

PTPL Historical Moment



Mimi E. Games
90th PTPL Annual Meeting
Annapolis, Maryland
October 17, 2014

- 1922
 - ALA Catalogue Section subchapters around the country had been reorganizing to address complex professional issues on a local level
 - Card Catalogers of Regional Libraries, the DC ALA Catalogue Section subchapter, reorganized as the **Catalogers' Group of the District of Columbia Library Association**

- Joint committee from ALA Catalogue Section and DCLA Catalogers' Group formed
 - March 21, 1923
 - Letter sent from the Committee chair Ellen Hendrick to all area catalogers and classifiers to solicit attendance at a meeting of a possible new organization

- April 10, 1923
 - First meeting of new group

- November 24, 1924
 - First Constitution of **Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia Regional Group of Cataloguers and Classifiers** adopted at a meeting in Richmond
 - Predecessor of Potomac Technical Processing Librarians

- 1957
 - ALA adds **Resources and Technical Services Division**
 - Many local ALA Division of Cataloging and Classification (formerly the Catalogue Section) groups now allying themselves with RTSD
 - RTSD included cataloging and classification as well as acquisitions and serials
 - November 2
 - Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia Regional Group of Cataloguers and Classifiers' Annual Meeting topic: *Should Regional Groups Expand?*

- Fall 1958

- *Committee to Study Expansion of the Regional Group of Catalogers and Classifiers*

- Purpose:

- Identify problems/questions/concerns regarding any possible reorganization

- Conclusions:

- All interested librarians should be encouraged to join
 - Librarians involved with Acquisitions should be especially urged to become members
 - Topics of meetings should be of “equal interest to catalogers and to members who have other special functions.”

- Simultaneously...

- Questionnaire sent to membership
 - Affiliate with ALA’s RTSD or not?
 - Should Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia Regional Group of Cataloguers and Classifiers’ align its scope with ALA RTSD’s?
 - Survey results
 - No formal change in group’s affiliation
 - BUT... Open group up to include other “technical” librarians
 - Expansion of group’s focus should result in an organizational name change
 - » Suggestions received

- May 9, 1959:
 - Advisory Council moves forward on name change debate

- March 19, 1960:
 - Executive Committee and Advisory Council approve name change to **Potomac Technical and Processing Librarians**

- October 8, 1960:
 - Name of group officially appears in by-laws

- October 11, 2013:
 - At Annual Meeting, question of changing PTPL's current name (and logo) brought up yet again
- Technical services
 - Term no longer fits
 - Transformation and evolution of all library work as a result of information technology

- Please submit any new names (and/or logos) in the appropriate section of your evaluation form
 - Or, e-mail them to a Board member

- Help us keep YOUR organization current and relevant for another 90 years!!