

Actions: ACRL Board of Directors, February 1997

Highlights of the ACRL Board of Director's Midwinter meetings

During the 1997 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C., the ACRL Board of Directors took the following actions:

ACRL structure

Renamed the Standards Task Force. The new name is "ACRL Task Force on Academic Library Outcomes Assessment."

Voted to send a letter to the ALA Committee on Organization expressing concerns about the "Sunset Review" policy.

Established a task force of the Board to develop criteria for evaluating ACRL's National Conference Cycle and report to the Board at the 1997 ALA Annual Conference.

Approved an instrument and process for an annual Board self-assessment that will begin with the ALA Annual conference in San Francisco in June.



Lori Arp (standing) led a spirited discussion about making the best use of past ACRL leaders during the "Focus on ACRL Leaders" session at the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Expanded the Activities Sections Council to include the three type-of-libraries sections (CJCLS, CLS, and ULS) and renamed the Council the ACRL Sections Council. The Board asked the ACRL Bylaws Committee for a recommendation on how to address the issues related to nominations for ACRL Board of Directors seats.

Approved changes in the charge for the Professional Enhancement Committee as submitted by the committee chair.

Endorsed a statement prepared by ACRL President William Miller to be read at the memorial service for Paul Evan Peters in case there was an opportunity for ACRL to speak.

Approved the Board of Directors' minutes from the 1996 Annual Conference.

Approved ACRL chapter status for South Carolina, establishing ACRL's 42nd chapter.

Approved changes to the Slavic and East European Section's (SEES) Bylaws upon recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Approved changes to the Afro-American Studies Librarians Section (AFAS) Bylaws upon recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

ALA

Endorsed the ALA Chapter Relations Committee liaison relationship program.

Budget

Approved an increased FY 1997 budget in the sum of \$2,500 to support increased outreach in higher education. The funds will provide support for members presenting programs at the AAHE National Con-

ference and the North Central Association Annual Conference.

Approved a revised IS preconference budget.

Approved a \$5,000 increase in the C&RL editor's budget for FY1997.

Approved a budget for the "Telecommunications for Librarians 101" preconference in FY 1997.

Approved a budget for the 1999 ACRL National Conference in Detroit with a 10% target of revenues in excess of expenses. Revenues are projected to be \$892,370 and expenses \$798,167.

Considered a request from RBMS to change ACRL's fiscal policy regarding ACRL units that generate revenues in excess of expenses from unit activities so that the excess revenue will be shared between the ACRL operating budget and the unit. The Budget and Finance Committee will review the policy and report back to the Board at its 1998 Midwinter meeting.

Outreach

Endorsed the resolution from the International Relations Committee urging the reinstatement of USIA funding for the Library Fellows Program in FY 1998.

Accepted the ULS recommendation that the ACRL presummit include representation from the historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic serving institutions, and associations representing the minority higher education community. Such associations may include: the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) and the National Chicago Council on Higher Education.

Approved sponsoring a presummit conference in conjunction with the 1998 ALA Annual Conference to identify key issues and action agendas to develop a list of shared concerns among the higher education community, regional accrediting agencies, the press, and other key education personnel.

Professional development

Approved the RBMS 1999 preconference in Montreal with the provisos that: 1) a draft bud-

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get be submitted and reviewed by April 25; 2) all contracts will be the responsibility of ACRL staff; and 3) that timetables for planning and implementing the preconference are discussed and worked out with the ACRL office so that available resources may be used in ways that best support ACRL overall.

Approved the proposal for the 1998 RBMS preconference.

Approved the proposal for a 1998 advocacy preconference with the date to be set at a later time.

Approved the proposal for developing and holding an institute on leadership in 1998.

Approved sponsoring a telecommunication preconference at the 1997 Annual Conference in San Francisco.

Publishing

Endorsed the grant proposal "Diminishing Access to Scholarly Resources: A Study of Collection Patterns in Academic Libraries in the U.S.—1985–1995" with suggestions that the author consider broadening the universe and making the language more imperative. ■