significant updates were made to the LRRT website, it is anticipated that potential alliances with the RRT will offer inspiration and suggestions in the coming year for enhanced or increased site information that will be most useful to OLA members.

**Goals for 2014-15**

1. Explore partnership opportunities between county law libraries, public libraries, and the State of Oregon Law Library to provide legal reference assistance and training for public library staff, particularly in areas that have limited legal information resources.
2. Create a list of recommended legal self-help publications appropriate for public library collections.
3. Consult and communicate with the OLA Library Legislation and Development Committee regarding legislation or policies affecting county law libraries and provision of access to legal information.
4. Evaluate the LRRT website "Resources" section for currency and relevance, and update accordingly.
5. Determine if quarterly or tri-annual telephone conference meetings are feasible and if such meetings would facilitate progress towards meeting RT goals.

**Comments**

The LRRT continues to identify ways it may serve as a valuable resource for the OLA community. As Oregon public law library services and resources (e.g., staffing, collections, building hours, etc.) vary dramatically statewide and change often, the LRRT endeavors to keep decision-makers informed of these libraries' trends, challenges, and aspirations. LRRT members acknowledge the need for equitable access to legal information, and, as such, wish to express their open-minded and forward-thinking position regarding strategies for dissemination and delivery of that information. Many RT members look forward to furthering productive conversations with other OLA units in order to achieve those goals.

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**OLA unit: Library Assessment Round Table**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Rick Stoddart, OSU, Chair (departing)

Lisa Molinelli, PSU, ViceChair (departing)

Heidi Senior, University of Portland, Co-Communication Secretary (continuing on)

Sara Thompson, OSUCascades, Co-Communication Secretary (continuing on)

Kate Rubick, Lewis & Clark, will be the new OLA LART chair

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

Promote, support, and provide professional development for library assessment for OLA members.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

1. Create an OLA LART Assessment award
2. Provide consistent and valuable communication about library assessment in Oregon

**Progress on goals and objectives**

1. Create an OLA LART Assessment award
2. Provide consistent and valuable communication about library assessment in Oregon

**Goals for 2014-15**

- hold a virtual meeting with LART members
- facilitate at least one professional development opportunities for members
- stabilize round table succession and leadership to make sustainable
- continue and strengthen liaison role with ILAGO
- incorporate more public librarian participation within the roundtable
- analyze OLA LART membership for trends, outreach, and professional development opportunities

**Comments**

Looking back on the year, this group made great progress to raise the profile of library assessment with Oregon libraries and OLA. LART continues to leverage technology (Google Hangouts, blog, Twitter, listserv) to get the word out about assessment. My hope is to bring more face to face interactions in the future with members. I am sorry that I will no longer be able to participate. Kate Rubick will be a great leader for LART and be able to transition this group to have additional impact with OLA members.

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**No Report Filed**

**OLA unit: Library Instruction Round Table**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

**Objectives and activities for current year**

**Progress on goals and objectives**

**Goals for 2014-15**

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Library Technology Round Table**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Brent Mills – Chair; Darci Hanning - Vice Chair / Chair Elect; Elsa Loftis - Secretary

Outgoing Officers: Brent Mills – Chair; Elsa Loftis – Secretary

Incoming Officers: Darci Hanning – Chair; Greg Williams - Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Sarah Jesudason - Secretary

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The Library Technology Round Table will create and build a community of library technologists within OLA. The goals of the group are to:

- Offer a centralized forum for the exchange of ideas involving the use of technology in libraries
- Provide training & educational opportunities on technology issues, topics and tools
- Raise the capacity of OLA members to share advice, research and support for library technology initiatives and
- Promote cooperation and fellowship among OLA members who are responsible for or interested in technology in libraries

**Objectives and activities for current year**

- Work on social media outlets
- Develop blog posts for the LibTech blog
- Inter-OLA cooperation on technology resources
- OLA 2013 conference Tech Petting Zoo
- OLA 2013 sponsored/co-sponsored sessions related to UX, Open Source and Social Media
- Cooperation/Sharing with WLA units

**Progress on goals and objectives**

- Have started a Facebook page, updated the LibTech Wiki
- Have developed blog posts related to the conference and have more planned
- Have had and will continue to have discussions with mentorship collaborations in OLA with the mentorship unit
- Provided access to an Awesomebox, LibraryBox and various types of e-readers with accompanying material and option to test the technology at the table
- Successfully sponsored/co-sponsored a pre-conference UX session along with Open Source, Social Media and a Maker Space panel.
- Met with WLA's LART (LibTech equivalent unit) and discussed how they are moving forward with their unit and about possible collaboration with Marshall Breeding on the experts list on his LibTech Guides

**Goals for 2014-15**

- Transition to new officers, set up meeting times
- Assign responsibilities for social media copy/post creation
- Continue collaboration with WLA and OLA mentorship units to include "tech expert" list on his LibTech Guides website
- Put up proposals for the OLA 2014 conference sessions
- Work on previous goals

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Library Preservation Round Table**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Robyn Ward - Chair

Shawna Gandy - Secretary

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The objectives of the Library Preservation Round Table (LPRT) shall be to provide a framework for the sharing of

information among librarians, library workers, and library supporters interested in preservation activities in all types of libraries. The specific aims of the LPRT are to facilitate communication among OLA members from all types of libraries about the importance of the preservation of library materials and to increase the general awareness of preservation activities in libraries. In pursuit of its aims the LPRT will sponsor programs at the annual conference of the OLA and organize workshops and training related to preservation activities and disaster response planning.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Increase membership.

Update by-laws.

Increase our role in OLA. Our past efforts have actually been quite focused on projects with the Oregon Heritage Commission and Disaster For Response.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

Will be planning an open house/get together associated with a short presentation regarding a topic central to our core goals.

**Goals for 2014-15**

Increase membership, recruit new leadership, broaden our efforts in digital preservation topics.

**Comments**

The Preservation Round Table supported two OLA Annual Conference presentations this last year.

The Preservation Round Table has played a major part in the Connecting to Collections (C2C) grants awarded to the Oregon Heritage Commission over the past four years. Two of our members are standing committee members on the Preservation Cabinet. This Cabinet was established through the most recent C2C grant. Currently Kris Kern and Robyn Ward are the standing members. We will be updating our by-laws to reflect this permanent role with the Heritage Commission.

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**OLA unit: Outreach Round Table**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Outreach Round Table

Chair: Martin Blasco

Vice-Chair: vacant for the year 2013-2014

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

Our goals and responsibilities are to support librarians to attend the needs of under-served populations (immigrants, migrant workers, the homebound, LGBTQ, homeless, etc.) by reaching them and offering services and programs. Our round table is not only focused on diversity, but also on inclusion. Under-served populations have the same rights like anybody else in the community to enjoy, and use this public institution which is the library.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

During the 2014 OLA conference, the ORT organized a pre-conference session with different organizations which represent under-served populations. The idea of this presentation was to educate and generate consciousness among librarians about the issues mentioned above. We expected to create interest among the attendees in order to join our round table.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

Although the presentation was a success in terms of the number of attendees, we haven't generated interest among librarians to join the round table. For two years Annie Lewis and I have tried to attract colleagues to our group without success. We understand that outreach is nowadays a very broad activity and libraries are focusing on specific needs and policies. Due to this lack of interest, we don't have another choice but to break into other round tables, dissolve the ORT and simply join other OLA divisions that have similar areas of interest. We are in the process of creating a REFORMA chapter in Oregon in the fall, so it is possible that REFORMA will offer the support needed for those interested in services to Spanish speakers but there would still be a gap if the ORT were to dissolve.

**Goals for 2014-15**

See above.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Reference Round Table**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Morgan Sohl, Chair

Vacant, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

1. To provide a practical framework for sharing information, fostering professional interactions, and providing continuing education opportunities
2. To be a support system for library workers engaged in reference services in all types of Oregon libraries.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

- sponsored 2 programs at OLA 2014- Plaintiffs, Pills, and Passports: How to Reply to Legal, Medical, and Government Services Questions and Dominate Any Database in 5 Minutes or Less.
- worked with chair of Legal Reference Round Table to begin process of working toward merging the two round tables.
- explore and learn about different and complimentary groups who are working on reference services

**Progress on goals and objectives**

- created listserv of current RRT members
- Current chair served on the Oregon Virtual Reference Summit planning committee for 2014 to gain more awareness of other groups working on promoting reference skills in Oregon

**Goals for 2014-15**

- Create a survey of current RRT members to ask for suggestions on future of round table and what interests they have for the group
- Identify and recruit new leaders to run for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect.
- Work with Legal Reference Round Table to look at combining into one Round Table.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Social Responsibilities Round Table**

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Tracie moved out of state mid-term. No report for 2013-14 will be filed.

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**OLA unit: Technical Services Round Table**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Lynne Mildenstein (Chair); Heather Pitts (Past Chair); Katie Boyd (Vice Chair/Chair-Elect); Iris Godwin (Secretary), Steering Committee: Ann Miller, Bob Renfro, Carol Drost, Diane Gatke, Heather Pitts, Iris Godwin, Jane Cothron, Jean Peick, Katie Boyd, Lori Robare, Nancy Black, Richard Sapon-White, Tom Larsen, Mary Grenci, Lynne Mildenstein

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

The objectives of this organization are to provide a framework for information sharing, continuing education and moral support for library staff currently engaged in technical services activities. Specifically, the aims are to provide for the exchange of ideas on technical services and automation processes, systems, and policies; to provide a medium for the exploration of new ideas and technologies; to foster cooperation among all Oregon libraries in the areas of technical services and automation; and to increase the awareness in the library community of the role and importance of technical and automation services.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

1. Continue to provide support, education, and training for major shift to RDA (Resource Description & Access) metadata standards.
2. Demonstrate the value of tech services in an ever changing library environment.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

1. OLA programs specific to advocacy and RDA education; joint program with LTRT about open access; digital collections; and floating collections.
2. OLA pre-conference offering RDA advanced training.
3. Updated TSRT website to include planning and meeting information.

**Goals for 2014-15**

1. Steering committee meeting to discuss OLA 2015 programs and pre-conference
2. Offer low cost, all day workshop for more RDA training and education - the most sought after education need by membership. (Winter/Spring 2015?)
3. Participate in by-law revisions and adoption.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Advocacy Task Force**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Michele Burke, Kim Read, Candice Watkins, Arlene Weible, Jane Corry, Nancy Sullivan, and Kori Buerkle

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

OLA identified advocacy as an association priority in 2012 at the OLA annual leadership retreat. The revised OLA Mission Statement prominently features advocacy as a role of the association. An advocacy taskforce was formed and charged with forwarding a recommendation to the board about how OLA might formally incorporate advocacy work beyond that being performed by the Library Development and Legislative Committee. As the OLA Library Development and Legislative Committee is robust and long standing, the Advocacy Taskforce focused on ideas for non-legislative work, as well as on suggestions for structures to support all kinds of advocacy work.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

**Progress on goals and objectives**

- Advocacy resources posted on OLA site as a placeholder.
- Some discussion with the Library Development and Legislative Committee regarding shared work.
- The Advocacy Taskforce developed the following definition for OLA advocacy and brought it to the board for discussion:
- Library advocacy is speaking out for libraries. It is an active and multipronged process that utilizes partnerships, networks of support, and marketing to raise a clear voice that advances the position of libraries. Successful library advocacy integrates the bedrock of library values into swiftly changing societal trends, highlighting the enduring importance of libraries for free and equitable access to information in a democratic society.

**Goals for 2014-15**

To continue the taskforce work and follow through with taskforce recommendations.

Refine OLA advocacy web resources.

Establish description and criteria for OLA sponsorship of library advocacy projects.

To possibly reframe some of the advocacy work as "branding" to promote the OLA brand.

Integrate advocacy updates into OLA Board meetings.

Refine definition of advocacy based on board feedback.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Archives Task Force**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Michael Grutchfield

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

Maintain the official OLA Archives and assist OLA units with their archival needs.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Research methods for maintaining electronic documents in archives.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

1. Consultation with electronic archivist.
2. Proposal that e-documents be kept by archivist in two formats: best choices would be on flash drives alongside a stand-alone hard drive.

**Goals for 2014-15**

1. Best practices for transferring, arranging & describing electronic documents. Ideally, the folders for each division should mirror one another, making access logical and straightforward.
2. Finding a budget to purchase necessary drives.

**Comments**

Michael Grutchfield has moved to the South of Oregon and will no longer be able to access the physical archives easily. Need someone to take on responsibility for them.

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**OLA unit: Investment / Fiscal Policy Taskforce**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Valery King, Shirley Roberts, Stuart Levy,

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

Develop an investment policy for the Oregon Library Association. This morphed into developing a fiscal policy for OLA.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Investment/Fiscal policy to be completed and approved by OLA Board

Codify policy into OLA Bylaws

Implement policy

**Progress on goals and objectives**

Policy was written and approved at October 2013 board meeting with small revisions. Codifying policy into OLA Bylaws is currently underway. When that is completed then implementation of policy will begin.

**Goals for 2014-15**

Complete codifying policy into OLA Bylaws.

Implement policy.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Leadership Training Taskforce**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Jane Corry (Multnomah County Library)

Elaine Hirsch (Aubrey R. Watzek Library, Lewis & Clark College)

Pam North (Sherwood Public Library)

Emily Papagni (Multnomah County Library)

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

A leadership development institute for future library leaders has been unavailable through OLA since 2010. At OLA President Penny Hummel's request, the Task Force spent several months researching options for providing the Association's membership with leadership training opportunities in the future.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Using the Libs-Or listserv, we asked anyone who had attended a Leadership Institute to give us her perspective on the value of the training. We asked, "What did you learn that was meaningful at such an institute, and how have you benefited from the leadership training that you attended?"

Some themes emerged. These elements are highly desirable in a leadership training:

- 1 - The serenity of the natural setting is conducive to reflection
- 2 - The connections made with other attendees is valuable and often maintained after the training
- 3 - Attendees develop the courage to pursue leadership opportunities and the training is generally confidence building
- 4 - The variety of library employees from varied positions/classifications and various types of libraries enhances the opportunities for learning
- 5 - The opportunity to work with mentors at the training is positive
- 6 - A blend of practice and theory is desirable as is a library-specific leadership training
- 7 - Multi-day duration

In addition, we researched existing leadership training opportunities and compared structure, goals and intended participants of the training. We also researched the specific costs to both attendees and the host organization.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

A full report was submitted to OLA Board at the June 6, 2014 meeting.

We recommended that the Board consider these 4 options:

- 1 - Provide training through PNLA. Some respondents who had attended multiple institutes had high praise for the PNLA experience
- 2 - Create our own leadership training
- 3 - Provide financial support for OLA members to attend other institutes such as ALA's Emerging Leaders Program
- 4 - Approach another organization that already has a leadership institute to request partnering in providing the training

**Goals for 2014-15**

**Comments**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work on this project.

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**OLA unit: Northwest Central**

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**Division, RT, Committee Board Members**

Website Coordinators: Elsa Loftis and Gina Bacon, under the direction of Donna Reed, Roberta Richards and the NW Central Advisory Group

**Overall Goals & Responsibilities**

As the project liaison for NW Central, my mission is to provide the OLA Board with updates on the site. The site's mission is to be an online web portal for continuing education for librarians and library staff in the Pacific Northwest.

**Objectives and activities for current year**

Implement solutions to simplify user experience by streamlining the site.

**Progress on goals and objectives**

Based on the feedback from the community needs survey we have begun to revise parts of the site. Some of the changes we have already made include adding a 'Conference Materials' classification option in the Resources fields, changing RSS Feed to 'CE Alerts', and taking out the Speakers tab.

**Goals for 2014-15**

- Explore the possibility of changing over to a different content management system. We would like the site to be lighter without compromising the ability to collaborate.
- Investigate avenues of sustainable support for project. We aim to establish viable options for the continuation of the project once funding is no longer available.
- Continue to provide continuing education resources and publicize continuing education events.

**Comments**

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**OLA unit: Oregon Library Association**

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**Identified Statistics**

1. Membership (as of 8/31)

2. Finance

    General Fund

        - Income:

        - Expenditures:

        - Investments:

It was determined in December 2014 that certain statistics need to be included in the annual report. This page added for 2013-14 as a reminder to do so for 2014-15