

Committee, the board approved the expenditure of \$2,000 to support travel expenses for ACRL officers to participate in meetings sponsored by ACRL chapters.

ACRL Discussion Groups

The board welcomed as new discussion groups of ACRL the Librarians of Library Science Collections Discussion Group and the Personnel Officers of Research Libraries Discussion Group.

Goals, Priorities, and Structures

The final report of the ACRL Subcommittee on Goals, Priorities, and Structures was accepted by the board and referred to the Planning Committee for a study of the implications of the subcommittee's recommendations. In dismissing the subcommittee, the board unanimously noted its great appreciation for the subcommittee's work during the past four years.

Award Proposals

The board approved in principle two proposals, one from the Committee on Academic Status and one from the Bibliographic Instruction Section Continuing Education Committee, to be submitted for funding from the J. Morris Jones and Bailey K. Howard-World Book Encyclopedia-ALA Goal Awards. The board authorized the executive secretary to determine the suitability of submitting the final proposals.

Research on Characteristics of Academic Librarians

The board of directors encouraged Robert D. Swisher, on the faculty of the University of Iowa,

to undertake a follow-up study to his 1975 Indiana University doctoral dissertation, "Professional Communication Behavior of Academic Librarians Holding Membership in the American Library Association," in order to provide comparative information about past and present characteristics of academic librarians.

Choice

The new editor of *Choice*, Louis A. Sasso, was introduced by President Eldred R. Smith and was enthusiastically welcomed by the ACRL board. The board unanimously acknowledged its grateful appreciation to the members of the *Choice* staff for exemplary performance during the period the office was without an editor and accorded special commendation to the associate editor, Louise F. Lockwood.

ACRL Budget

The board approved the recommendations of the Committee on Budget and Finance that ACRL spend up to \$10,000 of its current funds over the next two years to provide for word-processing equipment for the ACRL office and that ACRL spend up to \$2,000 of its current funds for a photocopy machine for the ACRL office.

ACRL Staff

President Eldred R. Smith announced the resignation, effective February 28, 1978, of Lynn C. Dennison, ACRL program officer. The board unanimously expressed its gratitude and appreciation for her service to ACRL during the past five years. ■■

ACRL 1978 National Conference New Horizons for Academic Libraries

A reception at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, on Friday evening, November 10, is planned as the social event on the last evening of the ACRL 1978 Conference in Boston, November 8-11, 1978. A reception, sponsored by G. K. Hall, Inc., will come almost at the end of a very full and fruitful meeting, which is shaping up to be a major event of the 1970s. Unencumbered by committee meetings, the conference will include both invited and contributed papers on all major issues facing academic and research librarians in the coming decades. There will also be ample time for discussion, seeing the exhibits, and visiting the area libraries.

Conference and hotel registration information will be mailed in early summer, but please reserve these dates now!

For further information, please contact Julie A. Carroll Virgo, executive secretary of ACRL, at

ALA headquarters or George Parks, conference chair, at the University of Rhode Island. ■■



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