

ACRL wants you!

Reap the many benefits of volunteerism

Now is a good time to increase your involvement in ACRL by volunteering to serve on a division or section committee. Vice-president William Miller invites all ACRL members to contact the Appointments & Nominations Committee about serving on one of ACRL's 28 committees for next year. Members may also contact one of the section vice-chairs regarding service on one of the many section committees.

ACRL has recently adopted a new strategic plan (*C&RL News*, September 1995) and during the next few years committee members will have an opportunity to help implement this plan, reshape the association, and influence the direction of academic and research librarianship.

You benefit by volunteering

Volunteers not only give to the association, they get back from the association.

- Build ties with academic and research librarians around the country.
- Enhance your leadership abilities through consensus building and persuasion.
- Share your expertise with colleagues.
- Gain additional expertise—learn more about a new area of academic librarianship or pick up new ideas for your current area.

Appointments: The process

Appointments are made at both the section and division levels. The ACRL president is responsible for the committee appointments at the division level for the year he or she serves as president. Likewise, section chairs are responsible for committee appointments in their respective sections the year they serve as chair. Committee slates are usually completed shortly after the Midwinter Meeting during the year in which the individual serves as president-elect or chair-elect. The ACRL Appointments & Nominations Committee assists the president-elect in this process in an advisory capacity.

Factors influencing appointment

Although the emphasis in the appointment may vary from year to year according to the prerogatives of the president and section chairs, the same factors are considered. They include:

- **Evidence of potential committee member's interest:** Have you attended the meetings and introduced yourself to the chair? Do you have previous experience that relates to the work of the committee? Have you indicated your interest on the application?

- **Demographics and composition of committee:** A balance is sought with respect to type of library (community college, college, or university), geographic representation, ethnic diversity, and gender. In addition, some committees have special requirements. For example, one member of the Professional Education Committee must be a library educator; the Government Relations Committees has a strict regional representation requirement.

- **The recommendation of the current committee chair:** Current committee chairs are asked to suggest potential members. Although all of these factors are considered, the final appointment is the prerogative of the ACRL president-elect and the section chair-elects.

How to apply

1. **Select the committees that interest you.** The *ALA Handbook of Organization* lists all of ACRL's committees and their charges. (ALA members may obtain a free copy of the handbook by calling (800) 545-2433, ext. 4287.) Attend the committee's meetings at the Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference to help you decide if those are the activities that interest you.

2. **Introduce yourself.** Talk with committee members. Express your interest to the committee chair. Explain how you might contribute to the work of the committee.

3. **Submit a volunteer form.** Complete the volunteer form included with this article. Be sure to cover all of the items asked for in background information. If you have attended committee meetings or programs, mention that. Fill out one form for ACRL division committees and

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SilverPlatter is planning the first in a series of User Network Meetings to be held in conjunction with the ALA Conferences.

These meetings, open to all SilverPlatter subscribers, will be 'table talk' conversations through which participants can:

- ▶ share experiences, problems/solutions;
- ▶ gain an understanding of SilverPlatter activities;
- ▶ talk directly with SilverPlatter staff and partners;
- ▶ provide input to and receive feedback from SilverPlatter

To ensure that these meetings address the interests of our subscribers, we are asking for suggestions for topics. We are also looking for candidates to lead discussions, as appropriate.

Please contact us if you:

- ▶ have a *topic* that you would like us to discuss
- ▶ would like to be a *group discussion leader*
- ▶ would like further *information* about the meetings
- ▶ would like to be on the *mailing list*



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a different form for each ACRL section you want to volunteer for. Send the division volunteer form to Betsy Baker at the address on the bottom of the volunteer form; send the section volunteer forms to the appropriate section chair-elects (see list of addresses below).

4. Volunteer again . . . and again. If you are not successful in being appointed one year, volunteer again the next year . . . and the next. Remember that a multitude of factors—number of appointments made, number of volunteers for each committee, number of volunteers from your type of library or your geographic area—determine the actual appointment, and these factors change from year to year.

ACRL section appointments

ACRL has 17 sections (listed below). You will find a description of their areas of responsibility in the *ALA Handbook of Organization, 1995–96*. The chair-elect of a section appoints the chair and members of all section committees. Most of these appointments are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. If you would like to be considered for appointment as chair or member of a section committee, fill out the ACRL Committee Volunteer Form and mail it to the chair-elect of the appropriate section listed below before December 15, 1995.

Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: David L. Easterbrook, Northwestern University Library, 1935 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60208-2300; e-mail: dleaster@nwu.edu.

Afro-American Studies Librarians Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Rochelle R. Ballard, 912 Bishop Park Court, Apt. #1123, Winter Park, FL 32792; e-mail: ballard@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu.

Anthropology and Sociology Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Fred J. Hay, 261 Eastview Dr., Boone, NC 28607; e-mail: hayfj@appstate.edu.

Arts Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Nancy L. Stokes, P.O. Box 367, Hudson, OH 44236; e-mail: nancystokes@uakron.edu.

Community and Junior College Libraries Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Douglas K. Lehman, 11271 N. Kendall Dr.-J109, Miami, FL 33176-1131; e-mail: lehmand@mail.firn.edu.

College Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Pamela Snelson, Drew University, Rose Memorial Library, Madison, NJ 07940-0000; e-mail: psnelson@drew.edu.

English and American Literature Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Charles Perry Willett, 520 S. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN 47401-5120; e-mail: pwillett@indiana.edu.

Education and Behavioral Sciences Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Mary Beth Minick, 9052 Rigging Court, Indianapolis, IN 46256-9771; e-mail: mbminick@indycms.

Extended Campus Library Services Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Thomas E. Abbott, R R 5 Box 154, Gardiner, ME 04345-9007; e-mail: tabbott@maine.

Instruction Section (formerly Bibliographic Instruction).

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Loanne L. Snavely, RD 2 Box 175 G, Spring Mills, PA 16875-9425; e-mail: lls@psulias.psu.edu.

Law and Political Science Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Catherine F. Doyle, 118 Terrell Road, Newport News, VA 23606; e-mail: doyle@powhatan.cc.cnu.edu.

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Susan M. Allen, Kalamazoo College Library, 1200 Academy Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006-3285; e-mail: sallen@kzoo.edu.

Slavic and East European Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Cathy M. Zeljak, 2201 "L" St. NW, Apt. 720, Washington, DC 20037-1413; e-mail: czeljak@gwuvm.gwu.edu.

Science and Technology Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Amy L. Paster, Pennsylvania State University, E205 Pattee Library, University Park, PA 16802-1801; e-mail: alp@psulias.psu.edu.

University Libraries Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Donald G. Frank, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332-0900; e-mail: don.frank@library.gatech.edu.

Western European Specialists Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Diana Chlebek, University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325-1702; e-mail: dchlebek@uakron.edu.

Women's Studies Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Bonnie J. Cox, 128 Owsley Ave., Lexington, KY 40502-1526; e-mail: kli111@ukcc.uky.edu.

ACRL divisional committee appointments

ACRL has 27 standing committees to which appointments may be made. A list appears on the volunteer form at the end of this article. You will find the committees listed with a description of their charges in the *ALA Handbook of Organization*.

Appointments to ACRL standing committees are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The Appointments and Nominations Committee recommends to the president-elect of ACRL the names of members who might fill the vacancies. The president-elect makes the final appointments. If you are interested in being considered for an appointment to an ACRL committee, you should complete the ACRL Committee Volunteer Form included with this article and send it to Betsy Baker at the address given on the form before December 15, 1995.

Editorial boards

ACRL has editorial boards for these six publications: *Choice*, *College & Research Libraries*, *College & Research Libraries News*, *New Publications*, *Publications in Librarianship*, and *Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship*.

Appointments to editorial boards are made at the Midwinter Meeting for terms that begin immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The editors recommend the name of a person to fill the vacancy. The Publications Committee must approve the recommendation, and the president of ACRL makes the appointment.

If you would like to be considered for appointment to an editorial board, contact the editor of the editorial board.

Choice editor: Irving Rockwood, *Choice*, 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT 06457; e-mail: irv_rockwood@delphi.com.

College & Research Libraries editor-designate: Donald E. Riggs, University of Michigan, 818 Hatcher Graduate Library, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1205; e-mail: driggs@umich.edu

College & Research Libraries News editor: Mary Ellen Davis, *C&RL News*, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: mary.ellen.davis@ala.org.

New publications editor: Hugh Thompson, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: hugh.thompson@ala.org.

Publications in Librarianship editor: Stephen E. Wiberley Jr., University of Illinois at Chicago University Library, P.O. Box 8198, Chicago, IL 60680-8198; e-mail: u30959@uicvm.uic.edu.

Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship editor: Sidney E. Berger, University of California, University Library, P.O. Box 5900, Riverside, CA 92517-5900; e-mail: spcolseb@ucrvms.bitnet.

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mation correctly if the article is not full image? Citing from an electronic source is another question faculty may raise. Librarians may show new ways to cite articles like this from style manuals. However, it is difficult to cite work that has no pagination and is arranged differently from the paper copy or the electronic arrangement the publisher may have. Faculty may be concerned not about the format of the journal (after all, electronic journals are the way of the future) but the authority of the source if the system has rearranged it on the full-text databases.

Conclusion

Librarians need to discuss the way electronic journals are being introduced into academic libraries and influence the way the products are being developed. Should accuracy of content take second place to computer storage problems? Is an article whose main content revolves around an illustration worthless if the illustration is left out? For academic librarians, reproduction of an author's exact content and accurate citation are too important to relegate to nonpriority status. Scholarship depends on these factors. Until the day comes when any article is available on demand the way it was originally produced, academic librarians need to emphasize the needs of research and scholars. It is too early to see which products are going to be preferred and what innovations will take place in document delivery. The world of serials is being revolutionized and many improvements are in store. The problems of missing information are already being addressed by providers and this trend should be encouraged. Great care must be taken that librarians influence the electronic journal industry for the better. ■

ACRL committee volunteer form

Background information

On a separate single sheet of paper briefly summarize your background and activities in the following areas: 1) ALA professional activities; 2) ACRL professional activities; 3) state and regional offices held and committee appointments; 4) educational background and/or other experience that will assist the committee in the appointment process; 5) publications.

Please include in your application an expression of your professional concerns and the contribution that you can make toward strengthening ACRL.

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____

Job title: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Organization/library: _____

Institution's address: _____

Ethnicity (optional): _____

Division committees

To volunteer for a division committee, complete this form and return it to:

Betsy Baker, Head of Reference
Northwestern University Library
1935 N. Sheridan Rd.
Evanston, IL 60208-2400
e-mail: bbaker@nwu.edu.

Forms must be returned by December 15, 1995.

The following divisionwide committees have vacancies annually. Please indicate your first three choices by marking "1," "2," and "3" on the corresponding lines.

- Academic/Research Librarian of the Year
- Academic Status
- Appointments and Nominations
- (Hugh C.) Atkinson Memorial Award
- Budget and Finance
- Colleagues
- Conference Program Planning
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Copyright
- Council of Liaisons
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- Government Relations
- Image Enhancement
- Intellectual Freedom
- International Relations
- Lazerow Fellowship for Research in Acquisition or Technical Services
- Media Resources
- Membership
- Orientation
- Presidents Program Planning
- Professional Education
- Publications
- Racial and Ethnic Diversity
- Research
- (K. G.) Saur Award for Best *College & Research Libraries* article
- Standards and Accreditation
- Statistics

I am willing to serve on any committee for which I am qualified and needed as a regular member or as an intern.

Note: Membership in ALA and ACRL is required. Attendance at Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is required.

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Background information for section committees

Provide a separate sheet of information about yourself following the instructions given on the previous page under background information. To indicate your particular interest in serving on a committee in one of ACRL's 17 sections, write the committee name(s) next to the section listed below.

Afro-American Studies Librarians _____

Anthropology and Sociology _____

Arts _____

Asian, African and Middle Eastern _____

College Libraries _____

Community and Junior College Libraries _____

Education and Behavioral Sciences _____

English and American Literature _____

Extended Campus Library Service _____

Instruction (formerly Bibliographic Instruction) _____

Law and Political Science _____

Rare Books and Manuscripts _____

Science and Technology _____

Slavic and East European _____

University Libraries _____

Western European Specialists _____

Women's Studies _____

Date of Application: _____ Organization/library: _____

Name: _____ Institution's address: _____

Job title: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax number: _____ Ethnicity (optional): _____

E-mail address: _____

Note: Membership in ALA and ACRL is required. Attendance at Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is required.

Section committees

Return this completed form to the appropriate section vice-chair/chair-elect as indicated in the accompanying article. (Use duplicate forms if you are interested in more than one section.) You must be a member of the section to be considered for appointment. **Forms must be returned by December 15, 1995.**