

Association of College and Research Libraries  
Oregon Chapter

Advisory Board Meeting

Agenda

Thursday, April 7, 1988

12:00 noon -- Meet in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel  
Eugene, Oregon Library Association Conference Site

1. Approval of Minutes from January 22, 1988 meeting
2. President's Report -- Soohoo
3. Treasurer's and Membership Reports -- Stirling
4. Oregon Coalition for Libraries -- Wykoff
5. OLA Legislative Committee -- Cochrane
6. Becoming an Academic Division of OLA (see enclosed letter)
7. LAMGO -- Toth
8. Menucha Conference, 1988
9. Nominating Committee appointments
10. Other business.

This will be a luncheon meeting. We will meet at the Hilton and then go to lunch in a nearby restaurant. It will be necessary to keep reports fairly short because we will have a limited amount of time.

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# OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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c/o Lake Oswego Public Library  
706 Fourth Street  
Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034

February 17, 1988

Terry Soohoo  
President, ACRL Oregon Chapter  
Millar Library  
Portland State University  
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Terry:

During the last two years, representatives of the Oregon Library Association have been meeting with members of other library organizations to investigate forming a more cohesive library presence in Oregon. This effort began with the appointment of an ad-hoc OLA Committee on Reorganization, with members drawn from OLA who were also associated with a variety of other library organizations. Later, the name was changed to the Oregon Coalition for Libraries.

During the course of discussions, there has been considerable agreement that something could and should be done. There has also been considerable disagreement as to whether a stronger, single organization was needed or whether a confederation of existing organizations would provide the necessary organizational structure. OLA is a professional association with a broad mission and members from many facets of librarianship. It has consistently preferred to form a strong, single association which will accommodate the many special interests of a varied membership -- the ALA model. Other Coalition members prefer the confederation model.

At its December 9, 1987 meeting, the executive board of OLA passed the following motion:

OLA supports a strong and unified library organization for Oregon library and media professionals. In order to achieve that new organization, it invites OEMA, ACRL, SLA, and OHSLA to consider forming divisions of a restructured and, possibly renamed, organization. To do so, OLA stands ready to join with these groups to draft bylaws and dues structures, on the ALA model, which accommodate strong divisions which preserve the unique mission of presently existing groups.

The purpose of this letter is to encourage the Oregon Chapter of ACRL to form a new Academic Division of OLA. The OLA Board is recommending bylaws changes to accommodate strong Divisions with their own dues, organizational documents, and missions. As an OLA Division, the ACRL Oregon Chapter will have a seat on the OLA

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Board and be involved in all OLA decision-making. In many states, the ACRL chapter is affiliated with the state association in this way, so this is a model that has effectively worked for other chapters.

If you have questions, please call me at 636-7628. The OLA Executive Board unanimously joins me in extending this invitation and hopes your members will give it careful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Peake".

Carolyn Peake  
President  
Oregon Library Association

cc: ACRL Coalition Representatives