

Technical Services Section

Annual Business Meeting

20 November 2008

11:15-12:15

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 AM with approximately 15 members present.

2. Approval of Minutes from 2007 Meeting

The minutes of the 2007 meeting were approved as presented without any corrections.

3. Updates: MINITEX (Sara Ring), MOTSE (Mary Huismann for Virginia Heinrich), MLA Visioning Task Force Update (Mary Huismann)

MINITEX: Sara Ring presented the update which included a note about a manager position that will be posted soon and a general announcement about a change in MINITEX's role as an OCLC provider. MINITEX has been offering many training opportunities focused on digital projects (such as Introduction to Metadata and another on Dublin Core) and topics, there are new webinars coming and MINITEX has been working with outside trainers to develop more webinars related to digitization. A message was sent out asking for input on future training. Last Spring MINITEX made several site visits to South Dakota libraries and this fall/early winter the site visits will focus on libraries within the greater metro area. Stay tuned to the BATS blog <http://blogs.minitex.umn.edu/bats/> for a write up of these visits.

MOTSE: This year MOTSE received a LSTA grant to develop technical services training for media specialists and school librarians. The grant funded a focus group, preparation of a survey, and the initial workshop presentation (with online follow-up) for fifteen participants held in June.

MLA Visioning Task Force Update: Throughout the last year MLA have been examining its vision and worked on updating and developing its vision and role. Part of this process has included: researching other state library organizations, gathering data on who doesn't join MLA and why, distribution of a survey sent to MLA members this spring, and development of a survey for non-members. MLA wants to understand the current membership demographics, examine the MLA- St. Kate's relationship, figure out how to structure MLA for a new mission/vision, and look at the overall structure of MLA. The goal of the process is to make MLA "relevant, dynamic and useful" to its members.

The Visioning Task Force update sparked an open discussion about the future of the TSS section among the membership. The membership felt that there was a value to the TSS conference programs and

especially the pre-conferences. It was also suggested that TSS explore ways to branch out, such as presenting sessions at EQS or outside the MLA conference. This would provide more than one opportunity for the membership to attend session/ training.

#### 4. Conference Program Report/Planning for Next Year

This year TSS sponsored a preconference, three sessions and co-sponsored several other sessions.

Brainstorming ideas for the 2009 conference:

- Pre-conference on cataloging electronic/integrating resources (would like this to be a full day pre-conference)
- Future of cataloging (follow up on the ALA panel that talked about Library Thing)
- Outsourcing and using outsourcing vendors – what's available
- AACR2 to RDA or just an update on RDA (it was also suggested that TSS members volunteer to taking some training on RDA and then go throughout MN to train once this is implemented)
- Panels with different types of libraries represented (would love to see one on how libraries treat streaming videos, E-Resources, and what they are doing with E-journals)
- Federated search engines and WorldCat as a pseudo federated search engine
- RDA for public services and what this will mean for reference and other public services (need to be wary of jargon)
- Discovery layers and catalogs
- Open source ILS systems
- Streamlining beyond Technical Services (something about a cost-benefit analysis of other departments)
- Couple our business meeting with one of our more popular programs as a means to increase/reinvigorate membership
- Overview of Technical Services among different institutions
- Authority work: an in-depth look of conventions, why authority control is important, and what authority control does in a functional setting (this could be a one day preconference, bring in someone from NACO)
- Mentor-mentee programs (resurrect the shadow program, or reinvent the program as a virtual program)
- Set up conference program where new members can set up meeting with established members
- Make more connects with leadership institutes

#### 5. Election for Chair-Elect/Vice-Chair

Emily Asch (Head of Technical Services at the College of Saint Catherine) was elected Vice Chair/ Chair Elect. Stephanie Quinn a student at the College of Saint Catherine was elected Secretary (this will be a one-year rotation, so TSS can return to the two-year cycle with the next FY)

#### 6. Communication Issues (TSS blog, MLA website, etc.)

Mary also talked about the redesign of MLA's pages and the absence of the TSS page. The Executive committee will be posting documents from TSS sponsored session to the blog (<http://tssmla.blogspot.com>)

#### 7. Announcements

First-time attendees were recognized.

MCTC classes being offered this spring: Introduction to Indexing and Introduction to Cataloging. Contact Virginia Heinrich at MCTC for more information.

Nicole Theis-Mahon was thanked for her service to TSS. She is ending her term on the Executive Committee as Past-Chair.

#### 8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Huisman, Chair, TSS

With many thanks to Nicole Theis-Mahon for recording notes from the Business Meeting!