The Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section (OBS) was led by a board consisting of Susan Goldner, Chair; Andrea Rabbia, Vice Chair; Kathy Faust, Secretary/Treasurer; and Members at Large, Corinne Jacox and Stephanie Schmitt. Mid-year, Ms. Schmitt resigned her position when she took a job out of the country and Caitlin Robinson was appointed to fill her seat. Hollie White and Janet McKinney were the representatives to the Technical Services Law Librarian Board and George Praeger was the representative to MARBI, while Shannon Burchard maintained the OBS Web site.

The standing committees were chaired by Andrea Rabbia, Education; Richard Jost, Nominations; Mary Jane Kelsey, Local Systems; Pam Deemer, OCLC; Ming Lu, RLIN, and Caitlin Robinson, Joint Research Grant. Because OCLC and RLIN are in the midst of merging, Deemer and Lu cooperated with each other, acting more as co-chairs of one committee. Pat Callahan continued to chair the Special Committee on Record Sharing. This committee conducted a survey of record sharing practices and opinions that it will use to inform further activities. For the 2007 Annual Meeting, Caitlin Robinson coordinated the OBS table in the exhibit hall and Corinne Jacox represented our interests in coordinating the Alphabet Soup reception.

OBS sponsored two programs in New Orleans: “Collection Analysis Made Easy: OCLC's WorldCat Collection Analysis Service,” coordinated by John P. Bissett and Yumin Jiang and “OCLCs WorldCat: Our Collections at the World’s Fingertips,” coordinated by Janet Ann Hedin. OBS co-sponsored two programs with TS-SIS: “Bringing the Library to the User: the Practice” and “Bringing the Library to the User: the Theory.” In addition, OBS offered an informal program on OCLC and the OCLC/RLIN merger; a vendor showcase on federated searching; committee sponsored roundtables on OCLC/RLIN and Local Systems; a Research Roundtable, moderated by Ellen McGrath; a WorldCat Local Roundtable, moderated by Richard Jost; and the new Heads of Systems Roundtable, moderated by Richard Jost.

The new Strategic Plan was approved by the members at the 2006 Annual Meeting. The board worked to include it in their planning for the year. With the help of AALL Headquarters staff, Corinne Jacox completely redesigned the OBS-SIS brochure. It had been several years since the last redesign, so this new publicity tool was much needed. Although OBS started the year slightly in the red, it ended the year with a positive balance in its financial account by keeping expenditures to a minimum, while offering more informal programming.

Kathy Faust ran our second electronic election this year. The newly elected officers for 2007-08 are Michael Maben, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Mary Strouse, Secretary/Treasurer; and Susan Karpuk, Member at Large.

Susan Goldner, Chair
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