

**Oregon Chapter SLA
Valley Liaison Report
supplement to September 15, 1999 board meeting minutes
Mary O'Brien**

We're planning to hold the Valley Kickoff Luncheon at the U.S. DOE Albany Research Center on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1999, from noon - 2:00 pm.

We'll order box lunches from Novak's Hungarian Paprikas. We have asked people to make their checks out directly to Novak's, so there should be no costs to the chapter.

The deadline for registering is Sept. 17. I've e-mailed menus and directions to Valley members and to another person who inquired.

A discussion will be held relating to solo librarian issues, including how to keep up with new technology when you have limited time and funds for training. I've asked participants to think about the resources they use to keep up with new technology and other library issues, e.g., recent books, journals, electronic discussion lists, Web sites, conferences, professional associations, continuing education, distance learning, etc. They're supposed to make a list of the best ones to recommend to their colleagues and bring 10 copies with them for handouts. We'd like everyone to go home with lots of handouts. If more copies are needed, Cathy can make them.

Since the October 14 videoconference is being offered in Portland at no cost, I've decided it makes no sense to offer it down here for a fee. I just don't have time to find a sponsor. Since the program will be available on videotape, I'd like to show the tape at a luncheon at a later time. I'm going to send out an e-mail to the Valley folks explaining this and ask if anyone wants to host a Halloween party.

DOWN IN THE VALLEY Laura Beck and Peggy Malloy (Oregon Brain Injury Resource Network at Western Oregon University) have written a column for the October Oregonized Librarian.

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supplement to **October 28 , 1999 board meeting minutes**
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Program Report: Sept. 24 Lunch Kick-off Meeting Report

Down in the Valley

Laura Beck and Peggy Malloy, Western Oregon University, wrote a column for the Chapter bulletin spotlighting Teaching Research at Western Oregon University, including the two information clearinghouses, Oregon Brain Injury Resource Network (OBIRN) and DB-LINK (National Information Clearinghouse On Children Who Are Deaf-Blind). ([link to their article](#))

Nora Stoecker, Hewlett-Packard, has committed to writing a column for the January bulletin.

October 14 Meeting

The October 14 meeting, a mid-Valley session of the SLA distance learning program, Effective Negotiating Techniques for Licensing Content, was cancelled due to cost. Since the Portland session was being sponsored by Lexis-Nexis, it made no sense to charge people to come to the same program in the mid-Valley. A videotape of the program will be shown at a mid-Valley meeting at a later date. Dennis Emerson offered his facility at Teledyne Wah Chang in Albany for a future meeting.

April (2000) Meeting

I do not yet have a date for the April meeting, Small Crawl on the Coast, which will feature visits to the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston and the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport.

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January Meeting

The next Valley meeting is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 25, 11:00am-1:00pm over lunch, at Teledyne Wah Chang in Albany. There are too many conflicts to schedule it in February (Online Northwest, Love Your Library, OR-SCIP), but we may be able to slide it along the Jan. 25-28 range. Dennis Emerson has reserved a room and sent me a map. He has also suggested caterers.

The topic will be electronic delivery of library services and materials, e.g., Intranets, Web-based reference services, delivery of full-text articles, use of e-mail to deliver literature searches and current awareness products, etc. I have invited Kate McGann to present what the State Library is doing in this realm and lead a discussion involving the other meeting participants in sharing what their libraries are doing, and I'm awaiting her response.

April Meeting

I called RAZ Transportation about the Small Crawl on the Coast. The itinerary I suggested was Portland-Salem-Albany-Eugene-Charleston-Newport-Albany-Salem-Portland, picking riders up along the way and dropping them on the return. Departure from Portland would be at 6:00am and return would be at 9:00pm. If the trip is over 15 hours, a relief driver is required at an additional cost.

With this itinerary, RAZ estimates a cost of \$1500 with 11 hours driving time over 480 miles and four hours for visiting the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology and the Hatfield Marine Science Center. If we want to take people back to Eugene, this will require a relief driver, and the estimate is \$1650. If everyone met in Salem for departure and return, this would save a couple of hours driving time and reduces the estimate to about \$1250. We would probably want to depart later to allow people time to drive to Salem.

I need to plan the time we will spend on the Coast to determine how much we will want there. What do you think? Is two hours apiece in Charleston and Newport adequate? Would you be willing to meet the bus in Salem if it added an hour to our time on the Coast? If you got on the bus in Portland, would you want to spend an extra two hours taking people back to Eugene? If you were from Eugene, would you be willing to carpool to Albany? Should we just plan on having a relief driver, a longer day, and more time on the Coast?

In any case, with 30 riders, the cost would be about \$50 apiece plus lunch. I'm assuming a no-host lunch in a restaurant, but if we're pressed for time, we could have a box lunch. Vendors may be willing to defray some of the expense, but I need someone to make those contacts. Does anyone have a contact list for vendors who are willing to sponsor ORSLA meetings? What might we reasonably expect from them?

I will be putting out a call for assistance in planning this meeting on the ORSLA discussion list.

E-Bulletin

Nora Stoecker of H-P will write an article for the Down in the Valley column for the January issue of the e-bulletin.

**Oregon Chapter SLA
Director/Valley Liaison Final Report
Mary O'Brien
April, 2000**

Valley Liaison activities in 1999/2000 included a membership survey, three programs, and a regular column in the e-bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

In July 1999, the Director/Valley Liaison identified 31 Valley ORSLA members and sent an e-mail survey to them regarding their preferences for programming, a newsletter column, and local get-togethers. Questions were asked to determine how many meetings were preferred, when and where they would prefer to attend, what facilities are available at their sites, interest in volunteering, program topics, and newsletter topics. Fourteen responses were received and analyzed.

PROGRAMS

Based on the membership surveys, three meetings were held.

September Meeting

A kickoff lunch was held on September 21 at the U.S. DOE Albany Research Center. Eleven people attended the kickoff lunch, representing every special library in the Albany/Corvallis/Monmouth area and one self-employed librarian from Vancouver. Lunch was catered by Novak's Hungarian Restaurant. A discussion was held relating to solo librarian issues, especially how to keep up with new technology when you have limited time and funds for training. Participants developed a list of resources they use to keep up with new technology and other library issues, e.g., recent books, journals, electronic discussion lists, Web sites, conferences, professional associations, continuing education, distance learning, etc. The list was posted on the ORSLA web page. We concluded the meeting with a tour of the U.S. DOE Albany Research Center Library.

January Meeting

The topic of the January 25 meeting at Teledyne Wah Chang in Albany was Electronic Delivery of Library Services & Materials. Seventeen people attended the meeting. They came from Salem (7), Albany (3), Corvallis (4), Monmouth (2), and Eugene (1), representing U.S. EPA Library, U.S. DOE Library, Marion County Law Library, Oregon State Library, Oregon State University Library, Salem Public Library, Corvallis Public Library, Sacred Heart Hospital Library, Salem Hospital Library, Albany General Hospital Library, Teledyne Wah Chang, and Western Oregon University. Lunch was catered by Café Med. Kate McGann, Electronic Services Librarian, Oregon State Library, led off the discussion by letting us in on what's happening at the State Library in the realm of electronic services. Licensing of commercial information products and copyright proved to be hot topics. Access to books and journal articles is still the most important service to most patrons, and the costs of interlibrary loan and document delivery are becoming very high. There was also discussion of remote access databases and service to remote patrons using the web (Obvia, Access, and dtSearch software were mentioned). The use of reference tickler files to create FAQs or databases for web pages was brought up. Links to booksellers such as Amazon.com and Fatbrain.com were also mentioned as well as their use in lieu of Books In Print.

April Meeting

On April 27, the U.S. DOE Albany Research Center Library is hosting the SLA video conference, Exploring the Possibilities of Information Portals. Light refreshments will be provided, catered by

Café Med. As of April 20, 16 people had registered, coming from Portland, Salem, Corvallis, Albany, and Eugene.

E-BULLETIN

A regular column, titled Down in the Valley, was published in the e-Oregonized Librarian. In Summer 1999, Laurel Kristick wrote about the OSU Valley Library being named 1999 Library of the Year by Library Journal, and Cathy Wright wrote a profile of the U.S. DOE Albany Research Center (ARC) Library.

In Fall 1999, Laura Beck and Peggy Malloy, Western Oregon University, wrote a column for the Chapter bulletin spotlighting Teaching Research at Western Oregon University, including the two information clearinghouses, Oregon Brain Injury Resource Network (OBIRN) and DB-LINK (National Information Clearinghouse On Children Who Are Deaf-Blind).

In Winter 2000, Nora Stoecker wrote about Hewlett-Packard's Corvallis Research Center as it celebrated its "platinum" (20th) anniversary, and Dennis Emerson passed along an article about competitive intelligence.

In Spring 2000, Mary O'Brien wrote a profile of the U.S. EPA Western Ecology Division Library, and Cathy Wright contributed an announcement that her cat was chosen for an OCLC Cat Express postcard.