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OLA employs two kinds of committees to do its work: special committees and standing committees. Special committees are appointed to accomplish a finite task, and their existence beyond the year in which they are created must be confirmed by the new president and Executive Board. At present, five special committees exist.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Preservation Committee

The Preservation Committee was appointed by President Deborah Carver in 1995 with Jey Wann as chair. In 1995-96 the committee conducted a survey of preservation and special collection efforts in Oregon libraries. President Ed House has reconfirmed the Preservation Committee and has appointed Normandy Helmer of University of Oregon's Knight Library as the 1996-97 chair. Members of this special committee are considering becoming an OLA round table.

Library Technology Committee

The Library Technology Committee was appointed by President Deborah Carver in 1995 with Sara Brownmiller as chair. President Ed House has reappointed Sara Brownmiller of University of Oregon's Knight Library as chair. Members of this special committee are considering becoming an OLA round table.

Internet/Homepage Committee

The Internet/Homepage Committee was appointed by President Ed House. He describes its assignment in his introductory remarks. Tim Klassen of University of Oregon's Science Library, who is Webmaster of OLA's under-construction home page and a member of the OLA Publications Committee, is chair of this special committee.

Conference Manager Committee

The Conference Manager Committee has been appointed to investigate and make recommendations concerning the possibility of hiring a conference manager to negotiate the conference site and handle the major aspects of the annual conference. The selection of programs and presenters is not to be part of the conference manager's responsibilities. Kit Dusky of Portland State University's Millar Library, who chaired the 1996 Conference Committee, is chair of this special committee.

Management Services Committee

The Management Services Committee has been appointed to develop a request for proposal (RFP) for the administrative services for which OLA currently contracts with John McCulley of Professional Administrative Services in Salem. The present contract expires February 28. The committee will explore the needs of the organization in developing the RFP. Donetta Sheffold of Oregon State Univer-

sity's Valley Library, current OLA treasurer, is chair of this special committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Conference Committee

The Conference Committee plans and executes the program for the annual conference, which rotates among conference sites throughout the state. Every fifth year the conference is held jointly in Portland with the Washington Library Association. April 23-26, 1997 will be a joint WLA-OLA Conference. OLA's 1997 conference chair is Shirley George of Beaverton City Library.

Wanted: Escorts

Exhibit managers are looking for friendly, gregarious, willing, enthusiastic, personable (any or all of the above) - librarians (male or female) to be unpaid lunch escorts for attractive, personable, etc. exhibitors. Responsibilities will be to meet the vendor at his/her booth, escort to lunch, engage in scintillating repartee during meal, introduce others at the table, and generally make the vendor feel welcome.

- "Oregon Library News," March 1986

Continuing Education Committee

The Continuing Education Committee has set its 1996-97 goal:

To publish continuing education opportunities in electronic format in coordination with the Public Relations Committee and the new Web Task Force.

The committee's main activity for the year will be to establish and maintain a web page of continuing education opportunities. The committee has nine members:

Judy Cross, chair
The Valley Library, Oregon State University

Charles Piquett
Oregon Coast Community College

Marcia Bianchi
Reed College Library

Kim Wolfe
3166 Carriage Drive, Medford, OR 97501

Joanne Halgren
The Knight Library, University of Oregon

Carolyn Gates
Hillsboro Public Library

Linda Lybecker
Washington County Cooperative Library Service

Carrie Ottow
The Valley Library, Oregon State University

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Get Wired and Inspired at the 1997 Joint OLA-WLA Conference at Portland's Jantzen Beach Red Lion. Molly Ivins will speak at Friday night's banquet, and a gala will take place at the newly remodeled Multnomah Central Library.

Melanie Lightbody
Newport Public Library

Honors, Awards and Scholarships Committee (HAS)

The Honors, Awards and Scholarships Committee is responsible for providing information about honors, awards, and scholarships available through OLA. From 1981 through 1989 OLA presented Outstanding Service Awards annually. Following are recipients of the award:

Ron Waldron (1981)
Pat Feehan (1982)
Suzanne Morrison (1983)
Douglas County Library (1984)
Leigh Barry (1984)
Barbara Coyle (1984, 1985, 1986, 1987)
Rose Ellen Uhreen (1988)
Irma Lady (1989)
Lynn Brady Tompkins (1989)

OLA now presents three awards:

Oregon Librarian of the Year: This award is given to a professional librarian who has demonstrated excellence in library service in Oregon. The librarian must have worked for pay in an Oregon library for at least two years. Following is a list of OLA Librarians of the Year:

George Happ (1991)
Ken Reading (1992)
Carol Hildebrand (1993)
Deborah Jacobs (1994)
Sara Charlton (1995)
Jim Scheppke (1996)

Library Employee of the Year: This award is given to a library employee who is committed to providing excellent library service to the community. The recipient has shown leadership, initiative, and willingness to share skills with the organization. Following is a list of OLA's Library Employees of the Year :

Charlotte Lee (1991)
Donetta Sheffold (1992)
Robin Beerbower (1993)
Jey Wann (1994)
Linda Bellock (1995)
Judi Beaty (1996)

Library Supporter of the Year: This award is given to someone involved in various library activities on an unpaid basis. This may be as a volunteer, friend, board member, government official, or individual. The recipient should be one who has shown commitment to supporting and promoting Oregon libraries. Following are OLA's Library Supporters of the Year:

Anne Carter (1991)
Jackie Sutton (1992)
Douglas Bennett (1993)
Mike Duncan (1994)
Mary Hoffman (1995)
Ed Ohlmann (1996)

OLA also awards honorary life membership to "any Oregonian who is retired or near retirement and who has shown leadership in librarianship and made a notable contribution to library service in Oregon. To be eligible for honorary membership, an individ-

ual shall have made a contribution of outstanding and lasting importance to Oregon libraries and have a record of active involvement in the association. The honorary membership should not be conferred simply as a reward for longevity or passive committee or organizational activity. Honorary life membership recognizes an accumulation of years of service."

OLA's Honorary Life Memberships have been awarded to the following people (Those marked with an asterisk are now deceased.):

Carol Alderson (1975*)
Katherine Anderson (1963)
Meredith Bailey (1958)
Mary Bennett Bates (1989)
Josephine Baumgartner (1959)
George Bell (1995)
Nathan Berkham (1965)
Jean Black (1969)
Shirley A. Brown (?)
Father Joseph Browne (1994)
Mary Busterud (1976)
William H. Carlson (1965)
Beverly Cleary (1989)
Julie F. Corwin (1973)
Gertrude Currier (1978*)
Eleanor Davis (1959)
Mabel Doty (1959)
Katherine G. Eaton (1989)
Eloise Q. Ebert (1976)
Elizabeth Findly (1974)
Loretta Fisher (1972)
Kay Grasing (?)
Edith Green (1957*)
Ivy Grover (1969*)
Bertha Hallam (1967)
Lucile F. Hansen (1975)
Mark O. Hatfield (1988)
Carl W. Hintz (1973)
Stewart Holbrook (1958)
Helen L. Howard (1982)
Pauline Howard (1965)
David Martin (1967)
Muriel Mitchell (1962)
Florence L. Moberly (1976*)
Richard Moore (1989)
Perry D. Morrison (1983)
Wayne Morse (1970*)
Mary Phillips (1972)
Jack Radow (1990)
Gail Schultz (1995)
Marian H. Scott (1968)
Maureen Sloan (1994)
Hardin Smith (1987)
Jean Smith (1987)
Charles A. Sprague (1958)
Gary E. Strong (?)
Carol Trimble (1975 *)

Scholarships are available to those who wish to attend the OLA annual conference for the first time or who wish to attend workshops or classes that would further their knowledge of the library world.

To apply for scholarship money or to nominate a person for an award, send a letter indicating your intent to Sandi Olmstead, Newberg Public Library,

503 E. Hancock Street, Newberg, Oregon 97132 (fax 503-538-9720, phone 503-537-0304). Sandi Olmstead is the current chair of the HAS Committee and has chaired it continuously and with flair since 1993.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC)

DUTIES, GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To aid development of OLA's position on intellectual freedom, interpret it to the public, and act in support of this position.
- To inform membership of pending legislation, present recommendations, and tender OLA's support of such legislation.
- To promote development by libraries of a selection policy.
- To determine facts in cases of public controversy over censorship, develop a statement of OLA's position, and present OLA's position to all interested parties.
- To develop liaison with other statewide organizations interested in intellectual freedom.

ACTIVITIES

Last year, OLA President Deb Carver chose *Intellectual Freedom: Liberties and Liabilities* as the theme of her presidential year. Because of this, every OLA division, committee, and round table worked on an activity to promote intellectual freedom. The IFC has worked on many issues:

- Monitoring the Telecommunications Bill, Communications Decency Act legislation, and court battles.
- Preparing for fall election by creating position papers to educate and assist the membership on Measure 31 and the Oregon Citizens Alliance initiative.
- Working in collaboration with other organizations fighting attempts at censorship or limiting access to materials and information.
- Attending Family Friendly Library conference and reporting to membership.
- Monitoring an attempted censorship situation in Lake Oswego and offering assistance, as needed.
- Dedicating the Spring issue of OLA Quarterly to issues of intellectual freedom.
- Adding as ex-officio member the chair of the Legislation and Development Committee and adding the IFC chair as ex-officio member of the Legislation Committee.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR COMING YEAR

- Participating in membership training and education on ballot measures during September and October.
- Remaining actively involved in relevant election campaigns.
- Planning and presenting intellectual freedom continuing education sessions in collaboration with other OLA committees and divisions.

- Developing recommended bibliographies of gay, lesbian and bisexual collections and Evangelical Christian collections.
- Engaging in other activities as assigned or as they become relevant to committee goals and responsibilities.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee chair is Deborah Jacobs, who has served OLA as president, Conference chair, and Legislation and Development Committee chair; who was OLA's 1994 Librarian of the Year; and who was *Library Journal's* 1995 Librarian of the Year. Following are other committee members:

Sheryl Steinke
Eugene Public Schools

Larry Oberg
Willamette University Library

Colleen Winters
Forest Grove City Library

Faye Chadwell
University of Oregon

Mary Norman
Lake Oswego Public Library

Ex Officio members include Ed House, OLA president; Mary Kay Dahlgreen, Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearing House; and Karyle Butcher, chair, Legislation and Development Committee.

The Legislation and Development Committee

DUTIES

- Establish plans for the improvement of libraries in Oregon through study and recommendation of plans for the use of state and federal funds.
- Explore other sources of funding, e.g. foundation grants.
- Establish priorities for legislative action that may affect all types of libraries in Oregon.
- Be responsible for library legislation on the local, state, and national levels.
- Alert librarians to proposed legislation that affects libraries and librarians.
- Work with the OLA lobbyist.

ACTIVITIES

- Established the OLA Legislative Network
- Developed a legislative agenda which was approved by membership
- Presented programs at the annual conference to educate OLA members on important legislative issues
- Developed a plan to educate the community at large about legislative measures important to Oregon's libraries
- Working to establish an action plan for testifying before the Oregon Legislature

The bylaws require five committee members representing public libraries, five representing academic libraries, three representing library users, one repre-

senting school libraries, and one representing special libraries):

Karyle Butcher, chair
The Valley Library, Oregon State University

Sue Burkholder
Southern Oregon State College

June Knudson
Hood River County Library

Carol Ventgen
Coos Bay Public Library

Susan Whyte
Northrup Library, Linfield College

Sara Charlton, network coordinator
Tillamook County Library

Phyllis Lichenstein, citizen user

Darcy Dauble
Blue Mountain Community College

Faye Powell
Portland State University

Diedre Conkling
Lincoln County Library District

Jim Hayden, school library

Bob Ehmann, citizen user

Howard McGinn, PORTALS

Legislative Network

The purpose of the legislative network is to foster communication concerning libraries and library needs between OLA members and elected officials. The Network has three goals:

- To maintain local personal contacts with elected officials concerning library issues
- To foster close working relationships between elected officials and OLA members
- To provide the ability to communicate with elected officials in a timely manner when necessary.

The network coordinator is appointed by the president with the approval of the Executive Board and serves as an ex-officio member of the Legislation and Development Committee.

The past year has been spent planning and setting up the network for the upcoming Oregon legislative session. Eight people around the state were recruited to be network contacts for their areas. Each has six to eight people on his or her call list. When a state legislative action pertaining to libraries is happening, the network coordinator will receive the information from the OLA Lobbyist, Nan Heim. At that point, the coordinator will contact the eight network contacts who will in turn contact the people on their call lists. All people in the network will contact their local legislators concerning the library issue at hand.

In past years the network has worked, but with holes in it. This year OLA hopes that everyone in the Legislative Network will call his or her contacts and his or her legislators and that the library community will be rewarded for its hard work.

Chair Proposes Dues Increase

Eleanor Brown, Chairman, suggested a change in membership dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50. The increased amount to be used for building up a scholarship fund.

—"Oregon Library News," vol. 1, no. 1, December 1952.

Sara Charlton is the Legislative Network coordinator. She has served OLA in many capacities and was OLA's 1995 Librarian of the Year. She is library director of the Tillamook County Library.

Membership Committee

DUTIES

- Endeavors to secure new members for OLA by contacting librarians and others interested in library service in Oregon
- Works with OLA's management contractor to ensure the processing of memberships and the maintenance and distribution of membership information
- Produces and distributes a membership brochure that targets new and former members
- Receives a list of non-renewing members from the association management contractor by November 1
- Receives a list of new members as requested

ACTIVITIES

- Prepares and distributes membership brochure and form
- Prepares notices for the *OLA Hotline* and other appropriate publications
- Prepares and distributes welcoming materials to new members
- Publishes a list of members annually

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jon Cawthorne, chair
Knight Library, University of Oregon

Dennis Moler
Newport Public Library

Martha Hawkes
Newport Public Library

Peter Rayment
Toledo Public Library

Mary Mohr
Oregon State Library

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee is chaired by Deb Carver, who OLA's immediate past president. This committee of three is responsible for seeking nominees for OLA elective officers and representatives, for submitting candidates' statements for the OLA

Hotline, and for ensuring that candidates are introduced and that information about the candidates is available at the annual conference.

OLA/OEMA Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation

This Committee has three OLA members and three OEMA members. The chair alternates between the two organizations.

PURPOSE

- To foster cooperation between school and public libraries

OLA MEMBERS

Kathy Davis, chair
Tigard Public Library
Ken Reading
Umatilla County Library
Marie Mulholland
Eugene Public Library

OEMA MEMBERS

Jim Hayden, OEMA past president
Mary McClintock, OEMA president
Roseburg Public Schools
Tom Sprott, OEMA president-elect
Medford 549C School District

Mary Kay Dahlgreen, children's consultant at the State Library, is an ex-officio member.

Oregon Authors Committee

DUTIES

- To collect and preserve biographical information on Oregon authors

ACTIVITIES

- To publish an annual bibliography of books by authors currently residing in Oregon

Committee members gather information throughout the year on publications by Oregon authors. Near the end of the year, the committee sends a mailing to all known Oregon authors and publishers to solicit additional submissions for the bibliography. Editors enhance the basic bibliographical information with the author's place of residence, annotations, and indications of Oregon-related subject matter, juvenile subject, or reading level.

MEMBERS

Lori Robare, chair
University of Oregon
Donna Evans
Tillamook County Library
Nancy Freeman
Coos Bay Public Library
John Hawk
University of Oregon
Pat Myers
Lake Oswego Public Library
Jey Wann
Oregon State Library

Ken Watson
Eastern Oregon State College Library
Nadine Williams
Eugene Public Library
Bonnie Wright
Cedar Mill Community Library

Public Relations Committee

DUTIES

- To promote libraries in Oregon with an ongoing year-round public relations program
- To coordinate and promote National Library Week in Oregon
- To prepare displays about library services and libraries in Oregon to be exhibited at appropriate statewide meetings (e.g., OLA Conference, League of Oregon Cities, Organization of County Governments, OEMA.)

The current chair is Ruth Kratochvil, director of the Tualatin Public Library.

Publications Committee

DUTIES

- To provide timely ways to communicate with members concerning OLA activities
- To report OLA's official actions
- To report news of Oregon librarians, library staff members, and library activities
- To report local, regional, and national news that affects the Oregon library community, including legislative actions
- To present information on significant materials of local and regional interest

ACTIVITIES

- *OLA Hotline* (twice monthly)
- *OLA Quarterly*
- OLA Web Page (under construction)

MEMBERS

Anne Billeter, chair
Jackson County Library
Deanna Iltis
Oregon State Library
Teresa Montgomery
Southern Oregon State College Library
Carolyn Peake
Lake Oswego Public Library
Tim Klassen
Science Library, University of Oregon
Lynda Larremore
Pacific University Library

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Aletha Bonebrake, *OLA Hotline* editor
Baker County Public Library


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Board

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"I have chaired a special committee on political activity and learned a great deal about what we can and cannot do in the political arena. My predecessor, Don Ownbey, was OLA parliamentarian for 17 years. He participated on a task force addressing reorganization, which precipitated decisions on publications, fiscal year and elections process. So, though not voting on the Executive Board, the parliamentarian reminds us where we have come from and where we are, and even attempts to help shape where we are going as an organization."

OEMA REPRESENTATIVE


The Oregon Educational Media Association (OEMA) representative is a non-voting member of the Executive Board who serves as a liaison between OLA and OEMA. OEMA usually has designated its past president as its OEMA representative. However, because Carol Henderson, OLA secretary, is on both the OEMA and OLA boards, OEMA has appointed her to serve as the OEMA representative to OLA. OEMA and OLA have worked together for many years to further the efforts of both organizations to improve libraries in Oregon. Joint membership is available through both organizations. Jim Hayden, current OEMA past president, has just completed his second, non-consecutive term as OEMA president. He has been an active OLA member and is currently a member of OLA's Legislation and Development Committee. 

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Cynthia Sturgis, ad coordinator
Ledding Library, Milwaukie

Resource Sharing Committee

The Resource Sharing Committee is chaired by Sheila Wilma, director of the North Bend Public Library. The duties of the committee are "to foster interlibrary loan and cooperation among libraries (sharing of materials) and to assess the need for lists of subject area holdings of libraries." 

Telefacsimile Document Delivery

PNBC has leased a Xerox Telecopies 400-1 for the next few months to provide a quick document delivery to those libraries who need materials within a few hours. PNBC's equipment is compatible with other standard telecopiers. Transmission of documents takes four to six minutes per page.

—"Oregon Library News," February 1979

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