

ACRL wants you!

Reap the many benefits of volunteerism

Now is a good time to increase your involvement in ACRL by volunteering to serve on a division or section committee. Vice-president Maureen Sullivan invites all ACRL members to contact the Appointments Committee about serving on one of ACRL's 20 committees for next year. Members may also contact one of the section vice-chairs regarding service on one of the many section committees.

ACRL has recently adopted a new Strategic Plan (available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/stratpla.html>), and during the next few years committee members will have an opportunity to help implement this plan, reshape the association, and influence the direction of academic and research librarianship.

You benefit by volunteering

Volunteers not only give to the association, they get back from the association:

- Build ties with academic and research librarians around the country.
- Enhance your leadership abilities through consensus building and persuasion.
- Share your expertise with colleagues.
- Gain additional expertise—learn more about a new area of academic librarianship or pick up new ideas for your current area.

Appointments: The process

Appointments are made at both the section and division levels. The ACRL president is responsible for the committee appointments at the division level for the year he or she serves as president. Likewise, section chairs are responsible for committee appointments in their respective sections the year they serve as chair. Committee slates are usually completed shortly after the Midwinter Meeting during the year in which the individual serves as president-elect or chair-elect. The ACRL Appointments Committee assists the president-elect in this process in an advisory capacity.

Factors influencing appointment

Although the emphasis in the appointment may vary from year to year according to the prerogatives of the president-elect and section chairs, the same factors are considered. They include:

- **Evidence of potential committee member's interest:** Have you attended the meetings and introduced yourself to the chair? Do you have previous experience that relates to the work of the committee? Have you indicated your interest on the volunteer form?

- **Demographics and composition of committee:** A balance is sought with respect to type of library (community college, college, or university), geographic representation, ethnic diversity, and gender.

- **The recommendation of the current committee chair:** Current committee chairs are asked to suggest potential members. Although all of these factors are considered, the final appointments are the prerogative of the ACRL president-elect and the section chair-elect.

How to apply

- 1) Select the committees that interest you.** The *ALA Handbook of Organization* lists all of ACRL's committees and their charges. (*Ed. note:* The *Handbook* will be published as a special issue of *American Libraries* and will automatically be mailed to all ALA members in mid-November.) Attend the committee's meetings at the Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference to help you decide if those are the activities that interest you.

- 2) Introduce yourself.** Talk with committee members. Express your interest to the committee chair. Explain how you might contribute to the work of the committee.

- 3) Submit a volunteer form.** Complete the volunteer form included with this article. (*Ed. note:* This form is also available on ACRL's homepage at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/comcall.html>.) Be sure to cover all of the items asked for in background information. If you have attended committee meetings or programs,

out one form for ACRL division committees and a different form for each ACRL section you volunteer to serve on a committee for. Send the ACRL committee volunteer form to Mary Jane Scherdin at the address on the bottom of the volunteer form; send the section volunteer forms to the appropriate section chair-elects (see list of addresses below).

4) Volunteer again . . . and again. If you are not successful in being appointed one year, volunteer again the next year . . . and the next. Remember that a multitude of factors—number of appointments made, number of volunteers for each committee, number of volunteers from your type of library or your geographic area—determine the actual appointment, and these factors change from year to year.

ACRL section appointments

ACRL has 17 sections (listed below). You will find a description of their areas of responsibility in the *ALA Handbook of Organization, 1997-98*. Many of ACRL's sections have developed new homepages that are linked to ACRL's; check out <http://www.ala.org/acrl.html>. The chair-elect of a section appoints the chair and members of all section committees. Most of these appointments are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. If you would like to be considered for appointment as a chair or member of a section committee, fill out the ACRL Committee Volunteer Form and mail it to the chair-elect of the appropriate section listed below before December 5, 1997.

African-American Studies Librarians Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Sylvema V. Ford, Director, Library Services and Information Technology, Mankato State University. *Preferred address:* 23 Partridge Pl., North Mankato, MN 56003; e-mail: sylvema_ford@ms1.mankato.msus.edu.

Anthropology and Sociology Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: J. Christina Smith, Reference Librarian Bibliographer, Boston University. *Preferred address:* 135 Washington St., Malden, MA 02148-3720; e-mail: jchris@bu.edu.

Arts Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Judy Harvey Sahak, Librarian, Assistant Director, Claremont Colleges, Denison Library. *Preferred address:* 2301 Tulsa Ave., Claremont, CA 91711-1666; e-mail: jharveysahak@rocky.claremont.edu.

Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: David Hirsh, Middle East Bibliographer, University Research Library, University of California at Los Angeles. *Preferred address:* 1751 S. Barrington Ave., Apt. 3, Los Angeles, CA 90025-4064; e-mail: dhirsch@library.ucla.edu.

College Libraries Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Carolyn A. Sheehy, Clare and Lucy Oesterle Director of Library Services, Oesterle Library, 320 E. School Ave., Naperville, IL 60540; e-mail: cas@noctrl.edu.

Community and Junior College Libraries Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Cary Sowell, Head Librarian, Northridge Learning Resource Center, Austin Community College. *Preferred address:* 1018 Hermitage Dr., Austin, TX 78753-5864; e-mail: cary@austin.cc.tx.us.

Education and Behavioral Sciences Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Janice M. Wilson, Librarian, California School of Professional Psychology. *Preferred address:* 1180 E. Palm St., Altadena, CA 91001-1720; e-mail: jwilcsp@class.org.

English and American Literature Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Robert W. Melton, Publications Coordinator, University of Kansas. *Preferred address:* 2711 W. 24th Terrace, Lawrence, KS 66047-2822; e-mail: rmelton@ukanvm.cc.ukans.edu

Extended Campus Library Services Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Robert P. Morrison, Reference Librarian, Coordinator of Distance Education Service, Merrill Library, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-3000; e-mail: robmor@cc.usu.edu.

Instruction Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Mary Jane Petrowski, Case Library, Colgate University. *Preferred address:* 3347 Bishop Hill Rd., Madison, NY 13402-9724; e-mail: mpetrowski@center.colgate.edu.

Law and Political Science Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Paula J. Popma, Orradre Library, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053; e-mail: ppopma@scuacc.scu.edu.

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Richard W. Oram, Librarian, Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 7219, Austin,

TX 78713-7219; e-mail: roram@mail.utexas.edu.

Science and Technology Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Billie Joy Reinhart, Cleveland State University Library. *Preferred address:* 1514 Burlington Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118; e-mail: b.reinhart@csuohio.edu.

Slavic and East European Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Tatiana Goerner Barr, Original and Special Materials Cataloger, Columbia University Libraries. *Preferred address:* 560 Riverside Dr., Apt. 10M, New York, NY 10027-3241; e-mail: tb103@columbia.edu.

University Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Maureen Pastine, University Librarian, Paley Library, Temple University, 13 Berks Mall 017-00, Philadelphia, PA 17122; fax: (215) 204-5201.

Western European Specialists Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Stephen Lehmann, Humanities Bibliographer, University of Pennsylvania Library. *Preferred address:* 300 Harvard Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081; e-mail: lehmann@pobox.upenn.edu.

Women's Studies Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Kristin H. Gerhard, Iowa State University, 204 Parks Library, Ames, IA 50011; e-mail: kgerhard@iastate.edu.

ACRL divisional committee appointments

ACRL has 20 standing committees to which appointments may be made for 1998-99. A list appears on the volunteer form at the end of this article. You will find the committees listed with a description of their charges in the *ALA Handbook of Organization*.

Appointments to ACRL standing committees are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The Appointments Committee recommends to the president-elect of ACRL the names of members who might fill the vacancies. The president-elect makes the final appointments. If you are interested in being considered for an appointment to an ACRL committee, you should complete the Committee Volunteer Form and send it to Mary Jane Scherдин at the address given on the form before December 5, 1997.

Editorial boards

ACRL has editorial boards for these six publi-

cations: *Choice*, *College & Research Libraries*, *College & Research Libraries News*, *New Publications*, *Publications in Librarianship*, and *Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship*.

Appointments to editorial boards are made at the Midwinter Meeting for terms that begin immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The editors recommend the name of a person to fill the vacancy. The Publications Committee must approve the recommendation, and the president of ACRL makes the appointment.

If you would like to be considered for appointment to an editorial board, contact the editor of the editorial board early in the fall.

Choice editor: Irving Rockwood, *Choice*, 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT 06457; e-mail: irockwood@ala-choice.org.

College & Research Libraries editor: Donald E. Riggs, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314-7796; e-mail: driggs@nsu.acast.nova.edu.

College & Research Libraries News editor: Mary Ellen Davis, *C&RL News*, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: medavis@ala.org.

New publications editor: Hugh Thompson, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: hthompson@ala.org.

Publications in Librarianship editor: John Budd, 304 West Blvd. N, Columbia, MO 65203; e-mail: libsjmb@showme.missouri.edu.

Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship editor: Sidney E. Berger, University of California, University Library, P.O. Box 5900, Riverside, CA 92517-5900; e-mail: sidney.berger@ucr.edu.

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C&RL News wants to feature aesthetically pleasing photos of items from library collections on its covers. If you have material in your library's collections that you think would make an attractive *C&RL News* cover, please send us a photograph or a color photocopy and a brief description of the item and the collection. Photos may be either color or black-and-white and should be 5" x 7" or 8" x 10". Illustrations with a vertical orientation work best. Send to: *C&RL News* Covers, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

ACRL committee volunteer form

Background information

On a separate single sheet of paper briefly summarize your background and activities in the following areas: 1) ALA professional activities; 2) ACRL professional activities; 3) state and regional offices held and committee appointments; 4) educational background and/or other experience that will assist the committee in the appointment process; 5) publications.

Please include in your application an expression of your professional concerns and the contribution that you can make toward strengthening ACRL.

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____

Job title: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Organization/library: _____

Institution's address: _____

Ethnicity (optional): _____

Division committees

To volunteer for a division committee, complete this form and return it to:

Mary Jane Scherdin
Edgewood College
859 Woodrow Street
Madison, WI 53711
e-mail: scherdin@edgewood.edu

The following divisionwide committees have vacancies annually. Please indicate your first three choices by marking "1," "2," and "3" on the corresponding lines.

- ____ Academic Librarians' Status
- ____ (Hugh C.) Atkinson Memorial Award
- ____ Budget and Finance
- ____ Constitution and Bylaws
- ____ Copyright
- ____ Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- ____ Government Relations
- ____ Intellectual Freedom
- ____ International Relations
- ____ (Samuel) Lazerow Fellowship for Research in
Acquisition or Technical Services
- ____ Media Resources
- ____ Membership
- ____ Professional Development
- ____ Professional Enhancement
- ____ Publications
- ____ Racial and Ethnic Diversity
- ____ Research
- ____ (K. G.) Saur Award for Best *College &*
Research Libraries article
- ____ Standards and Accreditation
- ____ Statistics

____ I am willing to serve on any committee for which I am qualified and needed as a regular member or as an intern.

Note: By accepting an appointment, I agree that all working papers and final products of the group are the sole property of ACRL and are not to be used for any personal projects unless written permission has been obtained from the appropriate governing body. I also certify that it does not represent a conflict of interest. I understand that failure to attend two meetings without an explanation acceptable to the chair constitutes grounds for removal.

Forms must be returned by December 5, 1997.

Membership in ALA and ACRL is required.

Attendance at Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is required.

Section committee volunteer form

Background information for section committees

Provide a separate sheet of information about yourself following the instructions given on the ACRL committee volunteer form (previous page) under background information. To indicate your particular interest in serving on a committee in one of ACRL's 17 sections, write the committee name(s) next to the section below.

African-American Studies Librarians _____

Anthropology and Sociology _____

Arts _____

Asian, African and Middle Eastern _____

College Libraries _____

Community and Junior College Libraries _____

Education and Behavioral Sciences _____

English and American Literature _____

Extended Campus Library Services _____

Instruction _____

Law and Political Science _____

Rare Books and Manuscripts _____

Science and Technology _____

Slavic and East European _____

University Libraries _____

Western European Specialists _____

Women's Studies _____

Date of application: _____

Organization/library: _____

Name: _____

Institution's address: _____

Job title: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Ethnicity (optional) _____

Return form to:

Return this completed form to the appropriate section vice-chair/chair-elect as indicated in the accompanying article. (Use duplicate forms if you are interested in more than one section.) You must be a member of the section to be considered for appointment.

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