

OBIC Meeting Minutes

Date: March 30, 2001, Friday

Place:

Time:

Proposed Goals and Objectives for OBIC

1. Increase attendance of librarians.

How to manage this problem? The meetings must travel further away from the Metro area to provide equal access to meeting locations. Planning of meetings needs to happen earlier. Long range planning should go into effect for a minimum of one academic year in advance. Meetings at the last minute do not provide OBIC with a positive image. Advertising and marketing of meetings need to occur earlier. Currently, there are no participating members from the following institutions: Cameron University, Langston University, Murray State College, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, OSU-MED, OSU-OKC, OSU-Okmulgee, OU Law Library, and Redlands Community College.

2. Become more visible within the State of Oklahoma.

OBIC should have a representative present at each OK-ACRL workshop or conference to encourage participation and answer questions. OBIC should be represented at the annual OLA conference.

3. Reevaluate OBIC's mission, goals, and objectives.

Should OBIC broaden out to include all areas of reference work? Development meetings that include collection development, databases, weeding, computer skills, reference services, management of a reference desk and other librarians, and orientation for librarians new to the library field or to the State of Oklahoma.

4. OBIC should become more service oriented.

OBIC should be the "spearhead" for trying to develop a digital (generic) online instruction tutorial that all state libraries could tap into, especially if there is a small number of staff or the staff's time is limited.

5. OBIC should organize an annual mini-conference.

This falls under the plan of visibility. Our mission emphasizes development and a one-day conference for the state would be beneficial. Does OBIC have available funds? Currently, OK-ACRL does not provide any funds to OBIC. Should we generate a

conference fee to pay for expenses and speakers? OK-ACRL is uncertain. Should we apply for development grants? With the use of money, OBIC would need to create the position of treasurer.

6. Reorganization of OBIC meetings.

In order to be more productive and not waste librarians' time, the scheduled OBIC meetings should be divided into a business section and a development section. The basic structure of scheduled meetings would remain intact.

We would begin with a luncheon. An RSVP system for the lunches might keep our timetable on track. After lunch, we would have the business meeting. The business meeting would be used for planning, brainstorming, and finalizing ideas, meetings, services, policy changes, etc. Some librarians don't care to be that active in OBIC. Librarians who want to be active would be encouraged to attend.

After the meeting, the development workshop or presentation would proceed.

Librarians only interested in the educating themselves could attend much later in the afternoon, which would prevent them from losing too many constructive work hours on that day. Should OBIC provide more than one presentation? Librarians should feel that time spent at this meeting is worthwhile. Possibly organize two one-hour presentations. The development section can either be on the same topic or two different ones.