

OCULA Council Meeting
February 28th, 2013
OLA Office
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Present:

President: Kristin Hoffmann
Vice President: Sophia Apostol
Past President: Jenn Peters
OCULA SC Planner: Jane Schmidt
OCULA SC Planner: Jaclyn Chambers-Page
Councillor-at-Large: Sarah Forbes
Councillor-at-Large: Courtney Lundrigan
Councillor-at-Large: Mindy Thuna
Councillor-at-Large: Peter Duerr
Councillor-at-Large: Sharon Munro
Publications – Editor-in-Chief: Martha Attridge-Buften
Deputy Editor: Carey Toane
OCULA Librarian in Residence: Lydia Tsai

OLA staff:

OLA Executive Director: Shelagh Patterson
Manager, Member Services: Beckie MacDonald

Guests:

Chair of OLA's Mentoring Committee: Laurie Morrison
OLA Multimedia and Design Coordinator: Brian Pudden
OLA Conference Co-ordinator: Liz Kerr

Minutes by: Sharon Munro

The following are items of business discussed at the OCULA Council meeting on June 5th, 2013.

Business Arising and update on action items:

Access Copyright has requested a meeting with OLA. A subset of the OLA Board of Directors – the President, Past President, Vice-President, Treasurer and the Presidents and Past Presidents of OCULA and OLITA – and a representative from the OLA Copyright User Group will be meeting with representatives of Access Copyright in April.

Dale Askey and Edwin Mellen Press:

A statement of support for Dale Askey and McMaster has been posted on the OCULA website and OCULA members were encouraged to sign a petition in support of Dale.

Super Conference planning:

Jane Schmidt and Jaclyn Chambers-Page are the Super Conference coordinators. The Super Conference Planning Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 5th and will be discussing possible topics and speakers for next year's Super Conference.

OCULA Spring Conference:

Several poster proposals have come in for OCULA's Spring Conference. Registration for the Spring Conference will open on March 11th and OCULA ambassadors at various institutions will be asked to help with the publicizing of the event.

OCULA Spring Dinner:

The Spring Dinner will be taking place on Thursday, May 16th and will be hosted by York University. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Craig Heron from the Department of History at York University. In 2014, the Spring Dinner will be opened up to more host institutions in the GTA.

OCULA Fall Event:

Several themes and ideas are being considered for the Fall event. More information to follow.

New Librarian Resident update:

Lydia Tsai, OCULA Librarian in Residence, has been the E-learning and Special Projects librarian at Seneca College since last Fall. She has been involved in a wide range of projects and initiatives, including customizing the interface for a searchable online knowledge database and a libanswers database for faculty and marketing campaigns for both. She will be helping with staff training and workflow design for the Summons discovery layer. She is developing a pilot for AskON for SMS Reference. She has also been working on library guides, quizzes, interactive tutorials, instructional workshops and editing videos.

New Librarian Resident Funding Task Force:

As a result of budget cutbacks, OCULA did not receive funding from OLA for the New Librarian Resident's position this year. Courtney Lundrigan has stepped down as Chair of the New Librarian Resident Funding Task Force, but will continue to be a member of the Task Force and to serve as OCULA's liaison. New Chair to be announced shortly.

Publications:

The soft launch of the first online issue of *InsideOCULA* has taken place. Each section of the newsletter is under consideration and the editorial team is developing a yearly storyline. A readership survey will be conducted after the new version of the newsletter has been out for a year. Martha Attridge-Buften, Editor-in-Chief, will shortly be sending out a request for submissions for *InsideOCULA* to OCULA members. The next issue of the newsletter will be coming out in late April/early May. The first Writer-in-Residence has been selected and is Katya Pereyaslavskaya, Project Manager, Accessible Texts Repository at OCUL, Scholars Portal.

Information Briefs:

There are currently 8 [Information Briefs](#) on the OCULA website and more in the works. Any potential topics for Information Briefs should be sent to Sarah Forbes and any interested writers should also contact her.

OCULA Ambassadors and OCULA's Marketing Plan:

OCULA now has ambassadors at several universities and colleges. Ideas for recruiting additional ambassadors were discussed and considered. Mindy Thuna and Peter Duerr are currently working on OCULA's marketing plan and will bring more information about this to the next OCULA Council meeting.

OLA Mentoring:

Laurie Morrison, Chair of OLA's Mentoring Committee gave an update. The Mentoring Committee started up a year ago mainly as a result of Jim Brett's work and with assistance from Shelagh Patterson. The committee had a broad mandate from the OLA Board of Directors to establish mentoring initiatives. The committee currently has 8 members with clearly defined roles:

Laurie Morrison – Chair

Jennifer Peters – Secretary

Caitlin Frailick – Hamilton Public Library – mock interview and résumé critiquing coordinator

Jim Brett – workshop and training coordinator

Denise Smith – website and content coordinator

Natalie Soini – Super Conference planner

Yvonne Patch – Super Conference planner

John Fink – Member-at-Large, serving as the all-round person for the Mentoring Committee.

The Mentoring Committee has done an environmental scan and has developed a strategic plan. The Committee was very active at the 2013 Super Conference hosting a variety of sessions, all of which were well received. Speed networking was very popular and the Mentoring Committee would like to see this expanded to a stream-specific item at next year's Super Conference. The Committee would like to receive recommendations for sessions for mentoring and careers from OLA members. Contact has also been made with the CLA Chapter for Mentoring in order to work on mentoring initiatives together. The Mentoring Committee wants to build up a volunteer base of mentors who can be connected with mentees. OCULA Council will consider what it can do to help the Mentoring Committee.

Webmaster processes:

Brian Pudden, OLA Multimedia and Design Coordinator, gave an overview of OLA's new website and services and resources that can be provided for OCULA's section of the OLA website.

OCULA Council meeting adjourned at 4 p.m..