

## In the News

"What kind of association do you want ACRL to be?" Dacie Perlov first asked the leaders at the ACRL leadership session at the ALA Annual Conference in Miami.

Now past-president Tom Kirk asks for your answers to this question. "As you read the annual report, I ask you to reflect: 'Is this the kind of association I want?' Whatever your answer, I hope you will give us the benefit of your insight."

And this year there is a new way to share your ideas with ACRL officers, members, and staff—ACRL Forum. ACRL-FRM is the new unmoderated listserv open to all for discussion of issues pertinent to ACRL, academic librarianship, and higher education. Send your thoughts about your vision for ACRL to ACRL-FRM. To subscribe send the message "Sub ACRL-FRM your name" to "listserv@uicvm" for bitnet users and "listserv@uicvm.uic.edu" for Internet users. We all look forward to hearing from you.

In this issue we are also asking your help in identifying candidates for the editorship of

*College & Research Libraries*. The Publications Committee will recommend a new editor to the Board of Directors. The editor-designate will work with current editor Gloriana St. Clair for one year. Application details are given in "News from the Field." If you don't want to apply but know someone who would be a good candidate, please take a moment to nominate that individual by sending his/her name to Richard Werking, chair of the *C&RL* Editor Search Committee (e-mail: rwerking@nimitz.nadn.navy.mil).

Please join me in welcoming Deborah Abston to *C&RL News* as the new editor of our Racial & Ethnic Diversity column. Debbie served on ACRL's Racial & Ethnic Diversity Committee for the past four years and is the head of current periodicals/microforms at Arizona State University. Our thanks to Susana Hinojosa who originated the column and ably served as its editor.

—Mary Ellen K. Davis  
Editor & Publisher

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