Message From the President
Maryll Telegdy, Napa City-County Library

Salutations, ACTSS members!

In this Spring issue of Tech Notes, first of all, I want to hail the 2000 Conference Membership Meeting of the Section where more people were present than ever, an impressive 15% of the proud number of 162 members. In spite of the fact that with the Millennium conference there was no room or time for an ACTSS program, the high interest and lively discussions at the Membership meeting were even more appreciated by the old and the new Board.

Our Annual Work Plan for 2001, presented below, outlines the goals for the year set by the ACTSS Board at their day-long meeting on January 18, 2001 at Santa Clara University. These goals reflect CLA's overall goals for 2001-2002:

Section goals:
1. ACTSS will continue to offer quality continuing education programs and workshops addressing members' needs.
2. We will further strengthen the Association and the Section by bolstering membership.
3. We will co-sponsor regional programs both in the North and in the South.
In the established tradition of offering continuing education programs on technical services topics to librarians in California, we are looking forward to an eventful 2001.

The Section plans a program in May on NACO presented by John Sluk, Head of Cataloging at Oberlin College and another cataloging workshop in July or August on e-books with the head cataloger of Net Library, Lynn Conway. With the best of efforts we hope that both of these programs can be brought to fruition. We are also co-sponsoring the annual NCTPG program on Digital Libraries with Roy Tennant and Mark Stackpole as speakers on April 27, 2001 at the Fremont Library. Watch for more publicity in the near future! The diversity of these programs should enable you all to participate in one or another intriguing program or workshop.

We have submitted our 2001 Conference Program Proposals. The Conference is going to be held November 2-5, 2001 in Long Beach and is called: Pioneers, Pathways, and Portals. Please save the date and plan to attend!

We are planning for two programs, one picking up the theme of the conference looking into the past, the present, and the future of Technical Services, and another for bridging the gap between collection selection and technical services. Our Membership meetings will take place on the first day of the Conference on November 2nd, and the programs will be held on the last day, November 5th, 2001.

Our section's finances are also in good order, as of January 31, 2001, the section has a healthy balance of $7,139.92. There are two primary sources of section revenue, the annual allocation from CLA for each ACTSS member, and funds received from workshop registrations. Our workshop fees are to recover cost only. Any proceeds above our costs are used to support future continuing education programs.

Your participation counts, your membership is highly valued!

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Tech Notes
Minutes from the ACTSS Membership Meeting
Santa Clara Convention Center
11/10/2000

Pat French, current ACTSS president, welcomed all to this highly attended membership meeting. Everyone introduced her/himself and said where they were from. Pat led a review of the Year 2000 activities.

Program Committee
Yolanda Blue, Program Committee chair, was unable to attend and asked Pat to give her report. The Program Committee presented one workshop twice, a one-day hands-on program on Map and Atlas Cataloging. It was well attended in both Northern and Southern California. The workshop was publicized in Tech Notes, CALIX and Autocat. Programs have been a focus of this section, which ties in with CLA’s major goal of Continuing Education. This year ACTSS had no program at the CLA Conference because CLA was focusing on special “Millennium” programs and did not encourage proposals for this
year. The Cataloging Interest Group also presented no programs at the conference this year. Ideas for next year’s conference need to be submitted by March. The Collection Development Round Table has expressed interest in co-sponsoring a program with ACTSS on Selection and Ordering: Bridging the Gap between Selectors and Technical Services. Evelyn Woodruff, Jamie Gold and Roy Ortopan volunteered to be on the Program Committee programs and did not encourage proposals for this year.

Membership Committee
Karleen Darr
The Membership Committee reported an increase in ACTSS members from 124 in 1999 to 166 in 2000. This is a 30% increase in members. This is great news. It is believed that our programs attracted attention as well as our monitoring of list servs. Letters and flyers were sent to those new in cataloging. We also got more email addresses from members to facilitate contact. There has been a drive in CLA to get more institutional members from public libraries as well as to get library school students signed up as members.

Cataloging Interest Group
Charlotte Xanders
The Cataloging Interest Group presented a 2 day Basic Serials Cataloging workshop at both UC Davis and Cal Poly Pomona. The presenters at Cal Poly were Yvonne Wei Zhang from Cal Poly and Rhonda K. Lawrence from UCLA Law School. Presenting at Davis were Pat French from UC Davis and Valerie Bross from UCLA. Both sessions were very successful with 31 attending at Davis and 25 at Cal Poly. In order to attract membership, stars were put on name badges. Workshop attendees had one star if they were members of CLA and two stars if they were also members of ACTSS. The workshops mostly attracted non-members.

ACTSS Award
The ACTSS award is an honorary one. It may be given every year, although there is no award this year. Michael Gorman was the recipient last year. The past president of ACTSS heads the nomination committee and leads the activities associated with the award. Anyone who is a member of CLA and ACTSS may nominate. Because we have an early deadline for nominations we advertise early on Autocat and Calix. This may be one reason why we don’t get a lot of response. There was discussion about the possibility of amending the deadline date from June to September. Other discussion centered on suggestions for making the award better, having a more impressive presentation, and publicizing the award.

Financial Report
Pat gave the financial report. CLA does the accounting for sections. Through June 30, 2000 we have a balance of $5311. The two main sources of section funds are from an annual allocation from CLA for each ACTSS member and from workshop registrations. This year we received $366 from personal dues. Workshop registration fees are set with the goal of basic cost recovery. Any profit supports future continuing education programs. Discussion followed on how to use this money. Suggestions included giving a scholarship to library students to attend CLA, bringing in speakers for workshops, and giving a free or reduced registration fee workshop. No money can be
given with the ACTSS award or spent on food.

Tech Notes news
The new Tech Notes editor is John de La Fontaine. There are two issues of Tech Notes published per year. Most are delivered by e-mail; very few are mailed. John will check with CLA about the possibility of linking Tech Notes to the CLA web site.

Council of Regional Group news
Charlotte Xanders was our CRG representative. She attended the CRG meeting at ALA. Attendees shared information about workshops given in their areas. Charlotte felt that our workshops compared more than favorably with others.

Member Input from the Floor
Roy Ortopan would like the board to consider archival materials and records for ACTSS.
Elaine Franco talked with the president of the Hawaii Library Association about the need in Hawaii for providing continuing education with only a modest budget. If any librarian is planning on attending the LITA conference in Hawaii in 2001 and would also like to do a workshop while there, they should contact the Hawaii Library Association.

Introduction of Year 2001 President and Board
The new board was introduced: President – Maryl Telegdy, Napa City-County Library; Vice President/President Elect – Lynne Toribara, Santa Clara University; Past President – Pat French, UC Davis; Secretary – Marsha Pollack, Sunnyvale Public Library; CLA Assembly Representative – James Gold, Oakland Public Library; ALCTS/CRG Representative – Charlotte Xanders, CSU Sacramento; Membership Committee Chair – Karleen Darr, UC Davis; Newsletter Committee Chair – John de La Fontaine, Occidental College; and Program Chair – Aimee Algier, Santa Clara University and Yu-Lan Chou, UC Berkeley. Other non-board committee members are Cataloging Interest Group Vice Chair - Fiona Lee, RLG; Membership Committee member – Christopher Thomas, Pepperdine University; and Nominating Committee member – Charlotte Xanders. James Gold, our CLA Assembly Representative, gave a report, saying CLA wants to enhance communication. There will be an organizational audit, and the roll of the assembly will be looked at then.

Sources for Current Tech Services Information
CLA WEB PAGE: http://www.cla-net.org/ Current CLA news and events.
ALCTSS WEB PAGE: http://www.ala.org/alcts/ Information on upcoming ALCTS Pre-conferences and events.
ACTSS: We hope to soon have minutes, news and event information available on a section web page. We would like to build an archive of past issues of TechNotes. Please e-mail me (delafo@oxy.edu) if you can contribute past issues.
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