Call to Order: Linda Pye, President at 9:20 am.
   Pye welcomed conference attendees and introduced Tracy Byerly of Amigos Library Services.

Amigos Library Services: Tracy Byerly
   Byerly introduced herself as OLA’s main association management liaison and encouraged members to stop by their booth to meet them. She expressed thanks for the membership’s patience during the transition to the association management company and invited anyone to email them at ola@amigos.org for questions or more information.

Approval of Minutes of the 110th Conference: Natalie Currie
   Sarah Peterson made a motion to accept the minutes from the 2017 Membership meeting. Tom Rink seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Resolutions: Mary Kirk
   Kirk presented the following resolutions for approval.

   Memorial Resolution in Honor of Dr. David Oberhelman

   WHEREAS Dr. David Oberhelman had a long and distinguished career as an academic reference librarian at Oklahoma State University and held the position of W.P. Wood Professor of Library Service at Oklahoma State University; and

   WHEREAS Dr. Oberhelman ably served his profession in many leadership roles in such national and regional organizations as the American Library Association, the Mountain Plains Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries, the Modern Language Association, the Mythopoeic Society, and the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association; and

   WHEREAS during his 19 years of service at Oklahoma State University Dr. Oberhelman forged strong relationships within his academic liaison departments in the humanities, resulting in numerous successful programs such as the Noon Concert Series and the Great War Lecture Series; and

   WHEREAS Dr. Oberhelman was the author of over 100 scholarly publications, including authoring, co-authoring and contributing to seven books, and served for four years as the Secretary of the Mythopoeic Press; and
WHEREAS Dr. Oberhelman participated in the Oklahoma Library Association’s Leadership Institute representing OSU; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oberhelman participated in the OLA Information Matrix Camp for three years; and

WHEREAS Dr. Oberhelman chaired the OLA University and College Division several times, most recently during 2016/2017; and

WHEREAS Dr. Oberhelman chaired the OLA Resolutions Committee for many years, compiling numerous resolutions honoring individual OLA members and organizations which were approved by the membership; and

WHEREAS Dr. Oberhelman is recognized this year as an Oklahoma Library Legend; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Library Association honors the memory of Dr. David Oberhelman and commends him for his leadership, his many professional contributions, and his commitment to the association; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Library Association offers its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues, and joins them in celebrating his life.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Sarah Peterson and seconded by Dana Belcher. The motion passed with all in favor.

Resolution to Honor Lynda Reynolds

WHEREAS, Lynda Reynolds has spent countless hours ensuring the success of the Oklahoma Library Association; and

WHEREAS, Lynda has served on almost every committee and led the organization; and

WHEREAS, Lynda has led the Stillwater Public Library since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Lynda has successfully lobbied her city and the Oklahoma Legislature for needed library funding; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Library Association would like to thank Lynda for her exemplary leadership and advocacy on behalf of the Oklahoma Library Association, and wish her well in her future endeavors in North Carolina. Helen Clements corrected the state to North Carolina. A motion to approve the resolution with the correction was made by Wayne Hanway and seconded by Helen Clements. The motion passed with all in favor.
Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation for Oklahoma Congressman Tom Cole

WHEREAS, federal library funding helps Oklahoma libraries provide resources for students, assistance to small business, internet access, support for job seekers, technology training, summer reading programs, and transparent access to the information necessary to support a free and open democracy; and

WHEREAS, school, public, academic, and tribal libraries in all Oklahoma communities are better able to serve their patrons with in-depth, accurate resources made possible by federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the LSTA Native American Grants Program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has provided basic and enhancement grants to Oklahoma tribal libraries, allowing them to better serve the informational and educational needs of Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has been critical in the development of these services; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Library Association wishes to recognize that last year Congressman Cole supported continuing funding for IMLS and libraries; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Cole in his role as Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee that funds IMLS has demonstrated leadership by continuing and expanding funding for all libraries and for Native American library services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Oklahoma Library Association, in profound appreciation of his efforts, hereby expresses our heartfelt thanks for his work on behalf of the patrons of libraries in Oklahoma.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Helen Clements and seconded by Lisa Wells. The motion passed with all in favor.

Resolution in Honor of FOLIO’s 40th Anniversary

WHEREAS, in 1978, a group of Friends organized Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO) after a proclamation from the Governor’s Conference on Libraries called for the creation of a statewide Friends group;

WHEREAS, FOLIO membership includes Friends and libraries from around the state as well as people in the general public who love libraries;

WHEREAS, the mission of FOLIO is to promote, support and strengthen libraries through Friends of Libraries and other support groups, and FOLIO supports this mission in multiple ways;

WHEREAS, FOLIO provides seed grants for groups wishing to start or revitalize a Friends group;
WHEREAS, FOLIO provides scholarships for library support staff education;

WHEREAS, FOLIO offers awards for Best Friends and Friends of Libraries Week;

WHEREAS, FOLIO connects all local Friends with the state organization through the Outreach Ambassador Program;

WHEREAS, FOLIO supports libraries through programs such as the Oklahoma Department of Libraries’ Reading Roundup author tours and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation’s Smart Investing program;

WHEREAS, FOLIO works with local communities to coordinate national Literary Landmark dedications in Oklahoma for special locations in honor of deceased Oklahoma literary figures, authors or their works;

WHEREAS, FOLIO provides timely information concerning matters of interest or concern to library friends through a quarterly newsletter, website, and Facebook page; and

WHEREAS, FOLIO continues to have an impact across all of Oklahoma by electing persons from all parts of the state to serve on the FOLIO Board of Directors and Advisory Board; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Library Association proclaims the year 2018, as Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma 40th Anniversary Celebration, and thanks FOLIO for all it does to make our local Friends of the Libraries groups, libraries and communities better!

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Stacy Schrank and seconded by Helen Clements. The motion passed with all in favor.

Constitution & Bylaws: Michele Seikel
Seikel made a presentation of several handbook and bylaws changes, including the creation of the Small Oklahoma Library Roundtable (SOLR). A motion to approve changes to handbook and bylaws was made by Kirsten Burkholder and seconded Sarah Peterson. The motion passed with all in favor.

Financial Report: Susan Urban
Urban gave instructions for accessing the financial report via the conference app. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Dana Belcher and seconded Misty Long. The motion passed with all in favor.

MPLA Representative Report: Tim Miller
Miller encouraged members to consider MPLA as a professional development opportunity. OLA member Leslie Langley is incoming president of MPLA. Miller is ending his three-year term as OLA’s MPLA liaison.
Legislative Committee Report: Tim Miller
Miller highlighted several advocacy areas that saw positive results over the year, including a budget increase for the Department of Libraries and pay increases for teacher librarians.

ODL Public Librarian Certifications: Wendy Noerdlinger
Noerdlinger highlighted the program’s achievements this year, including updating classes and certifying 668 library staff. Visit the Oklahoma Department of Libraries website for more information.

FOLIO Report: Karen Neurohr
Neurohr recognized Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma’s 40th anniversary and highlighted some of their accomplishments this year, including awarding four scholarships and two Best Friends of Libraries awards.

Continuing Education Committee Report: Jenny Bodenhamer
Bodenhamer thanked the Divisions, Roundtables and Committees for sponsoring great workshops and conference programs. The committee is working to provide more online CE opportunities in the future. Please evaluate conference and workshops to help improve offerings.

ALA Councilor Report: Nicole Sump-Crethar
No report.

Nominating Committee Report: Sarah Peterson
Peterson shared election results for OLA offices.

Door Prizes: Local Arrangements Committee

Presentation of Gavel: Linda Pye
Pye thanked everyone she worked with over the year for their help and hard work. She stated incoming President Stacy Schrank will do an outstanding job.

Remarks: Incoming OLA President, Dr. Stacy Schrank
Schrank outlined his vision for the coming year, including streamlining processes and procedures to make them more effective and enjoyable, and for using technology to ensure members are included around the state.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Minutes submitted by Natalie Currie.