

News From the Chapters

The fall meeting of the Minnesota Chapter was held on November 14 in Bloomington, Minnesota. During the business meeting, the members discussed the publication of a directory, a spring program, legislation, networks, and cooperative plans.

The Oregon Chapter of ACRL held its organizational meeting on October 4, 1975, at Mt. Angel Abbey Library. The needs and purposes of the organization and its possible affiliation with other organizations were the topics of discussion. Richard Heinzkill of the Humanities Division of the University of Oregon was elected chairman; Deirdre Malarkey of the Documents Section of the University of Oregon was elected secretary.

The first business meeting of the ACRL/New England Chapter, held Friday, November 14, 1975, at the New England Center for Continuing Education, Durham, New Hampshire, was chaired by Diane Lutz, president-elect for 1976. Ms. Lutz gave an account of the chapter's activities during the past year and outlined plans for the coming year. Ms. Lutz noted that because of the New England climate, most of the chapter's business for the winter months will be conducted by mail.

The first mailing to all current chapter members will contain the chapter's constitution and bylaws. Members will be asked to read the documents thoroughly and vote for or against their adoption. The constitution and bylaws have been written in accordance with those of the national organization. Among the provisions will be an increase in chapter dues (for non-ACRL members) from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per year and the establishment of a board of directors, to be composed of the four officers plus two members at large, as the governing body.

The election of a new president-elect and treasurer for 1976 will also be conducted by mail. A nominating committee has been appointed by George R. Parks, chapter president. Its members are: Charity Chang, University of Connecticut, Cross Library, Storrs; Arthur Monk, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine; and Roger Poulin, Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center. Those persons interested in serving as chapter officers should contact the committee. All New England librarians who are members of ALA/ACRL are eligible.

A two-pronged membership drive for the coming year is planned. The first thrust will be to encourage membership in ALA and in ACRL. After this initial push, chapter members will be recruited from those who have not

joined ALA/ACRL. To assist in the recruiting, the chapter will be compiling a directory of academic librarians in New England. Letters will be mailed to all academic library directors in the region asking for a list of the names and official titles of all members of their professional staff. The chapter hopes to contact each librarian personally to explain the purpose of the chapter and to keep them informed of meetings as they are being planned.

A chapter newsletter is also being planned. Tentative publication date is February 1976. It will include news of the spring conference, people involved in the chapter, announcement of new officers, and news from the membership.

Plans for the spring conference were announced. It has been tentatively scheduled for the second week in April at the Sheraton-Islander, Newport, Rhode Island. John Hannon of Bryant College will be program chairman; the working topic is management in academic libraries. The chapter hopes to have outside (nonlibrary) management experts as speakers.

After the chapter business was completed, the floor was opened for questions and comments. These dealt primarily with the relationship of the chapter to ACRL, the kind of support chapters receive from the national organization and its relationship to other regional library groups. The meeting closed with a plea from Chapter President George Parks for more feedback from the membership. The effectiveness and value of the chapter depends on the membership's ability to communicate its problems and concerns. ■ ■

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