TMLA Business Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2005
Baylor University

Mary Du Mont called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

Present: Cari Alexander, Donna Arnold, Keith Chapman, Hyeyoon Cho, Susannah Cleveland, Mary Du Mont, Bruce Evans, Bruce D. Hall, Jean Harden, Ralph Hartsock, Joan O'Connor, Tammy Ravas, Alan Ringwood, Misty Shaw, Christopher Starcher, Jonathan Thorn, and Sha Towers

Mary thanked the local arrangements committee for hosting the conference. She then welcomed the first time attendees: Joan O'Connor, Alan Ringwood, Misti Shaw, and Jonathan Thorn.

Keith Chapman was introduced as the newly appointed interim Secretary/Treasurer.

Tammy Ravas moved to approve the minutes from the February TMLA meeting in Vancouver at the MLA annual convention. Bruce Evans seconded and the minutes were approved.

Reports were made on current projects at each institution:

Mary Du Mont reported on the library renovations in Fondren Library at Rice University, the Brown Fine Arts Library would be closing as a circulation point in June 2006, and on the status of the Shepherd School of Music digital archive project.

Bruce D. Hall reported that there were renovations going on in the library at Sam Houston State University to meet ADA compliancy.

Donna Arnold reported that Jonathan Thorn at University of North Texas is able to get their antique equipment that has been donated working. This equipment includes cylinders, 78 rpm players, etc. Now the donated sound recordings can be played. Jean Harden reported that a tutorial in WebCT is being developed to train patrons, student workers, and staff to search the catalog. Ralph reported on the reclassification project from Dewey to LC.

Joan O'Connor and Tammy Ravas reported that University of Houston is also working on tutorials.

Hyeyoon Cho reported on the bathroom renovations in technical services at Southern Methodist University. Also that a book drive had collected 30 to 40 boxes of books for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Cari Alexander reported that the entire library at Texas Christian University had been repainted. They discovered faculty and student recital tapes that were covered in acid and they will have them restored.

Christopher Starcher at Texas Tech reported they are starting a digital projects unit and have purchased ContentDM. Their sound recording library has been moved from the School of Music to the main library. He plans to rip the entire collection and serve it up via streaming audio including reserves through a grant.

Alan Ringwood reported that the Fine Arts Library at the University of Texas at Austin is undergoing a renovation. The undergraduate library has been turned into an information commons. They are creating a finding aid for the Austin Symphony Orchestra concerts.

Reports were then given by the membership taskforce and the oral history project taskforce.

Keith Chapman reported the membership taskforce was exploring the possibility of getting an exhibit booth at the 2006 TLA convention and that we should look into tapping into the MLS programs to get student members for TMLA.

Donna Arnold reported that the oral history project would leave the equipment at Baylor. They would start by interviewing Judy Weidow. A list of questions would need to be made up.

Due to discrepancies in records no treasurer's report was given. An official report will be made at MLA annual in Memphis.

Bruce Evans suggested we look into the possibility of doing another joint meeting with SEMLA in the next two to three years. Susannah Cleveland offered University of North Texas to be host for the fall chapter meeting in 2006.

There was no other new business. Ralph Hartsock moved for adjournment and it was seconded by Susannah Cleveland. The meeting was adjouned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Chapman
Interim Secretary/Treasurer, TMLA