

Minnesota Library Association

Technical Services Section

Final Report – 2007

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This year's officers of the Technical Services Section were Nicole Theis-Mahon (Chair), and Mary Huismann Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Theresa Wolner (Past Chair), and Chris Sinkler-Miller Secretary. The executive committee met twice since the 2006 Technical Services Section business meeting and communicated through email throughout the rest of the year. Over the past year the executive committee focused its work on program planning for the 2007 Annual Conference, but also worked with the MLA office in updating and enhancing the section's webpage, and identified candidates for the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary vacancies.

2007 Conference

The TSS Executive Committee planned one pre-conference program and three session programs for this year's conference. These sessions were submitted as proposals to the Conference Planning Committee, and all were accepted. All of these programs were based on suggestions from the Technical Services Section members, the executive committee, and issues that are pertinent to technical services. The conference sessions that were planned by TSS included: a pre-conference *Cataloging Video Recordings, Save Time and Money: Make OCLC Cataloging Partners Part of Your Workflow, Top 3 Things to Spend Your Time On*, and *Cataloging Digital Audio Materials*.

TSS also co-sponsored several programs at the 2007 Annual Conference which included: *No IT, no problem! Using software and hardware for file and E-mail management, computer security, and E-organization at work or home; Explore WebJunction Minnesota a service for the library community; State of the MINITEX region; MN voluntary certification; The good, bad, and the ugly using a vendor interface for collection development and acquisitions at a mid-sized university library; Library 2.0 connecting with your patrons and teaching resources; and Pay it forward mentoring and part-time employees.*

Website Redesign and Enhancements

The Technical Services Section's website, <http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/TSS.htm>, underwent a website redesign this year in accordance with recommendations set forward by the communications committee.

In addition to updating the TSS website, the section also started a blog, <http://tssmla.blogspot.com/>, which will serve as communication tool to link all those who work in Technical Services in Minnesota. The blog will provide a forum for individuals to post their questions and receive expert advice or assistance. The TSS Executive Committee will unveil this blog at the Annual Business meeting on October 24, 2007, and hold a contest for naming it.