

From the Chair, Billie Reinhart

At the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia much business was transacted by the committees, the Council, and the Executive Board. We had two Council Meetings and needed all the time and more to discuss the many projects the Section is involved with this year. As usual, the discussion groups were well planned, the topics of the discussions of great relevance, and well attended. Summaries are in this issue.

It had been many years since STS sponsored a panel at the ACRL National Convention and this year we sponsored two. "The Web as a Teaching Tool to Develop Information Literacy" was planned by Alison Ricker from Oberlin and moderated by Allison Level from Southwest Missouri State University. The speakers were Hugh Blackwell from Washington and Lee, Julia Ann Kelly from the University of Minnesota, and Allison Ricker from Oberlin College. The second panel, "The Bleeding Edge of Access to Full-Text Electronic Information: Three Case Studies" was planned and moderated by me and the featured speakers were David Atkins and Flora Shrode from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Thomas Dowling from OhioLink, and Patricia Kreitz from the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. All speakers and moderators are STS members and many have served on the Council or as officers of the Section.

The 1999 Program Planning Committee CoChairs, Dawn Talbot and Lea Wade, have completed plans for the STS Annual Conference Program, "The Future is Here: Changing Realities for Sci-Tech Librarians." The speakers include Dr. Jerry Campbell from the University of California, Doug Jones from the University of Arizona, and Gail Clement from Florida International University. This should be a great program on Monday morning beginning at 8:30 am. The reception will be at the Children's Museum on Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Why the Children's Museum? It is centrally located and we should all have fun playing with the many scientific exhibits.

Pledges of support for the STS activities at the 1999 ALA Annual Conference have been received from:

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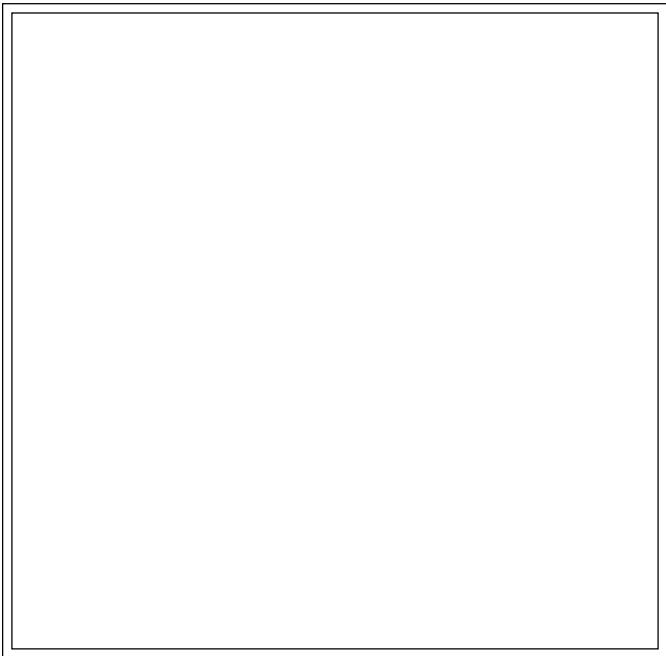
I hope to see many of you in New Orleans!!

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Project, creates new challenges since information is often located at multiple sites. While many collaborating sites look very similar and have similar search systems, they often have significantly different content.

"Developing Web Tutorials for Agriculture and the Life Sciences" Speakers: Janet Hughes and Helen Smith, Pennsylvania State University

<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/crsweb/lifesci/lifepage.htm>

The two speakers demonstrated their successes in building

TENTATIVE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE
 Association of College and Research Libraries
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| DAY/DATE/TIME | COMMITTEE |
|-------------------------|---|
| Friday June 25 | |
| 7:30-9:30 p.m. | STS Council I (8-10 p.m. in program) |
| 9:30-10:30 p.m. | STS Executive Board |
| Saturday June 26 | |
| 8:00-9:00 am | New Member Orientation |
| 8:30-11:00 a.m. | Comparison of Sci/Tech Libraries Committee |
| 8:30-11:00 a.m. | Subject and Bibliographic Access Committee |
| 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | 1999 Program Planning Committee - New Orleans |
| 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | 2000 Program Planning Committee - Chicago |
| 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Publisher/Vendor Discussion Group |
| 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Science and Technology Databases Discussion Group |
| 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Oberly Award Committee (Closed Meeting) |
| Sunday June 27 | |
| 8:30-11:00 a.m. | Nominating Committee (closed) |
| 8:30-11:00 a.m. | Government Information Committee |
| 9:30-11:00 a.m. | General Discussion Group |
| 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Heads of Science Libraries Discussion Group |
| 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Continuing Education committee |
| 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | College Science Librarians Discussion Group |
| 11:30-12:30 p.m. | Consolidated Meeting |
| | Publications Committee |

Publisher/Vendor Relations Discussion Group

"Books on Demand: Will It Change the Demand for Books? New Developments in Book Publishing"

Diane Ficarra of Replica Books was a last minute replacement for Susan Frost, Replica's publisher.

Ficarra described Replica's basic program. Replica's basic goal is to keep books in print that would go out of print under normal circumstances. Copies of the books are

Government Information Committee

Government Information Committee members will continue monitoring various electronic discussion groups and send brief reports to STS-L. During the meeting, committee members reported on information sessions held by the GODORT Federal Documents Task Force, the GODORT Legislation Committee, and the ALA Washington Office.

The recently enacted Digital Millennium Copyright Act includes

Membership and Recruitment Committee

Members of the Committee decided to have small print runs of the STS brochure to assure up-to-date information.

The charge of the Committee was reviewed and the wording was amended to include "recruitment" which appears in the name of the committee, but is not mentioned in the charge. A formal proposal will be made to institute the change.

The Committee will host an orientation session to welcome new and prospective members at 7:30 am, Saturday, June 26, 1999 at the Convention Center, New Orleans, LA.

New members will receive a "welcome" letter along with the STS brochure and a flyer for the Collegial Council. Dropped members will receive a "Please come back" letter along with a brief survey on reasons for dropping out.

The Committee is scheduled to meet on Sunday, June 27 from 11:30 to 12:30 in New Orleans, LA.

Information Supplied by Nirmala S. Bangalore

Oberly Award for Bibliography in Agriculture

No Report Submitted

Organization and Planning Committee

No Report Submitted

Publications Committee

STS Council updates were given; concern was expressed about the ALA proposed rearrangement of programs into tracks.

Edward Lener and Heather Moberly agreed to become co-chairs, Ed for 1 year, Heather for 2 years. Both will remain as editors of the STS Signal.

Teresa Berry, who has volunteered to join the committee, is willing to serve as listserv co-moderator. Gayle Baker remains as co-moderator.

Katherine Whitley has agreed to become web editor. The Section's website will remain at the University of Tennessee.

Updates on ISTL, STS-L, and the STS Signal indicate that aside from a delay in mailing of the last issue of Signal, all seem to be working fine. ISTL had good response to the Albert Henderson article. Discussed ACRL policy which prohibits publishing newsletters on the web prior to publishing the newsletters in print.

Discussed briefly improving the web page and the status of ACRL allowing us to put real audio excerpts of programs on the web. Both will be addressed later.

Information Supplied by Janet Hughes

Subject and Bibliographic Access Committee

The committee discussed ways of recruiting new members. A new member attended and expressed interest in serving as Intern for 1999-2000.

The committee discussed the progress of its forthcoming ISTL publication on the issues surrounding electronic publishing of scientific journals. The deadline has been extended to May 1st for the Spring issue.

The committee discussed potential activities for Annual 1999 in New Orleans, LA. Members were interested in following up with the topics covered in the ISTL publication with a program to be presented on electronic journals at Annual.

Information Supplied by Marian Burrig

Forum for Science and Technology Library Research Committee

The Forum on Science & Technology Library Research selected the following research abstracts for presentation at the Forum program, Sunday, June 27, 1999, 2:00 to

1999 Conference Program Planning Committee

The group met from 8:30 on Sunday January 31st. After

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