

ACRL Board of Directors' actions, January 2006

Highlights of the Board's Midwinter meetings

During the 2006 ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio, the ACRL Board of Directors met on January 21 and 24 and took the following actions.

Strategic Area: Higher Education and Research

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

Confirmed its e-mail vote of July 25–August 1, 2005, approving the submission, on behalf of ACRL, of a chart of information literacy behaviors to the National Survey of Student Engagement with the understanding that additional edits to the chart might still be made before final submission.

Approved a pledge for the Cultural Communities Fund in the amount of \$20,000, payable in the current fiscal year. ACRL will work with the ALA Public Programs Office to identify recognition for ACRL and programs designed for academic librarians and ACRL members.

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

Approved revised eligibility and criteria for the ACRL Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award.

support the guidelines if they are voted upon by ALA Council.

Approved a revision of the “Guidelines for Media Resources in Academic Libraries.”

Endorsed the statement, “Urgent Action Needed to Preserve Scholarly Electronic Journals.” The Board further suggested that the statement could make a valuable addition to ACRL's collection of best practices and encouraged the Scholarly Communications Committee to rework the content so that it takes the form of a guideline or effective practice.

Endorsed ALA Council Document 36, “Resolution in Support of Academic Freedom and Against the So-called Academic Bill of Rights” and instructed the ACRL councilor to

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

Approved a \$15,000 funding request to support the ULS proposal Campus Advocacy: A Grassroots Movement for Influencing Cam-

pus Dynamics, with up to \$8,000 supporting the development of materials and presentation of a workshop at the 2007 National

Conference and an additional \$7,000 in FY 2008, \$500 each for up to 14 chapters for program expenses to offer campus advocacy continuing education.

Approved the 2006 Legislative Agenda.

Approved an extension of the Review and Revision of the Access Guidelines Task Force, with a final draft to be submitted for review prior to the 2006 Spring Executive Committee Meeting.

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.

Confirmed its e-mail vote of December 12-19, 2005, approving the 2006 annual conference program sponsored by the AASL/ACRL Interdivisional Committee on Information Literacy and the program sponsored by ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy.

Approved the 2007 RBMS Preconference dates of June 19-22, 2007.

Approved a proposal to hold the 2008 RBMS Preconference in Los Angeles.

Approved a revision of the Arts 2006 Annual Conference program, originally approved at the Board's 2005 Annual Conference meeting; the program will now focus on

Preserving New Orleans: The Fate of Media Collections in the Wake of Katrina.

Approved a revision of the LPSS 2006 Annual Conference program, originally approved at the Board's 2005 Annual Conference meeting; the program's topic will now be Behind Katrina: Race, Law and Politics.

Approved the expenditure of \$450 from the Global Connections portion of the Friends of ACRL Fund for the ACRL International Relations Committee in support of its Sister Libraries Seed Grant Program, with the understanding that these funds will be used to defray further the travel, lodging, and meal expenses of the Mexican librarians beyond those funds already authorized by the Board.

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

Observed a moment of silence and approved a Special Presidential Recognition Award in honor of Ilene Rockman's significant

contributions to ACRL and academic libraries, particularly in the area of information literacy.

Strategic Area: The Association

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

Observed a moment of silence and endorsed the Joint Memorial Resolution in Honor of Gerald Hodges to recognize and pay tribute to the contributions of Gerald as an ambassador for ALA, and for libraries everywhere.

Approved a one-year complimentary institutional membership for CONPAB-IES (National Council of Higher Education Libraries of Mexico) in ACRL.

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

Approved the minutes of the ACRL Board of Directors 2005 Annual Conference meeting.

Confirmed its e-mail vote of October 3 6, 2005, approving the revised FY2006 ACRL budget, with budgeted ACRL total revenues of \$1,853,923, total expenses of \$2,379,833, and net revenues of (\$525,910).

Requested that ACRL/CHOICE explore the concept of purchasing a building using nonendowment net assets to house the CHOICE office and undertake a feasibility study regarding a potential property.

Approved a proposed ULS committee reorganization for placement on the Spring 2006 Section Ballot. *Note: Upon further review of the ULS bylaws, it was determined that the ULS Executive Committee already had the authority to make this change and that it would not be necessary to include this proposal on the ballot.*

Approved a proposed ANSS bylaws change intended to maintain equitable committee chair representation on the ANSS Executive Committee for placement on the

Spring 2006 Section Ballot.

Referred proposed CJCLS bylaws revisions back to the ACRL Bylaws Committee to clarify language on committee membership as it relates to the ALA and ACRL rosters; the proposed revisions will not appear on the spring 2006 ballot.

Authorized the Budget and Finance Committee to approve Friends expenditures recommended by the Friends Fund Subcommittee up to and including \$5,000 per project in accordance with the ACRL Strategic Plan.

Endorsed the ALA dues increase proposal.

Approved a policy allowing ACRL Chapters to spend budgeted resources on any items or activities that support the achievement of the ACRL strategic goals with the following two exceptions: 1) the allotted funds may not be used for payment of honoraria or travel to support librarians' presentations at ALA, ACRL, or ACRL chapter conferences, and 2) the allotted funds may not be used to purchase goods or services prohibited by ALA and ACRL policy. *zz*

Nominations sought for ACRL vice-president/president-elect, councilor, and director-at-large

An organization needs strong leadership to accomplish its goals. ACRL is no exception. As a companion activity to strategic planning, the ACRL Board reviewed the process and procedures for developing an election slate, and will be enacting some changes for the 2007 elections.

The Nominations Committee has been renamed Leadership Recruitment and Nominations to reflect its charge to take a more active role in encouraging and vetting candidates for office. In order to increase and broaden the scope of its pool of candidates, the committee encourages members to nominate themselves or others to run for the position of ACRL vice president/president-elect, ACRL councilor, or ACRL director-at-large in the 2007 elections.

To nominate an individual or to self-nominate, send the nominee's name and institution to: Tyrone Cannon, Chair, LNRC, University of San Francisco, 2130 Fulton St., Gleeson Library-Geschke Center, San Francisco, CA 94117-1080, e-mail: cannont@usfca.edu.

Once nominated, individuals will need to submit a two-page curriculum vitae or résumé (if self-nominating, you may include these materials with your nomination). The Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Committee will request statements of interest from selected individuals prior to developing a slate of candidates. Descriptions of the positions can be found in the ACRL Bylaws, available online at: www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/resourcesforwork/acrlbylaws/acrlbylaws.htm. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2006.