I. Call to order at 11:35: Linda Pye

II. Approval of the Minutes: Natalie Currie

   a. The motion to approve the minutes without corrections was made by Cherity Pennington and seconded by Stacy Shrank. The motion passed with all in favor.

III. Treasurers Report

   a. OLA Report: Susan Urban
      i. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Natalie and seconded by Stacy. The motion passed with all in favor.
      ii. Kelsey Barker thanked Susan for working with her on the Marketing budget.

   b. OKSL Report: Cherity Pennington
      i. There is no March report. Susan will send funds to the OKSL treasurer.
      ii. A motion to approve the report was made by Natalie and seconded by Stacy. The motion passed with all in favor.

IV. Reports

   a. ALA Counselor: Nicole Sump-Crethar
      i. The ALA ballot is out. They are proposing a member due increase. There is a guide to the 2018 ballot on ALA’s website. The search is still ongoing for an Executive Director. The job requirements changed to requiring an MLIS. They are focusing on using socially responsible investments for the Endowment fund and increasing diversity in leadership in libraries.

   b. ODL Report: Susan McVey
      i. Federal Relations
         1. Susan gave an update on the budget for FY 19. She saw a dramatic increase in letters of support of library funding last year. At this point no Oklahoma congressmen have signed on. She did receive a call from someone who received outreach from ALA office, as they were thought to be an influential individual. This may signal that ALA may be taking a different approach. Inhofe signed onto Innovative Approaches to Literacy last year. Visit the ALA Action Center for information on contacting different offices. Congressman Cole is chair of the Subcommittee for Appropriations over IMLS funding. Committee members usually won’t sign on to things, but you may want to contact them anyway. This needs to happen soon.

      ii. ODL Report
1. Still don’t have info from Washington on what the budget will be for IMLS, or what ODL will receive. There is no date or time for that info. The Legislature reached deadline and are required to have bills out of house of origin. Only five bills on ODL’s tracking list are considered alive, which is down from 17. There are a lot of machinations due to threatened school and employee abscesses from work and it’s not clear if the proposed teacher pay raises have the funding needed. A bill left the House which would go to vote of the Senate. HJR 1050 would lower the percentage of votes needed in the legislature to enact revenue raising measures from 75 to 66.66 percent.

2. SB 1086 would sunset the capital gains tax. The legislature set up a commission to evaluate tax incentives and evaluate whether the concept had spurred economic development. If it hadn’t broke even, it should be reconsidered. They hired a firm to conduct a study and provide a list for their review. The firm that was hired submitted a list and recommended sun setting capital gains. According to the firm, the capital gains tax had raised $9 million, but cost $475 million. The Commission didn’t recommend sunsetting the tax, but the legislature did, and it passed. This will result in an additional $120 million for funding that could be used for other purposes.

3. Stacy- How will the state employee walkout effect ODL? Susan- Individuals have to have prior approval from their supervisor to be absent. All state agencies must be open, including ODL. Employees are required to take leave, but ODL needs at least skeletal staff to operate. Cherity stated a school librarian asked if we knew if the funding bills included school libraries. Sometimes when pay raise bills are introduced, they forget school librarians and other support staff. The OLA lobbyist reported they are advocating to include school librarians and counselors in bills being considered. A bill from the speaker’s office had language stating they were not addressing school support staff. There are a lot of moving parts. Cherity asked about HB 3440, Commissioners of the Land Office bill, which did not include school librarians. The Attorney General said there were problems with that bill, so not sure where that stands. Susan stated Congress would have to amend the Enabling Act, plus propose an amendment to constitution by vote of the people, so that bill died.

c. Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma: Karen Neurohr

i. Thank you for patience while working through the conference planning process. The next Literary Landmark will be May 30th at the John Hope Park in Tulsa. This will be part of opening ceremony for the John Hope Symposium.
d. Oklahoma Librarian: Jill McFall  
   i. Absent- No report.

e. Communications Committee: Shay Beezley  
   i. Shay is working on standardizing email announcements and templates. She is excited about the new logo the Board will discuss today. She will make a logo usage guide once it's approved.

f. Marketing Committee: Kelsey Barker  
   i. Kelsey will share the Sequoyah logo usage guide soon. Kelsey will create Sequoyah spine labels which will be shared on the website. There was discussion on who should own that responsibility moving forward. Kelsey and Shay will work on a proposal and bring it back to the Board.

g. Webmaster: Charles Brooks  
   i. No additional report.

h. Amigos: Tracy Byerly  
   i. Amigos is continuing to improve the Programming Committee and Board packets. She has been attending local arrangements meetings. Big thanks to Susan Urban for working with them on financial processes. They will not take credit card information in print or over the phone for security and compliance. Conference registration for vendors and participants will only be online going forward. Amigos did have the Endowment Valentine’s Day drive on their calendar and there was an ACH hitch, but they’re working it out.

i. President’s Report: Linda Pye  
   i. Eric from the OKC Dodgers wants to be sure OLA pays the balance and meets the registration deadlines. Kelsey recommends budgeting for marketing Membership and YPro events in the future as there is a big difference in attendance in events that are paid to be boosted on social media. Dodgers registration closes before conference, so information needs to be sent out again before then. Linda is working with Tracy to make hotel reservations, helped reserve the Party Bus, and helped Michelle proof changes to the OLA handbook. SRRT- cancellation of workshop. Sequoyah medals, pick out food for conference.

   ii. Rebecca Weber shared that there are sexual harassment allegations against Matt De la Pena, who will be coming to the Mildred Laughlin Festival of Books. She asked the Board’s opinion of this new development. The Board agreed that it was important to take these allegations seriously but would like more information before making a decision. After some discussion, the Board requested a statement or response from De la Pena’s representatives and then the Board could vote via email.

V. Unfinished business  
a. OLA Handbook: Michelle Siekel  
   i. Michelle walked the Board through changes to the OLA handbook.
ii. Natalie made a motion to accept the changes as presented by Michelle, seconded by Cherity. The motion passed with all in favor.

b. New OLA Logo: Kelsey Barker
   i. Kelsey Barker showed the Board several options for the new OLA logo. After much discussion, the Board agreed on a selection.
   ii. Stacy made a motion to approve the selection and Susan seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

VI. New business
   a. Awards Committee: Michael Hull
      i. Stacy made a motion to enter executive session and Cherity seconded. The Board entered executive session at 1:38 pm.
      ii. Stacy made a motion to exit executive session and Cherity seconded. The Board executed executive session at 1:49 pm.
      iii. Stacy made a motion to accept the Awards Committee recommendations, with the second proposed Distinguished Service Award awarded as a Library Legend Award instead. Tonya seconded the motion and it passed all in favor.

   b. Small Oklahoma Library Roundtable: Michael Hull
      i. After the approval of SOLR, an initial chair should be named. After some discussion, Natalie made a motion to appoint Michael Hull as inaugural chair of the Small Oklahoma Library Roundtable, with an election to follow in the coming year. Stacy seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

   c. Performer’s Showcase: Adrienne Butler
      i. Adrienne presented the budget. Susan Urban and Stacy advised revisions to the budget to correctly calculate overhead, which resulted in a loss. Adrienne will revise the budget to accommodate this.
      ii. Tracy and Stacy advised Adrienne to use the OLA website to register performers, which will simplify the money collection process. Adrienne agreed.
      iii. Natalie made a motion to table, Stacy seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

   d. Request from Barbara Ray
      i. Barbara Ray is working with ALA to host a discussion and communicate about the current state of library advocacy with all types of libraries in Oklahoma. She would like to create an online discussion group to gather this information but would like the Board’s approval. After some discussion, it was decided that Barbara Ray should contact Shay Beezley for more information on using an existing OLA Facebook page for discussion.

   e. Letter of Support for LSTA funding
      i. Susan McVey recommends the Board sign off on a letter of support for LSTA funding.
ii. Cherity made a motion to approve the letter and Natalie seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

VII. **Adjourned at 2:12 pm.** Natalie made a motion to adjourn, Stacy seconded.