

**2008 ELECTION
FEDLINK DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE
THE OCLC MEMBERS COUNCIL**

Cast your vote for the FEDLINK DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO THE OCLC MEMBERS COUNCIL. FEDLINK has two delegates and alternates. Our new delegate will join Suzanne Ryder, Naval Research Lab Library.

The OCLC Members Council addresses policies and issues of concern to the library community. As the voice of the OCLC members, the Members Council exercises its responsibilities in the following ways:

- Provide candid, informed opinions and ideas about the direction of the library and information community to the Board and to management.
- Provide honest, informed perspective and ideas to the Board and management about implementing OCLC's vision to continue as "the leading global library cooperative."
- Participate actively in discussions in plenary and small group sessions.
- Proactively serve in leadership roles in Council committees, library groups, or service groups.
- Participate in occasional conference calls and/or online discussions between full Council meetings in order to continue the work of the Council and/or its subgroups.
- Elect Members Council delegates to the OCLC Board of Trustees.
- Consider and vote on changes to the OCLC Articles of Incorporation, the Code of Regulations, and the Membership and Contribution Protocols.

Members Council delegates are leaders in their library communities who help OCLC and the networks plan for the future. Delegate terms last three years. For more information on the Members Council, see <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/memberscouncil/default.htm>.

How to Vote

Review the candidates biographical information below the ballot.

Print the last page (the ballot) by using the print function on your browser. (If you cannot print these pages, we will fax you a paper ballot. Call 202-707-4800 or send email to askocfno@loc.gov for assistance. Be sure to include your OCLC symbol and fax number in your message.)

Vote for only **ONE** candidate on the ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve for three years as a FEDLINK delegate to the OCLC Users Council beginning in June 2008. The candidate receiving the second highest number will serve as their alternate.

Complete the entries for name, library and OCLC symbol. (Each member -OCLC symbol- is allowed one vote.)

Fax your ballot to FEDLINK **on or before April 11, 2008** to: OCLC Members Council Election at (202) 707-4828. Each governing member (OCLC symbol) is allowed one ballot.

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2008 Nominees

Chris Cole, National Agricultural Library
Blane Dessy, Department of Justice Libraries
Robin Miller Dixon, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

Meet the Candidates

Chris Cole is the Associate Director for Technical Services at the National Agricultural Library. That position oversees the Cataloging, Acquisitions and Serials, and AGRICOLA Indexing operations. Before assuming that post in February 2005, he was a Digital Project Coordinator at the Library of Congress from 2002-2005. At LC, he was involved in several projects including automating the International Duplicate Materials Exchange Program and coordinating the Integrated Library Systems (ILS) Program Office.

Prior to entering the Federal Service, Mr. Cole was a Cybrarian at the Intel Corporation working on documenting the development of each new microprocessor. Chris worked at Maricopa County (Arizona) Library District (1990-2000) as the County Librarian and Associate Director. While at Maricopa County, he managed the Technical Services operation for the district which has 14 locations. Chris implemented a shared automation service providing an Integrated Library System to Grand Canyon University, the Arizona Historical Society, and the Maricopa County Hospital. Chris has also been the Head of Technical Services and Automation for the Kalamazoo Michigan Library District (1989-1990), the Scottsdale Arizona Public Library (1989-1989), and at the Cedar Rapids Iowa Public Library (1977-1986).

Mr. Cole served as a member of the Library of Congress Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control that issued their report – On the Record in January 2007. He has also served as an adjunct instructor of cataloging at the University of Iowa Graduate Library School.

Mr. Cole has also been active professionally serving as the President of Arizona Library Association (1999-2000) and as its Legislative Chair from 1997 to 1999. He chaired the Central Arizona Library Cooperative (1996-1999) an organization that offered technology training and funded library innovation grants. He was the President of DRA Users Group (1993- 1994).

Mr. Cole has a BA in history from Kalamazoo College and an MLS from the University of Illinois.

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**Blane Dessy** has been the Director of the Library Staff at the Department of Justice since 2000. The Justice Libraries primarily serve the Senior Management Offices as well as the six litigating divisions in DOJ. He has worked to establish a DOJ Librarians' Council whereby all of the librarians in DOJ work together on common projects. While at DOJ, he has also served as Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Human Resources and Administration, Acting Director of Human Resources for DOJ, and Acting Director of the Equal Employment Office at DOJ. He is also a certified Contracting Officer for the Department. In 2006, he received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, the

second highest award given by the Department of Justice. He is a member of the Senior Executive Service and a member of the Senior Executives Association.

Prior to the Department of Justice, Blane Dessy was the founding Executive Director of the National Library of Education at the Department of Education. While at Education, he also served as the Director of the ERIC program, the Senior Program Manager for the Office of Research, and the Research Officer for Federal Library Programs. He was also responsible for the creation of EDPUBS, a unified publications inventory and distribution system for the Department of Education. While at the Department of Education, he was selected to be a Legislative Fellow by the American Political Science Association. This is the oldest Legislative Fellows program in Washington, DC.

Before joining the Federal Government, Blane Dessy was the Director of the Alabama Public Library Service (the State Library Agency), the Assistant Director for Library Services at the State Library of Ohio, a library consultant for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, and the Director of two public libraries in Pennsylvania. His management experience at the municipal, state, and Federal levels makes him especially qualified to discuss intra-governmental issues.

Blane Dessy has been a member of the American Library Association, the Special Libraries Association, the American Association of Law Libraries, and the American Society for Public Administration. He has been active in FLICC, serving on the FEB and on various committees.

He received his Master of Library Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1976. His focus during his graduate program was on Organizational Behavior and Analysis and Group Dynamics.

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Robin Miller Dixon has been the Head of the Knowledge Resources and Library Services Branch, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD, for the past two years. Ms. Dixon manages both The Goddard Library in Greenbelt and the Wallops Flight Facility Technical Library at Wallops Island, Va. Both the Greenbelt Library and the Wallops Library are OCLC member libraries.

Ms. Dixon has been a Librarian at Goddard for 16 years, the first four years as a contractor. Prior to Goddard, Ms. Dixon worked in Special Collections, as English Bibliographer, Serial Librarian, and Health Sciences Reference Librarian in Academic Libraries. Ms. Dixon also has served as a Project Manager for library contracts in other Federal Agencies.

Ms. Dixon is a member of ALA, and the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) Division. Ms Dixon is also a member of the Black Caucus of ALA and the Metropolitan Caucus of Black Librarians. In the late 1990's, Ms Dixon served as a rotating member of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee

Ms. Dixon holds a bachelor's degree in English and Music (Double Major) from the University of Virginia (1979). She earned a Master in Library Science from the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park in 1981. Ms. Dixon is also a Certified Knowledge Manager. In 2006, Ms. Dixon received a NASA Honor Award for leadership.

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TO THE
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(Vote for ONE)**

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