

Get involved with ACRL

Volunteer to serve on a division or section committee

ACRL division and section committee volunteers are an integral part of the association and drive our success. Committee members help shape the organization by implementing its strategic plan, and influencing the direction of academic and research librarianship.

If you have been looking for a way to become more involved with ACRL, consider volunteering for a division or section committee. ACRL Vice-President/President-Elect Julie B. Todaro invites all interested ACRL members to contact the Appointments Committee about serving on one of ACRL's many committees for next year. Members may also contact section vice-chairs regarding service on section committees.

The rewards of volunteering

Volunteers not only give to the association, they also benefit by:

- building ties with academic and research librarians around the country,
- enhancing their leadership abilities through consensus building and persuasion,
- sharing their experience with colleagues, and
- gaining additional expertise by learning more about a new area of academic librarianship or acquiring new knowledge in a current specialization.

The appointment process

Appointments are made at the division and section level. The ACRL vice-president is responsible for committee appointments at the division level for the year he or she serves as president. The ACRL Appointments Committee assists the vice-president in an advisory capacity. The chair of the coordinat-

ing committee will make appointments to committees linked to a coordinating committee. Section vice-chairs are responsible for committee appointments for the year they will serve as chair.

Committee rosters are usually completed following the Midwinter Meeting during the year in which the individual serves as president-elect or vice-chair (for example, appointments for 2007-08 will be completed following the 2007 Midwinter Meeting).

Factors influencing appointment

Although the emphasis in the appointment process may vary from year to year according to the prerogatives of the vice-president/president-elect, coordinating committee chairs, and section vice-chairs, the same factors are considered, including:

Evidence of prospective committee member's interest. Have candidates attended the meetings and introduced themselves to the chair? Do they have previous experience that relates to the work of the committee? Have they indicated their interest on the volunteer form?

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. Those who have not had the opportunity to serve on an ACRL committee are encouraged to volunteer.

Recommendation of the current committee chair. Current committee chairs are asked to suggest prospective members.

Although all of these factors are considered, the final appointments are the

prerogative of the ACRL president-elect, the coordinating committee chairs, and the section vice-chairs.

How to apply

1. Select the committees that interest you. ACRL committees and their charges are listed on the ACRL Web site (www.acrl.org, select Committees from the Quick-links drop-down menu). Attend committee meetings at the Midwinter Meeting and ALA Annual Conference to help you decide if their activities interest you.

2. Submit a volunteer form. For division-level committees, complete the online volunteer form at www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/resourcesforwork/acrlforms/volunteer.htm. Be sure to complete the background information section of the form. Mention any committee meetings or programs you have attended.

For section committees, submit the appropriate form for each section. An online list with links to section volunteer forms is available at www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/sectionvolunteers.htm.

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

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 many 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 divisional committee appointments

ACRL has 24 standing committees for which you may volunteer to serve for 2007-08. The committees are listed along with their

charges on the ACRL Web site (www.acrl.org, select Committees from the Quick-links drop-down menu).

In 2005, the Board identified structural changes to the association intended to coordinate the work of units throughout the organization, reduce duplicative efforts, and allow the organization to conduct work more quickly and effectively. One such structural change was to link committees that have similar or related missions under the umbrella of a coordinating committee.

Coordinating committees have division-wide responsibilities to coordinate a broadly defined range of efforts in each committee's respective area throughout ACRL and to organize the efforts into a coherent and effectively implemented set of programs and initiatives that are more closely aligned to the strategic plan. Coordinating committee chairs are responsible for appointing the members of the component committees.

Appointments to ACRL standing committees are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The Appointments Committee recommends to the ACRL president-elect the names of members who might fill the vacancies, and coordinating committees do the same for their chair. The president-elect and coordinating committee chair make the final appointments for the committees for which they are responsible.

If you want to be considered for an appointment to an ACRL committee, complete the online volunteer form at www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/resourcesforwork/acrlforms/volunteer.htm before December 1, 2006.

Questions about division-level appointments may be directed to the chair of the Appointments Committee, Cynthia K. Steinhoff, Director of the Library, Anne Arundel Community College, Andrew G. Truxal Library, 101 College Parkway, Arnold, MD 21012-1857; phone: (410) 777-2483; fax: (410) 777-4483; e-mail: cksteinhoff@aacc.edu.

ACRL section appointments

ACRL has 17 sections to help members customize their ACRL experience through newsletters, electronic discussion lists, specialized programming, preconferences, recognition, and focused activities. A description of their areas of responsibility is available online at www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/sections.htm or in the *ALA Handbook of Organization*, 2006 07.

Section vice-chairs appoint the 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 a chair or member of a section committee, fill out the appropriate section committee volunteer form by December 1, 2006. All section volunteer forms can be found in the sections area of the ACRL Web site at www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/sectionvolunteers.htm. Contact information for the vice-chair of each section is given below.

African American Studies Librarians Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Carmelita N.

Pickett, Emory University, Woodruff Library, 540 Asbury Circle, Atlanta, GA 30322; e-mail: cnpicke@emory.edu.

Anthropology and Sociology Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Katharine A. Whitson, University of Washington-Bothell, 18225 Campus Way NE, Bothell, WA 98011-8245; e-mail: kwhitson@uwb.edu.

Arts Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Eric A. Kidwell, Huntingdon College, Houghton Memorial Library, 1500 East Fairview Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36106-2114; e-mail: ekidwell@huntingdon.edu.

Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Muhammad Al-Faruque, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 325 Main Library, 1408 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801; e-mail: faruque@uiuc.edu.

College Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Steven J. Bell, Philadelphia University, Schoolhouse Lane & Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144; e-mail: bells@philau.edu.

Nominations sought for ACRL vice-president/president elect

To paraphrase Walter Lippman, American journalist, "The final test of a leader is that one leaves behind in others the conviction and the will to carry on" (in *New York Herald Tribune* 14 April 1945).

An organization needs strong leadership to accomplish its goals. ACRL is no exception.

The ACRL Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Committee encourages members to nominate themselves or others to run for the position of ACRL vice president/president elect in the 2008 elections.

To nominate an individual or to self-nominate, send the nominee's name and institution to ACRL Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Committee chair:

Deborah B. Dancik
Willamette University
Mark O. Hatfield Library
900 State Street
Salem, OR 97301-3931
ddancik@willamette.edu

Once nominated, individuals will need to submit a two-page curriculum vita or resume (if self-nominating, you may include these materials with your nomination). The Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Committee will request statements of interest from selected individuals prior to developing a slate of candidates.

The deadline for nominations is November 10, 2006.

Community and Junior College Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Kenley E. Neufeld, Santa Barbara City College, 721 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93109; e-mail: kenleyneufeld@gmail.com.

Distance Learning Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: William Thomas Denny, California University of Pennsylvania, Manderino Library, 250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419; e-mail: denny_w@cup.edu.

Education and Behavioral Sciences Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Penny M. Beile, University of Central Florida Libraries, P.O. Box 162666, Orlando, FL 32816-2666; e-mail: pbeile@mail.ucf.edu.

2007 ACRL Board candidates

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Science and Technology Section.

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Slavic and East European Section.

Vice-Chair: George Andrew Spencer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Memorial Library 212F, 728 State Street, Madison, WI 53706; e-mail: aspencer@library.wisc.edu.

University Libraries Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Cheryl A. Middleton, OSU Libraries, IS Administration, 121 Valley Library, Corvallis, OR 97331-4501; e-mail: Cheryl.Middleton@oregonstate.edu.

Western European Studies Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Sarah G. Wenzel, Columbia University Libraries, Butler Li-

brary, 535 West 114th Street, New York, NY 10027; e-mail: sgw2103@columbia.edu.

Women's Studies Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jennifer R. Gilley, Pennsylvania State University-New Kensington, 3550 Seventh Street Road, Upper Burrell, PA 15068 e-mail: jrg15@psu.edu.

Editorial boards

ACRL has eight editorial/advisory boards for its publications: Blog Advisory Board; *Choice* Editorial Board; *College & Research Libraries* Editorial Board; *College & Research Libraries News* Editorial Board; New Publications Advisory Board; Publications in Librarianship Editorial Board; *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage* Editorial Board; and *Resources for College Libraries* Editorial Board.

Appointments to editorial boards are made at the Midwinter Meeting for terms that begin immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The editors recommend the names of individuals to fill vacancies. 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 early in the fall, or indicate your interest on the ACRL online volunteer form.

Blog editor: Steven J. Bell, director of the library, Philadelphia University, 4201 Henry Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144; e-mail: bells@philau.edu.

CHOICE editor: Irving Rockwood, *Choice*, 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT 06457; e-mail: irockwood@ala-choice.org.

College & Research Libraries editor: William Gray Potter, University of Georgia Libraries, Athens, GA 30602-1641; e-mail: wpotter@arches.uga.edu.

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