

ACRL Board of Directors' actions, January 2020

Highlights of the Board's Midwinter meetings

In light of ALA's plan to to discontinue its Midwinter Meeting and provide less space for governance meetings, the ACRL Board elected to take a hybrid approach to its governance and leadership meetings in January. The Board held a virtual update session on January 15, convened ACRL's Leadership Council virtually on January 16, and held three face-to-face meetings during the 2020 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, on January 25 and January 26.

During these meetings the Board received updates from the leaders of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, as well as its four goal-area committees: New Roles and Changing Landscapes, Research and Scholarly Environment, Student Learning and Information Literacy, and Value of Academic Libraries to assess progress on the Plan for Excellence.

The Board also heard updates from a member of the ALA Committee on Legislation, a representative from the ALA Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness (SCOE), the chair of the ACRL Diversity Alliance Task Force, and representatives from the Project Outcome for Academic Libraries Task Force. The Board received an update on Ex Libris', a ProQuest company, acquisition

of Innovative, and the potential impact this could have for academic librarians.

Also, during Midwinter, the Board met jointly with the ACRL Budget & Finance Committee on January 25. The group received an update on the challenging state of ALA finances from ALA Treasurer Maggie Farrell, who serves as ACRL's liaison from the ALA Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC) and ALA Executive Board. During their meetings in Philadelphia, the Board and Budget & Finance Committee reviewed ACRL's and Choice's YTD performance of their FY20 budgets. The Board and Committee also reviewed ACRL's and Choice's draft budgets for FY21, and considered the potential impact of Farrell's update on the ALA financial situation. During the Midwinter Meeting the ALA Council had a far-ranging discussion about ALA's financial situation expressing surprise at the sobering report. Following the Midwinter Meeting, the ACRL Board released a statement in response to ALA finances. In a response to the inquiries from the ALA Council, the ALA Executive Board released a statement about ALA's financial situation on February 14.

The ACRL Board of Directors took the following actions:

Core Commitment: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- Confirmed the virtual vote to approve ACRL's endorsement of the Protocols for

Native American Materials (www2.nau.edu/libnap-p/index.html).

Enabling Programs and Services: Education

- Confirmed the virtual vote to reappoint

William Cross as the Scholarly Communica-

tion Presenter Coordinator through June 30, 2022.

- Approved the ACRL 2021 Conference Fundraising Campaign goal of \$60,000.

Enabling Programs and Services: Member Engagement

- Approved the Language and Linguistics Discussion Group.
- Confirmed virtual votes to disband the Continuing Education/Professional Development Discussion Group and New Members Discussion Group.
- Confirmed the virtual vote to dissolve the Western New York/Ontario Chapter.

- Confirmed the virtual vote to change the Distance Learning Section to the Distance and Online Learning Section.
- Confirmed the virtual vote to extend the ACRL/ALA/ARL IPEDS Task Force through June 2022.

Enabling Programs and Services: Publications

- Approved the ACRL-RBMS/SAA Guidelines on Access to Research Materials in

Archives and Special Collections Libraries.

Enabling Programs and Services: Operations

- Approved ACRL's endorsement of the ALA Council Memorial Resolution honoring Jennifer Ford Paustenbaugh.
- Confirmed virtual votes approving the minutes of the ACRL Board meetings at ALA Annual Conference 2019 and the minutes of the virtual ACRL Board of Directors Fall Meeting held on November 18, 2019.
- Confirmed the virtual vote to approve revisions to the ACRL Plan for Excellence.
- Confirmed the virtual vote to revise the ACRL Board Ground Rules.
- Confirmed the virtual vote to approve the FY21 Budget Assumptions for ACRL and Choice.
- Approved the ACRL Budget & Finance

Committee's recommendation to increase personal member dues up to the 2.4% increase in the HEPI index as allowed by ACRL Bylaws. Following the formula provided in the ACRL Bylaws, this 2.4% increase allows a \$2 increase for its regular personal membership dues and \$1 for its retired membership dues:

- o Personal members: \$70
- o Retired members: \$45

- Approved the ACRL Budget & Finance Committee's recommendation for a \$5 student dues rate for an additional two years, for a total of 5 years. The FY21 and FY22 student dues rate will be:

- o Student members: \$5 ~~70~~