ACRL Board of Directors' actions, June 2008

Highlights of the Board's Annual Conference meetings

During the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, the ACRL Board of Directors met June 28 and July 1 and took the following actions.

Strategic Area: Higher Education and Research

Goal Area: Learning—ACRL and its members are recognized as collaborative leaders and partners in ensuring that students graduate with lifelong learning skills, improving techniques for assessing learning outcomes, and in creating environments for discovery.

Con rmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of April 22–April 29 approving the collaboration with AASCU and SCUP to develop and cosponsor a Webcast, tentatively scheduled for early June 2008.

Approved the creation of a Task Force on Assessment Skills with a two-year term. The task force is charged to: 1) gather "best practices" for various assessment targets, which includes activities such as accreditation, program review, service improvement, needs analysis, and setting goals and outcomes related to their institutions; 2) identify relevant assessment resources (services, experts and consultants, guides, online tutorials); 3) create a presence on the ACRL Web site and recommend ongoing responsibility for oversight and development; and 4) identify topics and potential presenters for a workshop (or series of workshops) that can be offered to develop members' assessment skills

Goal Area: Scholarship ACRL and its members are recognized as authorities on knowledge management; and the creation, collection, preservation, access, and exchange of information.

Con rmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of April 15–April 22 approving the use of ACRL's name as a cosponsor of the 2008 Sparky awards and authorizes the Scholarly Communication Committee to oversee its involvement with the award, up to and including contributions to planning and providing a judge for the contest.

Con rmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of June 3–June 9 approving support for revisions to Intellectual Freedom Policy Manual and that the manual be adopted by ALA Council at the ALA Annual Conference.

Con rmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of June 10–June 17 conveying its support of the SCOAP3 efforts as a worthwhile experiment in scholarly publishing business models to the SCOAP3 principals and to the ACRL community.

Goal Area: Advocacy ACRL has greater influence on the higher education and research environment.

Con rmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of March 13–March 20 nominating Diane Rein to the position of ALA representative to the Section Committee of

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the AAAS Section on Information, Computing and Communication (Section T) from 2009–2011.

Confirmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of April 4–April 15 approving the 2008 ACRL Legislative Agenda.

Confirmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of June 13–June 20 approving ACRL's support of the Federal Library and Information Center Impact Statement and commending the ALA Committee on Legislation's Government Information Subcommittee for their leadership in drafting this important document. Additionally, ACRL suggested several changes to the introduction to clarify the purpose of the document and included other minor comments for consideration.

Reaffirmed existing document, Guideline on Collective Bargaining." www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/guidelinecollective.cfm

Approved the Core Competencies for Special Collections Professionals."

www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/comp4specollect.cfm

Approved revisions for Guidelines on the Selection and Transfer of Materials from General Collections to Special Collections." www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/selectransfer.cfm

Approved the Standards for Distance Learning Library Services." www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/guidelinesdistancelearning.cfm

Approved the Political Science Research Competency Guidelines." www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/PoliSciGuide.pdf

Approved the recommendation from the Information Literacy Advisory Committee to not revise the "Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education" and to ensure that the document be reviewed no later than 2010 (ten years from adoption) or upon completion of a review of information literacy structure and priorities within ACRL, whichever comes first.

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Strategic Area: The Profession

Goal Area: Continuous Learning   ACRL provides continuous learning opportunities enabling members to strengthen their effectiveness and achieve recognition as valued contributors to their academic and research communities.

Approved the following professional development programs.

ALA Midwinter Meeting—Denver, January 28, 2009:
• Bring It On Home! Creating Custom Search Plug-Ins for Your Library
• Do You Q? Looking at Your Users in a New Way
• Nobody Told Me I'd Have to Teach! Strategies for the Accidental Instruction Librarian
  ALA Annual Conference—Chicago, July 10, 2009:
• The Not-So-Distant Librarian: Online Library Instruction to Engage Students and Faculty
• Instructional Design for Librarians: The What, Why, and How of ID
• Discovering Digitization: Defining Your Path to Digital Access

Directed Western European Studies Section (WESS) to work with ACRL staff to submit in September 2008 an expanded proposal to hold a 2010 International Conference, so that it can be considered at the Fall 2008 Executive Committee meeting.

Approved Professional Development Coordinating Committee (PDCC's) recommendation for a competitive, peer-reviewed [ALA Annual Conference] conference program selection process from which only the ACRL President's Program would be exempt and that PDCC give full consideration to feedback heard from Communities of Practice.

Approved delegating to PDCC the review and approval process of ACRL professional development workshops and preconferences to be offered at ALA Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences.

Goal Area: Leadership ACRL members achieve recognition as leaders and advocates for academic and research libraries.

Confirmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of March 6–March 13 approving ACRL's cosponsorship of the CHEMA women's leadership institute, along with ACUI, NACUBO and other CHEMA colleagues, with a focus on midlevel women managers who aspire to senior leadership positions in higher education, understanding that some staff time will be required to market the program, that some volunteer time will be needed to review the applications, and that ACRL's maximum direct financial exposure would be limited to $7,750.

Endorsed the nominations of six ACRL members to serve on IFLA standing committees for Art Libraries (ARTS), Information Literacy (IS, shared with AASL), Rare Books and Manuscripts (RBMS), Science and Technology Libraries (STS), Social Science Libraries (EBSS and ANSS), University Libraries and other General Research Libraries (ULS), and forwarded those nominations to the ALA International Relations Committee for further action.

Charged the Government Relations Committee chair, the Government Relations Specialist, and an ACRL Board member to develop criteria and build a pool of member content experts that would advise the Board, the Government Relations Specialist, and the Government Relations Committee on government information issues and initiatives (e.g., digitization, Federal Depository Library Program) and that this initial pool (and criteria) be shared with the Board by the Fall 2008 Executive Committee meeting.

Approved the appointment of Beth Whittaker, associate professor and head of special collections cataloging at Ohio State University, as *RBM* editor for a three-year term (2008–2011).

Strategic Area: The Association

Goal Area: Membership—ACRL's membership growth builds on retaining core membership while recruiting from new and diverse communities.

Approved the minutes of the ACRL Board of Directors meeting held at the 2008 ALA Midwinter Meeting. www.acrl.org/ala/acrl /aboutacrl/acrlboard/acrlboarddirectors.cfm

Approved changing the name of the Advocacy Coordinating Committee to Coordinating Committee for ACRL Advocacy Initiatives and revising its charge. The charge may be found at www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl /acrlcomm/committees.cfm

Confirmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of February 11–February 19 approving the Joint ACRL/LAMA Interdivisional Committee on Building Resources Action charge and composition. The charge and composition may be found at www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlcomm/committees.cfm.

Declined creating separate student chapters but asked the Membership Advisory Committee to work with the Board to identify ways to engage students in ACRL activities and membership.

Confirmed the ACRL Board of Directors' e-mail vote of February 11–February 19 reviewing the Slavic and East European Section (SEES) Revised FY09 Action Plan and requesting that SEES answer specific questions and resubmit if it wanted to pursue action plan funding.

Confirmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of June 10–June 16 approving the following polices related to interest group (see sidebar on page 462).

Goal Area: Sustainability—ACRL will have the fiscal resources, staff expertise, and organizational structure to advance the association's strategic plan.

Approved disbanding the Alliances for New Directions in Teaching/Learning Discussion Group.

Confirmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of February 15–February 22 approving the signing and execution of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for Unit 3, Liberty Square Commercial Condominium in Middletown, Connecticut, and the use of CHOICE assets for this purchase per the Memorandum of Understanding between ALA and ACRL dated January 18, 2007.

Approved the agreement proposed by Bank of America to finance the purchase of the CHOICE office space.

Approved rescinding the Dissolution of Section" policy.

Confirmed the ACRL Board of Directors e-mail vote of April 16–April 28 approving a change to the approved use of the funds in the 2007–2008 ANSS Action Plan.

Approved giving the ACRL Executive Director the authority to approve minor changes in the implementation of Board-approved action plans.

Approved the FY2009 ACRL and CHOICE budgets with total ACRL revenues of $4,214,397, total ACRL expenses of $4,524,522, and total CHOICE revenues of $3,459,070, and total CHOICE expenses of $3,636,390. ✕

Forming and managing an ACRL interest group

1) Formation of interest groups. To form an interest group, members must complete an Interest Group Proposal form that includes name of the proposed group, identification of the initial convener(s), proposed scope, and an explanation of how this is either a unique group or to identify groups it overlaps with and to articulate how this interest group is different. This proposal is reviewed by the ACRL Board, which has the authority to create new interest groups.

2) Dues. As part of the ACRL member dues, each ACRL member can pick a combination of sections and interest groups, (with a maximum of two sections as is current policy). For example: two sections and one interest group; one section and two interest Groups; or three interest groups. There is a fee for additional memberships as determined by the ACRL Board.

3) Funding. Interest groups are allocated $150 per year, which can be used to support the work of the interest group, as allowed by ACRL policies and procedures.

Interest groups proposing special projects that directly support the ACRL Strategic Plan are also eligible for and encouraged to submit an Action Plan Proposal to apply for special funding for the project.

4) Governance. Interest groups are governed by a steering committee, consisting of a convener, incoming convener, and past convener. The steering committee is the only group that would appear in the *ALA Handbook of Organization,* since they are the only members who need to sign formal appointment acceptance forms. Each interest group will determine the mechanism for selecting its incoming conveners.

5) Continuance. Interest groups reach a sunset date every three years. At the renewal stage, an interest group may request to be dissolved, may request to be renewed with the same charge, or may propose a replacement group with a different name and charge. If the interest group takes none of these actions, the interest group will automatically dissolve three years from the date of its authorization.