

TECH NOTES

VOLUME 19, NUMBER 1
APRIL 1996

Message from the President

John de La Fontaine

Happy New Year! I trust that 1996 has been good to all of you and that it will continue to be productive for all. ACTSS is off and running for the year and we hope to provide you with an interesting assortment of programs for the year.

Look for an announcement regarding the series of forums we wish to sponsor to share our visions for Technical Services in the years to come. We are attempting to involve faculty and students from the state's four library schools in this dialogue. I am sure that these forums and other programs throughout the year will build on the successful programming we had for the 1995 conference. You will find further information on these programs in this issue of Tech Notes.

All the programs at the Annual Conference were well attended and our speakers did a wonderful job. (For those of you who were unable to catch the programs in Santa Clara, the ACTSS programs were taped and are available from CLA.) The Section Business meeting was not well attended. The Executive Committee feels that since this meeting was scheduled at the same time as programs, it attracted less attention. We will do our best to up the attendance this coming year.

Good News! Thanks to the hard work of Reve Rocke and Pat Thomas, the Cataloging Interest Group has been established. The first chair of this group is Mary Lang and this promises to be an exciting forum for an exchange of ideas and discussion of the issues. Let your officers know if you would like to see any other interest group formally established. The suggestion of a Collection Development Interest Group came out at our business meeting. I will be asking people to explore this during the coming months.

CLA now has a LISTSERV which is being managed by the students at the San Jose State Library School.

There are very interesting posts concerning legislative actions, job postings, and announcements of continuing education programs throughout the state. To subscribe: send an E-mail message to listserv@sjsuvm1.sjsu.edu (n.b. that is a one not an ell!), leave the subject line blank, and in the body put the following:

subscribe CALIX-L <your first name> <your last name>

Let's hope that 1996 proves to be a great year for California's libraries.

Conference Programs in Santa Clara Nov. 11-12, 1995

John de La Fontaine

Team Building: breaking down the invisible walls

Robert Renaud and Janet Fore from the University of Arizona explained the process that their Library underwent to re-organize under a team-based model. They further discussed the continuing evolution of working in teams and its positive effect on service to patrons.

Free Yourself from Pain, Prevent Injuries: Repetitive Motion Hazards

Michelle Regoli from the Petzoldt Center for Hand Rehabilitation covered the various causes and effects of repetitive motion injuries with special reference to the library setting.

Weaving the Threads of Access: Cataloging in Cyberspace

Roy Tennant (U.C. Berkeley) outlined theoretical considerations to be made in constructing a model of how to catalog internet resources. Becky Ringler (U.C. San Diego) gave examples of her work in cataloging resources on the internet. Steve Silberstein (Innovative Interfaces Inc.) pointed out sites to visit

that show implementations in cataloging internet resources.

Annual Business Meeting Highlights November 11, 1995

Maryll Telegdy; condensed by C. Thomas

- The Cataloging Interest Group was established.
- The World Wide Web was discussed as a means for future dissemination of ACTSS information.
- The ACTSS Award for outstanding achievement in technical services was established.
- A Collection Development Interest Group was proposed.
- The ALA Liaison position was discussed; the consensus was to continue the position on an ad hoc basis pending an amendment to the bylaws formalizing the position.

Executive Board Meeting Highlights February 2, 1996

Maryll Telegdy; condensed by C. Thomas

- On behalf of ACTSS, Libby Flynn agreed to draft a letter encouraging that the California State Library agree to supply its catalog records to OCLC.
- It was announced that ACTSS received notification that it is an official affiliate of ALA/ALCTS/CRG.
- Possible programs at California library schools were discussed.
- The 1996 CLA annual conference was discussed. The theme of this year's conference is "**California libraries: a tapestry of diversity.**" Ideas for ACTSS programs include multilingual acquisitions and cataloging (especially materials in non-Roman alphabets), services to the blind and deaf, and online acquisitions.

What's ahead in 1996

John de La Fontaine

The Cataloging Interest Group plans to put on a program on the Cataloging of Electronic Resources to be presented in the North and in the South. They will also be sponsoring a program at the annual conference in Sacramento. We will be further developing a flyer and some basic publicity that will cover the Section and our activities for new and prospective members.

Tech Notes will be published twice continuing our experiment with electronic distribution over the Internet. We will be sponsoring four regional forums and another program to be repeated in the North and South. At the Annual Conference, we will be sponsoring three programs.

ALCTS President's Program

Elizabeth Parang; originally posted by Kathleen Schweitzer to ALCTSCRG

"Librarians on the Edge: Preparing for the Digital Future" is the theme of the 1996 ALCTS President's Program hosted by David Farrell, president of The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) on Monday, July 8. The program, sponsored by Blackwell North America, will follow the ALCTS Awards Ceremony from 10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m., during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New York.

Pete Leyden, senior editor at Wired magazine in San Francisco, will present a vision of what the Digital Age will be like. He will explore consequences for society, education, and government as we move from the Industrial Age, an era organized around the motor, to the Digital Age, an era defined by the microprocessor. A panel of library educators and library trend watchers will react to Leyden's presentation and suggest implications for library education and practice. Leyden is responsible for the feature-length articles that form the backbone of Wired magazine every month. He has master's degrees in journalism and comparative politics from Columbia University and a degree in intellectual history from Georgetown University. He has worked as a special correspondent in Asia for Newsweek magazine and several newspapers and as a reporter at the Hartford (Conn.) Courant, Birmingham (Ala.) Post-Herald, and Minneapolis Star-Tribune where Leyden created and covered the Information Technologies beat, which focused on the impact of digital technologies on all aspects of our lives. The reactor panel includes Anne Woodsworth, dean, Palmer School of Library and Information Science, Long Island University; Deanna Marcum, president, Council on Library Resources and the Commission for Preservation; Karen Drabentstott, associate professor, School of Information and Library Studies, University of Michigan; and Jim Cogswell, team leader, Collection Management & Development, University of Minnesota Libraries.