

California Library Association
Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section

Tech Notes

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Greetings, ACTSS members! This issue of Tech Notes brings news of the past year's activities, as well as news of upcoming activities. At the end of the Annual Conference, ACTSS officers and board members change over, and on behalf of the Section, I would like to again offer special thanks to those going off the board, for their commitment and service to ACTSS:

- Lynne Toribara, Past President
- Aimee Algier, Secretary
- Herbert Gore, Program Committee
- John de La Fontaine, Newsletter Chair and webmaster
- Karleen Darr, Membership Committee
- Becky Culbertson, Cataloging Interest Group Chair
- Carla Wykoff, ACTSS Rep to CLA Conference Committee.

Please welcome both new and continuing ACTSS Board Members for 2004:

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| Co-Presidents: | Armanda Barone (Vice-President/President Elect) |
| | Merry Schellinger (Past President) |
| Secretary | James Gold |
| CLA Assembly Rep | Libby Flynn |
| ALCTS/CRG Rep | Elaine Franco |
| Chair, Cataloging Interest Group | Carole McEwan. |

Contact information will be included at the end of this newsletter.

I apologize in advance for the plain "vanilla" newsletter. As I take over this duty from John de La Fontaine, who did a great job the past few years, I find there is much to learn. As a result, I am going for expediency, rather than impressive, in order to get this first issue out! (I have to confess, I began this newsletter in March ... so I guess it will be neither expedient or impressive!) I welcome feedback, as well as information items to include in future issues. Typically, Tech Notes comes out twice a year, in "Spring" and "Fall". Armanda and I just received news that CLA is setting up listservs for each section. A listserv will be a great way for section members to communicate among each other, and also help with disseminating information to everyone in a more timely manner. Watch your email boxes for the initial announcement and welcome to the ACTSS listserv!

~Merry Schellinger

ACTSS Membership Meeting November 17, 2003

Merry Schellinger introduced the outgoing and incoming Executive Board members and committee chairs.

President Schellinger reviewed the Section's accomplishments for the year:

- A brochure was developed to hand out to potential new members which can easily be updated
- The Section co-sponsored NCTPG, held in Oakland in April
- A workshop was held titled "AACR2 Seriality and Digital Content"
- The Cataloging Interest Group held an SCCTP workshop on Integrating Resources in October at UC Davis
- Two programs were presented at the CLA Annual Conference entitled "The Legacy of the Catalog" and "Licensing Electronic Resources".

President Schellinger then proceeded to comment on the CLA Leadership Retreat:

The CLA Leadership Retreat is a great way of learning more about CLA, to network and to look at the strategic plan. Susan Negreen announced that the "CLA office" is reorganizing. There will also be an online membership directory. The CLA newsletters will be sent out both electronically and in print.

Financial Report

The balance in the Section's account is \$6,806.32. If the Section has over \$6,000 dollars in the account we lose it. We need to spend the money. The Section will make workshops reasonable in price and will pay speakers honorariums.

Reports

There were only two reports due to absences.

Most affiliates are offering programs as part of the state conference and are not charging separate registration fees above the conference fees. Of all the programs given, 71% were presentations, 9% were workshops and 20% were panel discussion.

Elaine Franco, ALCTS/CRG Representative, reported that affiliate regional groups received a survey regarding programs given. (See Tech Notes).

She then reported that the link from the ACTSS website to the CRG directory to the ACTSS website is no longer accessible on the new ALA website. The CRG data, including the directory of affiliate groups, will have to be reconstructed on the new website.

Elaine will be serving on the CRG Affiliate Relations Committee

Elaine also reported that ALCTS is interested in having regional groups partner in having national-level programs.

Libby Flynn, Assembly Representative, reviewed the financial reports. CLA is debating how to keep the organization active and healthy and on how to attract more members and conference attendees. Fewer people are renewing and most of the newer members are library school students. The cost raise for CLA membership has passed by ballot. Conference membership is down for the second time in a row. There were 10 fewer members and fewer exhibitors. Another factor in the lower attendance at the conference had to do with the fact that the California School Library Association's conference was scheduled back to back with CLA. Vendors did not want to have to attend two conferences. Having a joint conference was rejected.

Libby also reported on the controversy surrounding the CALIX listserv. It was suggested that there be two lists: one for important information and one for chat. A communication task force will decide how best to communicate.

CLA's budget decreased by \$130,000. The mortgage was renegotiated and a position was left vacant for half a year.

Lynne Toribara then presented the ACTSS Award to Merryll Telegdy.





ACTSS Past President, Lynne Toribara presents the 2003 Award of Achievement to Maryll Telegdy.

2003 Award of Achievement
for the
California Library Association
Access, Collections and Technical
Services Section

The recipient of the 2003 CLA ACTSS Award of Achievement is Maryll Telegdy. For the past decade Maryll has been an integral part of the Section's activities, serving as Program Chair, Secretary, Membership Committee Chair, and Vice President/President Elect. Maryll has ably represented the public library segment of technical services in her role as Head of the Technical Services Division at the Napa-City County Library. She served in that capacity for fifteen years. At her retirement in 2002, her contributions were recognized by the Napa County Board of Supervisors with a proclamation thanking and commending her for her service to the Napa City-County Library, to Napa County, and to librarianship in California.

Maryll's curriculum vitae is impressive on many levels, beginning with her academic credentials. She has a Ph.D. in Museology and Classical Archaeology from the University of Budapest, Hungary, an M.A. in Classics from Yale, and an M.L.S. from UC Berkeley. She is fluent in Hungarian and German and reads French, Italian, Latin, and Spanish. Her professional experience includes teaching at Stanford, San Francisco State University, and UC Irvine, as well as holding library positions at UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, and the State Universities of Hayward and San Francisco. During her stint at the Napa City-County Library, she

guided the institution through a major transition to the computer catalog, implementation of online cataloging, and electronic ordering of materials. Starting in 1992, she was an active participant in the automation process of SNAP (Solano Napa and Partners).

Throughout her career, Maryll's mission has been to be involved in and to involve others in the continuing education of librarians, with special emphasis on technical services. In addition to her participation in CLA ACTSS, she is a member of the American Library Association, and has served as Secretary and Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the Northern California Technical Processes Group.

Within CLA and NCTPG, Maryll has been extremely pro-active in implementing numerous professional programs and workshops for the benefit of colleagues throughout the State. Those efforts have always kept in mind service to the library public, never losing sight of the need for materials to be easily accessible to the patrons. We have been particularly blessed with the breadth of Maryll's experience. A true "Renaissance Librarian," she has worked in research, academic and public libraries, and her duties have included public as well as technical services assignments. Technical services, due to their nature and position within libraries, can become isolated from the public. Maryll's mission, as demonstrated in her role at the Napa City-County Library, and her work within our Section, has been to dismantle any resulting barriers. She has modeled for us the best of both worlds, demonstrating how technical services can reflect and fulfill public needs.

Maryll's service to ACTSS goes beyond planning programs and taking on the responsibilities of a section officer. When the Sacramento CLA office relocated, it was necessary to examine ACTSS' archives, which date back to 1937, before they were "recycled." Maryll volunteered to undertake this task, and with her usual common-sense approach, and the help of Reve Rocke, reviewed and weeded the archival documents, filled in gaps in the coverage, such as the Section newsletter, and preserved the records for future generations.

Currently, Maryll may have retired on paper, but her service to librarianship remains intact. She continues to work on the Napa City-County Library reference desk. She is putting her experience with the ACTSS archive to good use by doing archival manuscript cataloging at the St. Helena Wine Library. Which just goes to prove that good catalogers never retire; they end up in archives.

Maryll Telegdy has had a long and distinguished career in librarianship. Our Section of CLA has

particularly benefited from her foresightedness, her hard work and her dedicated participation. It is with great pleasure that I present her with the 2003 Award of Achievement of the Access, Collections and Technical Services Section of the California Library Association. ~ Lynne Toribara

CLA ACTSS Award of Achievement “thank you”, Ontario, November 16, 2003 ~ Maryll Telegdy

It is a great honor to receive this award. It is an honor to be among the august librarians that have received this award before me that have significantly contributed to the “well being” of technical services. I’d like to honor them by mentioning their names here again, Pat Thomas, Celia Bakke, Michael Gorman, Becky Culbertson, and Roy Ortopan. It is humbling moment for me to follow them!

To work for the ones who are the most often misunderstood underdogs among librarians has always given me special pleasure. Technical services librarians are not the known species. Questions like this “what is upstairs?” “What do you do there?” “I never knew how books got on the shelves”, “how do you know where to put them?” are some of the most common ones that we encounter in our careers. To work for a group who are not seen much or not at all, to work for a group whose precision and striving for perfection is seldom appreciated has always given me the pleasure to stay in the wings but be the driving force of any library.

I met many technical services librarians of excellence and it was their excellence that often placed them in my web, caused their “downfall”. I have coerced them to work with me; I coerced them to commit time and effort to work for this Section. With their help, knowledge, and enthusiasm we were able to reach out and bring together many other areas of our profession. It has always been my goal to embrace the other specialties, reference colleagues, the collection development groups, and others. In our permanent underdog status as technical services librarians we have to be fully aware of the fact that we are the rock that can be built upon.

It was not too long ago that we found out that the L word for librarian was not p.c. any more. Information scientist, or information specialist or some such name

is to befit us more. Whether we call the bibliographic record access or cataloging makes no difference. Remember! Cataloging is and has always been for access and nothing else! The C word for cataloging is still going to be here, even if catalogers are called information specialists producing catalog cards, or meta data a. k. a. a bibliographic record.

Times change, formats change, names change, the crux of the matter, the concept does not.

I’d like to finish with a quote from Michael Gorman’s book of Meditations for librarians entitled: Our singular strength;

“I will seek every means I can to maximize the accessibility of my collections.”

Because this is what we are all about. Thank you very much!

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ACTSS Award winners, from left to right: Roy Ortopan (2002), Maryll Telegdy (2003), and Michael Gorman (1999).

Mark your Calendars!

Something for [Everyone@Your](mailto:Everyone@YourLibrary)

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106th Annual California Library Association
Conference

November 12-15, 2004

ACTSS Executive Board Meeting

Friday, January 30, 2004

Doe Library, UC Berkeley, Room 303

Attending: Merry Schellinger (Past-President), Armanda Barone (Vice-President/President Elect), Libby Flynn (CLA Assembly Representative), Carole McEwan (Chair, Cataloging Interest

Group), Elaine Franco (ALCTS/CRG Representative), James Gold (Secretary).

Officers for 2004 – Replacement for ACTSS

President: Merry Schellinger and Armanda Barone have agreed to co-chair the Section as a result of Christopher Thomas's resignation.

Budget: The Section is in good fiscal shape with a balance (as of January 27, 2004) of \$5808.59. This is just under the \$6,000 cap that CLA requires a spending plan for. There was \$1900 in income from the SCCTP workshops on integrating resources and outstanding expenses include the \$158 honorarium due to Pat French for the workshop. Reimbursement requests should be directed to Armanda Barone.

Membership: There are currently 175 members, an increase of 17 members over last year. The Board will divide the membership list and call members to highlight Section activities, field questions, recruit new members and encourage involvement on the Board and/or committees.

Activities Timeline for 2004: Merry Schellinger distributed the Activities Timeline. Important upcoming deadlines include Conference Proposals (2/28), *TechNotes* (3/04) and Election Materials (4/30). The Section is now able to send email announcements to members through the CLA Office.

Committee Reports:

CLA Assembly: Libby Flynn (ACTSS Assembly Representative) reported on the 2004 Assembly Meeting in Ontario. Incoming President Susan Hildreth is committed to making CLA more relevant to members and working on ideas to promote funding for California libraries.

Committee Reports (continued)

The CLA and California School Library Association conferences will be split for at least the next 2 years due to school funding cuts and the consequent inability of CSLA members to attend weekday conferences. This will be a hardship for exhibitors.

A subcommittee has been formed to deal with the issue of print vs. electronic dissemination of *California Libraries*.

Council of Regional Groups: Elaine Franco (ALCTS/CRG Representative) reported on the CRG meeting at ALA Midwinter. The Affiliate Relations Committee has done a follow-up to the October 2003 survey of workshops and continuing education programs offered by affiliated regional groups. The CRG directory on the ALCTS website has been reconstructed and the link to the ACTSS website works. ACTSS directory information will be updated soon. Possibilities for restoring the CRG listserv (to which affiliate Chairs/Presidents and representatives were subscribed) will be investigated by ALCTS staff.

Elaine will serve on the CRG Affiliate Relations Committee through June 2004 with possible re-appointment. She is also running for CRG Chair-Elect.

Cataloging Interest Group: No report.

Newsletter: Merry Schellinger is the editor this year. *TechNotes* will be issued in March.

2004 Elections: The ACTSS slate will include Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary and Assembly Representative.

2004 Programs: The Board reviewed suggestions gleaned from evaluation forms from past programs.

PostMARC: (Conference Program) This program was approved for the 2003 CLA Conference but was cancelled [due to lack of speakers]. Last year's successful proposal will be re-submitted. Armanda Barone will contact Michael Gorman and Roy Tennant.

2004 Programs (continued)**Pre-Conference Institute on FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records):**

Would be presented as a Pre-Conference Institute on Friday, November 12, 2004. Barbara Tillett (LC) has done similar and well-received presentations in other venues and is doing one at ALA in Orlando. Merry Schellinger will contact Barbara Tillett.

Electronic Resource Management Tools: (Conference Program) Carole McEwan will draft a proposal for this and solicit presenters. The program could include information on link-resolvers, commercial software and in-house developed management tools.

Training for Effective Subject Cataloging: (Regional Workshop) Sponsored by the ALCTS-Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) Initiative. This program should be ready for next year. Michael Colby (UC Davis) has previewed it to UC Davis staff and would be a potential presenter for regional workshops.

Fiscal Crisis: Short and Long-Term Strategies for Technical Services: (Conference Program) In view of the current budget crisis in California libraries, this would be a timely and useful program for Conference. The possibility of co-sponsoring with other Sections and/or Roundtables was mentioned as was including public, academic, school and community college libraries. Armanda Barone will draft a proposal and solicit presenters.

Cataloging Local Documents: (Regional Workshop) Would include strategies for cataloging local documents with an emphasis on authority control and corporate headings. Carole McEwan will draft a proposal and solicit presenters (Becky Culbertson is a possibility).

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by: James Gold

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.

Welcome to the Actss-cla-net.org@lists.cla-net.org mailing list! The ACTSS listserv provides a forum in which technical services librarians, support staff and others interested in technical services issues may exchange information and ideas related to technical services.

To post to this list, send your email to: actss-cla-net.org@lists.cla-net.org

General information about the mailing list is at:

<http://lists.cla-net.org/listinfo.cgi/actss-cla-net.org>

Contact Information for Other Library Technical Services Organizations in California

NCTPG (Northern California Technical Processes Group) web site:

<http://www.NCTPG.org>

Incoming Chair, following the April meeting: Annette Milliron,

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SCTPG (Southern California Technical Processes Group) web site:

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