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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stephanie Beverage

My, how time does fly! Here it is October already, and the pre conference Tech Notes is out. Another CLA conference is just around the corner, and things are moving briskly. ACTSS has had a wonderfully busy and productive summer. Our programming has been terrific, combining terrific speakers with cutting edge subjects. In case you missed any of the summer programs, we have included summaries in the newsletter.

We have another impressive list of programs scheduled for the upcoming conference in November. All of the programs deal with current issues that are having an impact on how we do what we do in libraries. The best news is that our Section's first Interest Group is taking shape, and we hope to have the Cataloging Interest Group organized and established at the conference. Sincere thanks are due to our industrious Section members Reve Roche, Dorothy Mcquarry and Pat Thomas, all of whom have worked on establishing the Interest Group, and were the real forces behind the formation of the Group.

It has been a pleasure working with the members of ACTSS this past year. Once again, the high quality of programming and the commitment to our profession has been remarkable. My job as President over the past year has been easy thanks to the efforts of all my officers, committee and Section members. The membership has been incredibly supportive and active, which makes things easier. I want to extend particular thanks to John de La Fontaine, who has been a remarkably effective, organized and supportive VP, to Maryll Telegdy, who has been a wonder of a program chair, and has ensured that all our programs have been first rate, to Nancy Neal Goliff, who developed the guidelines and qualifications for the establishment of an Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services, and the rest of our Executive Board and members who have all helped make this another successful year for the section. Our program slate at the conference in Santa Clara will cap an excellent year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John de La Fontaine

This year will be an exciting one at CLA. We are sponsoring three programs at the Annual Conference in Santa Clara and, in the spirit of CLA's effort to have more cooperation between units, two of these are co-sponsored by other units of CLA.

Along with the Support Staff Round Table, we will be sponsoring a program on repetitive motion hazards. If anyone has ever suffered from an aching neck, shoulders, or wrists all in the line of T.S. duty you're not alone. Many library staff members are experiencing "techno-stress" and so we have asked a physician and a physical therapist to go over **basic ergonomics** in order to avoid this motion "burnout".

Just how does one describe, classify, and provide access to a "virtual" resource? Can it be done? Come and explore the possibilities at our program entitled **Weaving the threads of Access: Cataloging in Cyberspace** which will be co-sponsored with the Information Technology Section.

And ... yes, things are shifting as automation and downsizing continue to blur the barriers between Public and Technical Services. Is a **team-based structure** the way to go? Two speakers from the University of Arizona will share their experience in this management style and there should be plenty of food for thought.

On Saturday from 11 to 12 there is a very important meeting for all wishing to form a **Cataloging Interest Group**. This would add great strength to the Section and will be an excellent opportunity to further the interests of Catalogers throughout the state. Be sure to attend our annual business meeting to share in reviewing this last year's accomplishments and to plan for next year. I am especially interested in this meeting so as to build an ambitious agenda for next year as your incoming president.

See you in Santa Clara!

ACTSS ACTIVITIES IN 1995

Maryll Telegdy

There were three programs planned, organized and held both in the north and in the south. The Section also co-sponsored the NCTPG and SCTPG annual meetings.

The first program was entitled *Cyberfrisbies and other non-print media: acquisitions, cataloging, processing, licensing, networking, etc.* It was held March 24 at the Alameda Public Library in Pleasanton and April 7 at the Riverside City-County Public Library. There were 46 registrants in the north and 47 registrants in the south.

Derry Juneja, then Chief of Access Services at the Riverside City-County Public Library, gave a general overview of the subject, emphasizing some pitfalls and benefits, and the unavoidability of the ever increasing media formats to be acquired for libraries.

Claire Le Donne, Special projects Coordinator at Information Systems and Technology of U.C. Berkeley, spoke of the "exciting" different formats and combinations of formats, and about the intricacies of licensing problems.

Greg Gallinet and **Ken Sogar** of Information Systems Inc. of San Francisco gave an edifying technical demonstration of different CD towers and LANs.

The second program was entitled: *ILL in cyberspace: access or ownership: resource sharing-multinetworking.* It was held July 20 at the Solano County Library, JFK Branch in Vallejo and August 4 at the new Huntington Beach Library. There were 34 registrants in the north and 28 in the south.

Irene Lovas, Network Coordinator of the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library, headquartered at the UCLA Biomedical Library, talked about the fairly sophisticated online information gathering methods in the different medical fields available by networking.

Barbara Will, Network Coordinator at the California State Library, talked about the state wide multiple library network, linking the 8000 libraries of all types in California in a state funded, formal resource sharing organization.

Cindy Carlson and Judy Gee of Research Libraries, Inc. have given presentations on ARIEL (in the north and south, respectively) including technicalities, equipment needs, etc.

The third program was entitled *Technical services: the next generation, acquisitions to access process.* It was held September 28 at the Oakland Public Library and October 6, at the Pasadena Public Library. There were 55 registrants in the north and 44 in the south.

Key speakers were from Stanford University Libraries: **Catherine Tierney**, Assistant University Librarian for Technical Services, and **Karen Kalinsky**, Library Systems Analyst. They talked about "redesigning the acquisitions to access process" at Stanford concentrating on vendor assisted monographic acquisitions. (It is interesting to see that the process of outsourcing that is being widely used in public libraries takes such a major reorganization in a very large academic library).

Stephen Pugh, Vice President of Yankee Book Peddler's Collection Group outlined their involvement in Stanford's monographic approval plan, one of the aspects of outsourcing, and gave an overview of the other services they provide.

Lori Gray, Western Region Manager of Brodart, presented Brodart's complete and extensive outsourcing capabilities including full cataloging and processing of library materials.

The two co-sponsored programs were entitled *Facing the Future in Technical Services.* The Northern California Technical Processes Group program was held April 21 at the California State University, Hayward campus and the Southern California Technical Processes Group program was held on September 8 at the Cerritos Public Library.

The keynote speaker was **Kenneth Dowlin**, City Librarian of the San Francisco Public Library presenting current issues in libraries in general, spicing it up with experiences gained during his travels abroad, visiting libraries and attending professional conferences. His emphasis was on communication, automation, online systems and the latest technology.

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ACTSS ACTIVITIES (continued)

Mark Stackpole of OCLC presented OCLC's PROMPTCAT, the system that links the acquisition of materials with cataloging through an OCLC/vendor linked system. He also outlined the outsourcing services of TECHPRO.

Pat Thomas, Head of Technical Services at the Stockton-San Joaquin Library presented the Program for Cooperative Cataloging that has been started and is promoted by the Library of Congress.

There were 60 attendees in the north and 45 at the southern program.

CATALOGING INTEREST GROUP MEETING

Reve Roche
Pat Thomas

Come and share your experiences and express your concerns about the myriad new (and old) problems, and advances, that face catalog departments these days! On Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 AM, Reve Roche (UC Davis) and Pat Thomas (Stockton-San Joaquin Public) will present a Draft Statement of Purpose for the Cataloging Interest Group for your approval, a slate of candidates for the offices of Chair and Vice Chair/Chair Elect for your vote, and a few topics to get us started. As set forth in the Section Bylaws, the Group's members will decide how future meetings will be structured. The Draft Statement reads as follows:

To provide a forum for conferring on topics and development of concern to catalogers and to encourage the exchange of ideas and concepts which promote quality and standards in bibliographic records.

See you there!

ACTSS AWARD

Nancy Neal Goliff

President Stephanie Beverage and the Section Executive Board have appointed a committee to recommend to the Section membership the creation of an award to honor an individual California library staff member for achievement in access, collections, and technical services. CLA requires the completion of a "New Award Proposal Form," and committee members Vivian Pisano, Oakland Public Library and CLA Assembly Representative, Nancy Neal Goliff, Monterey Park Public Library and 1994 Section President, and Celia Bakke, San Jose State University and 1993 Section President are hard at work at completing it.

The Committee will recommend eligibility criteria, nomination/application process, selection procedures, and recommend a name for the award. The recommendation will be discussed in the fall issue of Tech Notes and at the 1995 CLA Conference Section Membership/Business Meeting.

The Committee would like input from the membership. To make this a success, the committee will need to hear from you. What are your ideas? Do you know of a vendor, an institution, or an individual who might assist the Section in sponsoring the award? Can you recommend a catchy name? Should we call it the ACTSS Hot Shot Award? Begin to think who you might nominate.

The goal will be to present the first ACTSS Achievement Award at the 1996 CLA conference. Isn't it about time that someone from access, collections, and technical services be honored?

