Happy Belated New Years! Our new Board members for 2005/06 are: Vice President/President-Elect, Navjit Brar, from CalPoly; Secretary, Xiaoli Li, from the University of California, Davis; and Assembly Representative, Rebecca Culbertson, from the University of California, San Diego. Lastly, our Cataloging Interest Group Co-Chairs are Sarah John, University of California, Davis, and Carole McEwan, University of California, Berkeley. Congratulations and thanks to all of them for their willingness to serve this year, and I look forward to working with them and the other Board members.

ACTSS sponsored a full day institute and one program at the Annual 2004 CLA Conference in San Jose in November. The ACTSS Section meeting on November 14th provided members a chance to hear reports of the past year’s activities; meet current and incoming board members; and have an opportunity to network with fellow members of ACTSS. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the 2004 ACTSS Annual Award to Libby Flynn, Senior Library and Technical Services Manager of the Marin Free Library. Congratulations go to Libby!

The Board members met on January 20th, 2005 to begin discussions about the Pasadena conference activities. The day was a very fruitful one thanks to our Cataloging Interest Group co-chairs, Sarah John and Carole McEwan, and our Board members. Four tentative program proposals were submitted to CLA in February:

1) Pre-Conference Institute: Basic Subject Cataloging Using LCSH (Presenters: Michael Colby - University of California, Davis; Sally Tseng - CALA Executive Director)

Description: This all-day workshop will present catalogers with the basic principles and foundations of subject cataloging using Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). The workshop will include information on determining what a work is about, the principles and structure of LCSH, and how to understand the elements of subject authority records. The workshop also focuses on tools for subject cataloging, applying topical, form, geographic and chronological subdivisions, and using names as subjects.

2) “Open Access”: More Than Just “Free”! (Presenters: Rebecca Culbertson –
Description: Come learn about the explosion of open access e-journals and why they have made such a large impact in scholarly communications. “Open Access” refers to a new publishing model making research widely disseminated and freely accessible online. At this workshop we will discuss strategies for selecting, evaluating and cataloging these resources, and look at success stories of some of the more popular open access e-journals.

3) AACR3: A First Look at the New Direction for Cataloging Rules (Presenters: Paul Weiss - University of California, San Diego, Additional presenters to be announced)

Description: The Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (AACR) are changing again! Scheduled for release in 2007, AACR3 will be issued in a print and enhanced electronic version, allowing for easier and more efficient use. AACR3 is being developed for improved user access to all media in an online search environment. Come and find out why these changes are necessary, how the development process works, and who the key players are.

4) Everything Old is New Again… ISBN and ISSN (Presenters: OCLC Western staff, Additional presenters to be announced)

Description: The ISBN is being expanded from 10 digits to 13! Any day now, you could see these ISBN “pairs” in books and bibliographic records, so it is not too soon to understand and to plan for change. The ISSN standard is also under international revision in response to the changing electronic environment of serials and integrating resources. These changes will impact cataloging and acquisitions departments in all kinds of libraries, join us to learn what strategies your library can use to get ready.

Again, these are all proposed programs, so we won’t know which of these will be our final programs until later this spring/summer. There will be more information about the final programs once we get final confirmation. Also, the Cataloging Interest Group will look to sponsor some programs during the year. Keep an eye on the CLA Weblog for more updates.

New Listserv!

Thanks to CLA, the Section now has a listserv! If you are not signed up and would like to be, please contact CLA and/or see the information below.

The Section would like to use this listserv as a way of sharing announcements as well as providing a forum for those interested in technical services to exchange information and ideas related to technical services activities.

General information about the listserv is at:

http://www.cla-net.org/aboutcla/actss.php

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CLA-ACTSS Board Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2005
Xiaoli Li, Secretary, ACTSS

Present: Armanda Barone, Navjit Brar, Becky Culbertson, Carole McEwan, Elaine Franco, Sarah John, Xiaoli Li, Merry Schellinger

The meeting was called to order by President Armanda Barone.

Budget update (Armanda Barone):
The Section is in good fiscal shape with a balance of $5636. Expenditures and revenue from the fall conference are not yet reflected in the balance. The balance is under the $6,000 cap that CLA sets for each section.

Membership update (Armanda Barone):
The Section currently has 146 members.

Activities Timeline for 2005:
Jan. 15th Annual report due
Feb. 28th Conference proposals due from Section
March Spring issue of Section’s newsletter, TechNotes, available
April 29th Deadline for return of election forms
May Preliminary election slate published on the CLA website
July CLA election online voting begins
Aug. Election results available and CLA conference program available online
October Fall issue of TechNotes available
Nov. 4th-7th CLA conference in Pasadena

Committee Reports:

CLA Assembly (Becky Culbertson):
Two new members were elected to the 2005 Executive Committee. The Research and Publications Committee is searching for a journal and weblog editor. Revising the provision that committee members should serve only one 3-year term was discussed because some positions have very steep learning curve and it would be beneficial if members could be considered for reappointment. CLA personal membership shows a slow decline.

A fundraising plan for CLA is being formalized and promoting fundraising for the Bond Campaign was mentioned. A task force will be charged to implement the campaign for PLA Smartest Card - LIBRARY CARD in California.

ALCTS/CRG (Elaine Franco):
Elaine Franco distributed written report of the ALCTS/CRG meeting which she attended at ALA Midwinter. Highlights include that “the CRG directory on the ALCTS web site is up to date” and “ALA is at the RFP stage in investigating a new web system.” Elaine also reported “CRG has a newly appointed Continuing Education Committee.” The Committee will serve as “conduit” between CRG affiliate groups and ALCTS to promote /suggest training and CE classes to be held “at local venues.”

Elaine also pointed out two committees - the CRG Speaker’s Bureau Committee and the Affiliate Relations Committee - would have positions open for 2005-2006 term. As CRG chair Elect she will make these committee appointments by May 2005 (hopefully).

Cataloging Interest Group (Carole McEwan):
Carole reported they did not have much activity going on last year. Recently the Group has been working intensively to
identify programs and workshops for the 2005 CLA annual meeting.

Newsletter (Merry Schellinger):

Only one issue of newsletter published in 2004. A new issue will be available in spring 2005. Archive issues are still located on John de La Fontaine's website and will be moved to CLA website. Merry asked about using Section's listserv for distributing newsletter and disseminating other information electronically. It is not clear how many members have joined the listserv. It was suggested that it might be better to create a distribution list using current membership information in order to disseminate the newsletter and to encourage members to sign on to the listserv.

Navjit Brar has agreed to be the new editor of newsletter.

2005 Elections:
Two positions need to be filled:
  Vice President/President Elect
  Secretary

Armanda and Merry will be responsible for election. Call for nominations will be in spring issue of the newsletter as well as various listservs, such as AUTOCAT, SERIALIST, and etc.

2005 CLA programs:
Carole and Sarah presented their proposals and all Board members unanimously agreed they had done excellent job. The proposed programs reflect current issues and trends and would attract staff not only in technical services but also in public services and/or collection development. Armanda will look into the possibility of co-sponsoring one or two of programs with the Collection Development Roundtable. The Board members decided to organize/co-sponsor one pre-conference institute and three workshops for CLA annual program:

Pre-conference institute (one day course)
  Basic Subject Cataloging Using LCSH

Three workshops
  1. Open access e-journals
  2. ISBN/ISSN changes
  3. AACR3

Carole and Sarah have volunteered to finalize the descriptions and to identify speakers.

Two workshops during the year were discussed. Elaine mentioned UC Davis could provide a training site and the workshop for Southern California could be co-sponsored by CLA ACTSS and SCTPG. "Effective Name and Title Authority," a new ALCTS pre-conference that should become available as a regional workshop, was mentioned as a possible future workshop.

SAVE THE DATE!
107th Annual Conference,
November 4-7, 2005
Pasadena, CA
2004 Award of Achievement
California Library Association
Access, Collections and Technical Services Section

The recipient of the 2004 ACTSS Annual Award is Libby Flynn, Senior Librarian, and Technical Services Manager at the Marin Free Library.

Each year we take the opportunity to recognize an outstanding colleague and member of ACTSS who has made significant contributions in the areas of access, collections, and technical services. It is a pleasure to present the 2004 Award to Libby Flynn.

Libby Flynn has a B.A. in Honors Humanities from Stanford, a Master’s degree in Systematic Theology of Graduate Theological Union, and a MLS from UC Berkeley. Prior to becoming the Technical Services Manager at Marin Free Library in 1998, Libby worked in various positions at the Berkeley Public Library. During this time she also taught cataloging courses at Diablo Valley College. Libby is a member of several professional associations, including the American Library Association, and the California Library Association. She is a past member of the American Theological Library Association, for which she served three years as Chair of the Bibliographic Systems Committee.

Libby’s involvement with and commitment to the California Library Association and especially to the Access, Collections and Technical Services Section is to be lauded. She has served as Secretary, President, and Assembly Representative throughout the past 20 years. In addition to her contributions to the Section, Libby is noted for her vast knowledge of cataloging and the fact that she generously shares her expertise through teaching cataloging courses and workshops. Sharing her time in this way, and providing continuing education to colleagues is truly a gift to the profession.

Libby has been described as being very modest and humble, as has been recognized as a stalwart member of CLA, ACTSS, NCTPG, and ALA. She is there when you need her, and she supports and works for the common good of technical services and her colleagues.

Her activities and accomplishments are too numerous to mention here, but from those already mentioned, you have a sense of her high level of service and commitment to the profession. On a more personal note, Libby has two sons, both in college, and both majoring in Engineering. Her new hobbies now that her sons are out of the house include hiking with the Stanford East Bay Hiking Club, and attending numerous programs at the World Affairs Council in San Francisco. She is an avid reader, and is interested in international politics and also in spirituality.

It is a pleasure to present this award to Libby Flynn, for her leadership in our state professional association and her contributions to education and continuing education in cataloging and technical services.
ACTSS Annual Business Meeting  
November 14, 2004  
San Jose Convention Center  
Submitted by James Gold, Secretary  
2003/2004

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Merry Schellinger at 12:05.

Merry Schellinger introduced incoming Executive Board members Navjit Brar, Vice-President/President-Elect (a second election having been held after the resignation -- due to relocation -- of Shelley Bodamer), Xiaoli Li, Secretary, and Becky Culbertson, Assembly Representative.

Co-President Armanda Barone introduced outgoing Assembly Representative Libby Flynn and outgoing Secretary James Gold.

Elaine Franco will continue as ALCTS/CRG Representative.

Carol McEwan will chair the Cataloging Interest Group and Sarah John will be vice-chair.

Merry Schellinger reported on the Section’s activities this year.

- Due the resignation of Christopher Thomas as Vice-President/President-elect in January, Past-President Schellinger and President Armanda Barone became co-presidents at the January 2004 Executive Board meeting.
- The ACTSS page has moved to the CLA page and is much easier to maintain.
- One issue of TechNotes was published this year.
- The Section is fine shape financially. There is currently $5635.72 in the treasury -- enough to pay speakers for quality programs and comfortably below the $6,000 ceiling allowed before CLA absorbs the surplus.
- There are 151 members, 13 of whom are student members.

ALCTS/CRG Representative Elaine Franco presented a report on CRG activities.
- Continuing education remains a top priority. There is a new Continuing Education Committee to facilitate continuing education beyond ALA conference programs.
- CRG continues to improve communication. The CRG directory on the ALCTS website has improved; updated information for some groups remains a problem. There have also been staffing shortages in the ALCTS office.
- Elaine serves on the CRG Affiliate Relations Committee but will probably go off the committee in June 2005 when she takes office as CRG Chair.

Assembly Representative Libby Flynn explained the Assembly’s and the ACTSS Representative’s roles. The Assembly continues to address communications issues; California Libraries will no longer be published in print format on a monthly basis; the online version and an annual print publication will replace the print version. The Assembly also discussed ways of honoring State Senator Dede Alpert. Senator Alpert has been a stalwart supporter of California libraries.

Lynne Toribara announced that the NCTPG Annual Meeting will be held at the San Francisco Public Library on Friday, April 15, 2005. The program will be “Outsourcing: Rage or Outrage”.

Vivian Pisano announced that the San Francisco Public Library has job openings
for Chief of Technical Services and Assistant Chief of Technical Services and distributed the job announcements.

Armanda Barone reported on the CLA Leadership retreat.

The ACTSS Award was presented to outgoing Assembly Representative Libby Flynn. Libby has also been secretary and president of the Section, has taught cataloging at Diablo Valley College and is currently Technical Services Manager at the Marin County Free Library.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Libby Flynn presented Co-Presidents Merry Schellinger and Armanda Barone with orchids in recognition of their service to the Section this year. Both Merry and Armanda essentially did double duties this year after the resignation of the incoming Vice-President/President-Elect.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS

ACTSS is seeking nominations for the following positions for 2006:

- Vice-President/President-Elect (3 year term)
- Secretary (1 year term, renewable).

This is an opportunity to share your expertise, time and talent, network with colleagues, and contribute to technical services librarianship in California! Please submit a name of a colleague or your own name to Armanda Barone or Merry Schellinger.

UPCOMING EVENT

OUTSOURCING – OUTRAGE OR ALL THE RAGE?

The 2005 annual meeting of the Northern California Technical Processes Group will take place on Friday, April 15, 2005 at the San Francisco Public Main Library at 100 Larkin St. in San Francisco from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program will include:

Ross McLachlan, Library Services Administrator, Phoenix Public Library. “Wholistic collection management plan”

Christa Easton, Head, Acquisitions, Stanford University “Outsourcing in an academic environment”

Carol Pitts Diedrichs, Dean, University of Kentucky Libraries will act as respondent.

Registration form is available at www.nctpg.org. For more information, please contact Myra Binstock at 707-421-6514 or mbinstoc@snap.lib.ca.us.
Contact Information for Other Library Technical Services Organizations in California

NCTPG (Northern California Technical Processes Group)  
website: [http://www.NCTPG.org](http://www.NCTPG.org)

SCTPG (Southern California Technical Processes Group)  
website: [http://library.csun.edu/sctpg/](http://library.csun.edu/sctpg/)

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