ACRL Board actions, June 1993

Highlights of the Annual Conference meetings of the ACRL Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of ACRL met twice in New Orleans on June 26, 1993, and June 29, 1993. The following is a summary of the actions agreed on during those meetings.

Extended the term of the Vocational Interest Inventories Task Force through ALA Annual Conference 1994 and voted to give it a new charge: "to conduct further analysis of the data gathered in order to address implications of the results, such as recruitment, career development, approaches to professional development and library education and disseminate the results."

Accepted the Final Report from the Image Task force and discharged task force members with thanks for their two years of service.

Established a revenue target for the ACRL Seventh National Conference in Pittsburgh at 15% over expenses.

Heard a report from the chair of the ACRL Seventh National Conference in Pittsburgh (Joanne Euster), March 29–April 1, 1995, on the conference theme. The conference committee has agreed on the theme: "Continuity and Transformation: The Promise of Confluence." Presentations on each day of the conference will be related to the following sub-topic tracks: knowledge workers and their organizations; technology and the service centered library; internationalism and multiculturalism; and social, economic, and political context of academic libraries.

Approved Nashville, Tennessee, as the site for the 1997 ACRL National Conference, March 8-11, 1997, and submitted proposal to ALA Executive Board for approval. The ALA Executive Board approved the Nashville site for the 1997 Conference.

Voted to rescind the ACRL election campaigning statement that was approved by majority vote of the Board at the June 30, 1992, meeting in San Francisco.

Approved the actions of the Executive Committee in response to the recommendations from the Publications Task Force report to the Board at the Midwinter meeting. (These actions were reported in *C&RL News*, June 1993, page 341.)

Approved the action of the Executive Committee on the Membership Committee's re-

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Accepted the Planning Committee's recommendation that the Professional Education and Membership Committees be continued. Accepted the review of the Professional Liaison Committee and delayed action on its continuation pending further information.

Endorsed the Ray Boylan Memorial Resolution. Staff will send the resolution to Ray Boylan's family and to the Center for Research Libraries.

sponse to the recommendation from the **Professional Development Task Force** that: "ACRL should establish a category of membership for non-MLS library professional staff. . . ." The Membership Committee concluded that it is unnecessary to establish a category for non-MLS academic library professional staff; the Executive Committee agreed.

Established ACRL's priorities for 1993–94 as follows:
• To participate effectively in the electronic environment.
• To seek input from members about their values/interests/priorities.
• To network with other ALA units, higher education, and other information-related organizations.
• To provide learning opportunities for members. (Priorities and supporting strategies are reported on page 459.)

Postponed action on the Professional Development Task Force Report.

Agreed to inform the ACRL membership about opportunities to participate in book donation programs for support of libraries in developing countries.

Encouraged the ALA Board and COPES, and the Planning Committee members to approve a 1994 capital expenditure to put a high speed network in ALA's headquarters building as well as upgrade the management hardware and software.

Upon the recommendation of the Legislation Committee, endorsed six resolutions regarding: H.R.1757 which implements NREN; Classification of Government Information; Reauthorization and reappropriation of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission; Public Law 103-40 Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993; Government information in electronic formats to federal depository libraries; and UNESCO's recent changes to their depository program.

Approved the revised "Guidelines for the Preparation of Policies on Library Access," extended the term of the task force through ALA Annual Conference 1995, and charged it "to explore ways in which to help librarians use the ACRL Access Guidelines for the preparation of policies on library access in their libraries. *Ed note: These guidelines (C&RL News, December 1992) were also approved by the ALA Standards Committee at the 1993 Annual Conference and are now in force.*

Accepted the report from the Colleagues Committee and referred it to the Executive Committee for consideration of recommendations 1, 2 and 3. Agreed to continue the work of the Colleagues Committee.

Approved the Annual Operating Budget for FY 1994 with revenue at $845,877 and expenses at $953,397. The FY1994 net -$107,520

Top priorities for ACRL—FY1994

ACRL provides programs, services, and resources to assist academic librarians in their effectiveness in the higher education community and prepare them to meet the information demands for the 1990s and beyond. Thus far, leaders have identified these priorities:

To participate effectively in the electronic environment

● We are continuing to develop and expand use of the ACRL Listserv.

● We are supporting the work of a special task force to identify new areas of use and application for technology in academic libraries.

● We are conducting workshops and seminars to improve skills in the use of the Internet.

To seek input from members on their values/interests/priorities

● We are conducting a membership survey this fall.

● We are continuing the Midwinter planning session for ACRL members and leaders.

To network with other ALA units, higher education, and other information-related organizations

● We are co-sponsoring programs with other ALA units.

● We are attending and participating in the programs of other associations.

● We are sharing publications and jointly sponsoring projects.

To provide learning opportunities for members

● We are supporting the National Conference, Annual Conference programs, and preconferences.

● We are maintaining a research and publications program.

● We are supporting programs at the local level through our chapters.

In addition, ACRL will continue to act on matters of advocacy: legislation, fees for service, information access; standards: Faculty Status for Librarians; information literacy; and diversity issues. ■

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includes expenditures of $84,149 for the 1995 ACRL National Conference and $23,371 to support other member services. The ACRL fund balance at the beginning of FY1994 (which began September 1, 1993) is $629,973.

Approved modified language for chapter funding to reflect existing allocation patterns. Voted to fund the ACRL Speakers Bureau for FY1995 at $3,500 and to expand the Speakers Bureau to include all board members and the executive director.

Approved Annual Conference program plan for FY1994.

Presented Cathleen Bourdon, former ACRL Deputy Executive Director with a "token of the Board's appreciation" (an elegant crystal desk/pen set engraved with her name and the inscription "ACRL Deputy Executive Director, 1983–1993") for ten years of service to ACRL.

Agreed to establish a working group of the Board to examine the ACRL structure.

Established a task force of the Board to follow up on the recommendations from the Task Force on Underrepresented Minorities 1990 report to the Board. ■

In the change process, people interact in different ways with each other and with users. The change process generates a wide range of emotions—exhilaration, grief, fear, anger. These must be acknowledged and addressed.

Although there is a similarity with TQM in the customer/user driven emphasis and the focus on process. There is a difference in that libraries emphasize continuous adaptation, improvement, and evaluation.—*Barbara Lockett, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute* ■