PTPL Historical Moment
• 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!!