

# Highlights of the Midwinter Meetings of the ACRL Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Association of College and Research Libraries met twice during the ALA Midwinter Meeting: on Sunday, February 1, 1981, and Wednesday, February 4, 1981.

## ACRL Conference Site Selection

The board adopted the "Selection Criteria for ACRL National Conference Sites" developed by an ad hoc committee in response to a need to establish and publicize selection criteria before considering invitations to host ACRL conferences.

## Budget and Finance Committee

Richard Talbot, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, gave a report on the 1981/82 ACRL budget and explained that there was a deficit of \$70,000 in uncovered expenditures. He sought the board's guidance in either reducing basic membership services, or increasing revenue by adding a surcharge to conference and preconference registrations, increasing journal subscription prices, or raising ACRL divisional dues.

The board resolved that as a first step it would look to increasing revenues rather than reducing expenses, and it endorsed a dues increase of \$10 per year for ACRL divisional membership, effective with the 1982 calendar year. This action will require a majority of the voting ACRL membership mail ballot following the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco.

## Chapters

The board approved the petitions for the establishment of a Mississippi Chapter, an Ohio Chapter, and a South Dakota Chapter.

The Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation was endorsed that a chapter check-off be instituted in which members will determine a portion of his/her membership fee to be allotted to the chapter of the area in which they reside.

## Discussion Groups

The board approved the dissolution of the Future of the Catalog in Research Libraries Discussion Group.

## Executive Committee

The board approved a revision of the ACRL Constitution and Bylaws that would include the ACRL councilor on the Executive Committee. If the ACRL board gives a second affirmative vote at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, it will be submitted to a membership vote.

## Institute on Collection Management and Development

The board approved ACRL cosponsorship with

ALA's Resources and Technical Services Division of a series of regional collection management and development institutes.

## Journal Subscriptions

The board directed the Budget and Finance Committee to explore *C&RL* and *C&RL News* subscription increases for non-members and increased advertising rates.

## Membership in NCATE

The board approved in principle (pending budgetary approval) the recommendation of the EBSS section that ACRL request the status of associate membership in the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and that, when appropriate, a member be appointed from EBSS.

## Minneapolis Conference

Virgil Massman, chair of the Minneapolis Conference Executive Committee, reported that a group of excellent speakers had been approved. The conference dates were adjusted to October 1-4 to avoid conflicting with the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah.

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## NEH Grant Proposal

The board approved a proposal to seek a grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities to support four workshops to assist academic libraries in developing public programming in the humanities.

### Sections

The board endorsed the policy that ACRL division members receive two sections free, and that one of these be a type-of-activity section and the other a type-of-library section. There will be a \$2 fee charged for each additional section membership.

### Standards and Accreditation Committee

The board voted to consolidate the responsibility for reviewing and recommending revisions related to the "Standards for College Libraries" with the College Standards Revision Subcommittee during

its tenure by abolishing the Ad Hoc Standards Committee and requesting that the College Libraries Section review the status of its Committee on College Standards.

The board instructed the Standards and Accreditation Committee to consult with the CLS Committee on College Standards and reconsider the charge of the proposed committee in light of the survey findings just issued by that section's ad hoc committee.

### Student Dues Reduction

The board endorsed a resolution to rescind the ALA Council motion that the ALA Bylaws be revised to reduce divisional memberships to \$5 for students. The principal issue was that the Council should not take action that has divisional fiscal implications without divisional support. ■■

## Continuing Education

# CE at Case Western Reserve

On May 27–29, Case Western Reserve University Libraries will celebrate their 10th Annual Seminar, an educational retreat that has become a tradition at Case. It is always held at the same time of year in a state lodge two hours away from the libraries in Cleveland, Ohio.

This year's seminar will take a look at what the Case Western Reserve University Libraries will be like in the next 10–15 years—how the communications revolution will affect the library, the economics of information delivery, the obsolescence of the book, and similar topics. Edward T. O'Neill, dean of the School of Library Science, will coordinate the program.

The two and a half day event is planned as a learning experience and as an opportunity for those working in two libraries, physically separate on campus but belonging to one system, to get to know one another in a setting that encourages friendship and learning away from work. Only professional staff and those among the support staff who have been employed at Case for at least two years are eligible to attend.

James V. Jones, who has been director of the University Libraries for over ten years, was concerned about staff development long before it had the strong focus in librarianship that it does today. Over the years the number of committees and meetings at work have been kept to a minimum, while the summer seminars have provided the opportunity for staff to examine a variety of library trends together. They come away from the retreat better informed,

having had the opportunity to participate in decision-making, and are more knowledgeable about the focus of an academic library.

Jones also felt the seminars would create a cohesive "family feeling" among staff. Merging of the two libraries into one system occurred in 1967 as a result of the federation of Case Institute of Technology and Western Reserve University. At the seminar, barriers among those on different levels are eased, and communication among all is easy and informal.

About fifty staff members usually attend the seminars (at no cost to themselves) and representatives from each of the other campus libraries are invited. Staff see it as a privilege, not a duty, and the cooperative spirit is extended beyond library walls for smoother university relations.

Each annual seminar has a special theme. If there is a Case faculty member whose area of expertise fits the subject matter, one of them is invited to speak. At least one outside speaker is invited to attend and address the group or to lead the educational program. Outside speakers feel a comfortable part of the group throughout the seminar and their impressions of the university library system are warm and positive.

One year the library staff was exposed to information retrieval systems: now an accepted reference tool, at that time they were something very new and the staff received a complete orientation from three major vendors. Another year the topic, "Care and Control of Library Materials: Conservation for Librarians," made staff aware of the types of papers