

ACRL Board of Directors

BRIEF OF MINUTES

January 24, 1966—2:00 p.m.

Present: President Helen M. Brown; Vice President and President-Elect Ralph E. McCoy; Past President Archie L. McNeal; Directors-at-Large Thomas R. Buckman, James H. Richards, Jr.; Directors on ALA Council E. Walfred Erickson, W. Carl Jackson, Rev. Jovian Lang, Kathryn R. Renfro, Edward B. Stanford, Robert L. Talmadge; Section Officers Carson W. Bennett, Martha L. Biggs, Andrew J. Eaton, Harriett Genuing, Everett T. Moore, James W. Pirie, Mary E. Schell, Lee Sutton; Executive Secretary George M. Bailey, and Secretary Rosemary Chamberlin.

Guests included: Subsection Officers Eleanor Buist, William J. Dane, Jane Wilson; Committee Chairmen Floyd M. Cammack, Morris A. Gelfand, Arthur T. Hamlin, Frances Kennedy, Bernard Kreissman, Edmon Low, Norman E. Tanis; Editors Richard K. Gardner, Peter M. Doiron, David Kaser.

Helen M. Brown presided.

(Note: Individual reports of ACRL activities were mailed to members of the Board and are available to ACRL members upon request. Wherever necessary, information from the reports will be added to the minutes.)

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting as reported in *CRL*, September 1965, were approved.

Mr. Bailey asked that proceedings of the Midwinter meetings be submitted to him before the end of Midwinter, to avoid the necessity of submitting two separate reports. The information from the proceedings is needed for Highlights, to be published in the *ALA Bulletin*. Proceedings should include action taken at Midwinter, schedules and plans for New York conference meetings, and projected plans. Members of the Board and guests were reminded of the availability of funds from the J. Morris Jones—World Book Encyclopedia—ALA Goals Award, for which applications are due two weeks after Midwinter. A schedule of activities to be completed prior to the Annual Conference will be sent to officers of ACRL units. Appointments for 1966/67 should be completed prior to the

conference. Requests for mailing lists and membership cards should be given to the executive secretary during Midwinter.

Ralph E. McCoy, chairman of the Planning and Action Committee, reported that:

1. The amendments to the ACRL Constitution, to be brought before the membership for the second time at the New York meeting, will be published in the May issue of *CRL*.

2. The committee expressed the need to continue the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Research as a permanent committee to keep the Association informed on the various federal government proposals involving information systems, including but not limited to the COSATI task force proposal. It was agreed that, after receiving advice on the nature of the assignment from the Committee on Research, a recommendation for continuance would be made to the Board of Directors.

3. Miss Brown had informed the committee of the loss of one ACRL councilor under ALA's biennial reapportionment, reducing the number of councilors to seven.

4. The committee members agreed to retain the non-voting status of councilors on the ACRL Board who are elected by the entire ALA membership, although nominated by the division.

5. Only personal members of ALA should be permitted to vote in ALA elections. A resolution to this effect will be sent to the ALA committee which is investigating voting privileges. This was approved by the Board at its meeting on January 25.

6. Minor changes were made in the statement on "Services to Library Users," prepared by the ACRL Committee on Library Services. The committee recommended adoption of the statement.

7. The committee members expressed concern that ACRL members should be better informed of pertinent federal legislation. Miss Brown reported her plans for an information session, dealing with the Higher Education Act, at the New York Conference. It was recommended that the Board approve the proposal made at the ALA Legislation Committee meeting on January 23—"that the *ALA Bulletin* publish in a prominent location a periodic letter to members from the ALA Washington Office (sim-

ilar in format to the letter from Mr. Clift), carrying late advice to librarians on how they might take advantage of new federal legislation, giving dates, procedures, sources of forms, etc.

8. A concern of several members about off-campus library service and a suggestion that a forum or round table be established to discuss university library extension work, was referred to the University Libraries Section for discussion.

Edmon Low, chairman of the Advisory Committee to the President on Federal Legislation, reported on recent legislation. It is expected that a supplemental appropriation will be requested for the Higher Education Act of 1965, Title II A and B, but nothing for II C. If money is appropriated, it would have to be used during the current fiscal year. Librarians should be prepared for the use of funds if they become available. During Midwinter, the ALA Committee on Legislation held a workshop meeting to discuss the role of divisional committees.

The Board approved the proposal to enlarge the Audio-Visual Committee to twelve members, to emphasize problems of small college and junior college libraries. Bernard Rink, a junior college librarian, is now acting as chairman.

Archie L. McNeal, chairman of the Budget Committee, stated that budget requests should be submitted to Mr. Bailey during Midwinter and should include a statement of justification.

The ACRL Grants Committee received a special grant of \$25,000 from the United States Steel Foundation for the support of emerging institutions in the South. Arthur Hamlin, chairman, noted that the principal problem of the committee members would be to plan a program in relation to the availability of federal funds. Miss Brown commended Mr. Hamlin for the excellent work of his committee. The committee gives special attention to requests for funds to support cooperative projects.

Bernard Kreissman, reporting for the Committee on Library Surveys, noted that the ACRL list of surveyors omits the names of many capable surveyors, and includes names of persons whom the committee would not recommend. The committee is trying to develop a proposal whereby a highly qualified surveyor might take along an inexperienced librarian to train him in

survey techniques. Thus, capable librarians would become knowledgeable surveyors. Maurice Tauber, chairman of the committee, reported other activities at the January 25 meeting of the Board, including the publication, in the Spring of 1966, of the papers of the Columbia Conference on Library Surveys, held in June 1965; publication of a manual on library surveys; compilation of a bibliography of academic library surveys; and consideration of the ALA Statement of Surveys, which seemed satisfactory. It might be desirable to correlate the list of consultants used by ACRL and LAD.

The Local Arrangements Committee for the New York Conference has been helping the College Libraries Section locate a site for its Preconference on Non-Western Resources. Queens College will act as host for the Section's conference meeting. The ACRL booth is being planned as an active service center for visiting college and university librarians. Morris Gelfand is resigning as chairman of the committee because of overseas assignments and will be replaced by Bernard Kreissman.

Frances Kennedy reported an ACRL membership of 10,126 as of December 31, 1965. Ralph Hopp, representative from the University Libraries Section, had mailed an excellent letter to head librarians who were not ALA members. Figures for section membership were distributed.

A second draft of the guidelines for extension library services is being developed with the help of Walfred Erickson and should be completed before the Annual Conference.

The report of the American Association of Junior Colleges-ALA Committee on Junior College Libraries, resulting from its meeting in May 1965, was issued late in 1965. A press release has been issued, noting the committee's recommendations for action, and was distributed to the Board in Detroit. Representatives of ACRL will attend the AAJC conference in St. Louis, February 28-March 4.

ACRL Representatives have been appointed to the Association of American Colleges-ACRL Committee on College Libraries. A meeting of the joint committee is planned for the spring. Mr. Bailey reported on his attendance at the convention of AAC in Philadelphia, January 11-12, when he

distributed information about ALA to college administrators and met with the AAC Commission on Liberal Learning. He was assisted by James Govan, Swarthmore College, and Warren Owens, Temple University. ACRL has been elected to honorary membership in the Association of American Colleges.

The Editorial Board of *CHOICE: Books for College Libraries* agreed to drop the subtitle from the publication, which will henceforth be known as *CHOICE*. Subscriptions continue to increase. Volume 2 included 4,729 reviews. The publication will be copyrighted, beginning with the February 1966 issue. Miss Brown expressed appreciation, on behalf of the ACRL Board, for the excellent work which Richard Gardner has accomplished in establishing the book selection journal. Mr. Gardner resigned, effective January 31, 1966. He will be succeeded by Peter Doiron, who has served as assistant editor for reviewing.

The College Libraries Section's activities were given in detail in the report submitted prior to Midwinter. Martha Biggs, section chairman, had reported that the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Community Use of Academic Libraries has been analyzing the results of a questionnaire sent to academic libraries. These results will be reported in the Section's conference program. The Committee on Non-Western Studies will hold its pre-conference at Douglas College, Rutgers University.

James W. Pirie, chairman of the Junior College Libraries Section, distributed a report of activities. He has been appointed editor of the Junior College Book List and is resigning as chairman of the section. He reviewed the plans for completion of the book list. Harriett Genung, chairman-elect of the section, will become chairman for the remainder of the year, as well as 1966/67.

Helen Brown read her report as President of ACRL, noting her "pleasure and satisfaction in being a member of this active and constructive professional association." She expressed appreciation for the willingness of busy members to work on committees and the support received from the ACRL office. A brief review of programs of concern to ACRL included academic library needs only partially supported by foundation and federal funds. The ACRL program in New York "will be designed to

give practical information to librarians on how to take advantage of the library provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The speakers will review the Act from the standpoint of library administration, of reference services, of technical services, and of library education. Their papers, hopefully to be published in *College & Research Libraries* will form in effect a valuable manual. Other divisions of ALA have been invited to join ACRL in sponsoring the program, including LAD, LED, RSD, and RTSD." The work on standards by the AAJC-ALA Committee on Junior College Libraries and the ACRL Standards Committee should result in an acceptable document. Other activities noted included the work of the Grants Committee and the future of that program, the development of a list of qualified library consultants, and the Preconference on Non-Western Resources. Finally, Miss Brown again expressed appreciation to Richard Gardner for his contribution to the establishment of *CHOICE*, our regret in regard to his resignation, and the wish for his improved health and success.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

BRIEF OF MINUTES

January 25, 1966—8:30 p.m.

Present: President Helen M. Brown, Vice President and President-Elect Ralph E. McCoy, Past President Archie L. McNeal; Directors-at-Large Thomas R. Buckman, James H. Richards, Jr.; Directors on ALA Council E. Walfred Erickson, Elliott Hardaway, W. Carl Jackson, Mrs. Frances B. Jenkins, Rev. Jovian Lang, Kathryn R. Renfro, Edward B. Stanford, and Robert L. Talmadge; Section Officers Martha L. Biggs, John M. Dawson, Andrew J. Eaton, Harriett Genung, James Humphry, III, Everett T. Moore, Mary E. Schell, Lee Sutton; Executive Secretary George M. Bailey, and Secretary Rosemary Chamberlin.

Guests included Subsection Officers Fleming Bennett, William J. Dane, Jane Wilson; Committee Chairmen Floyd M. Cammack, Mrs. Patricia B. Knapp, Norman E. Tanis, Maurice F. Tauber, R. Kent Wood; Editor David Kaser; Forrest Carhart, Mrs. Judith Krug, Harald Ostvold, and Dorothy Strouse.

Helen M. Brown presided.

Members of the Board and guests introduced themselves.

Maurice F. Tauber, chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Research, reported on

matters discussed by the committee, including the issuance of the COSATI report, "Recommendations for National Document Handling Systems in Science and Technology," and the future meeting of the committee to discuss the report; areas of research involving the committee; legislation affecting research; funds and personnel available for research; and developments relating to academic and research libraries, such as the establishment of the Educational Research Information Center (ERIC) in the U.S. Office of Education. The committee plans to draft a status report and offer suggestions for a national program.

Miss Dorothy Strouse attended the Board meeting as a representative of PLA to consider the revised statement of PLA standards. A second draft will be mailed to concerned ACRL members early in April, requesting comments, and a final revision should be ready for the New York meeting. Comments on the revision should be sent to Miss Louise Hazelton, Director of the Standards Revision Project, 136 Warren Street, Concord, New Hampshire. ACRL Board members commented that the revised document would be helpful and timely. Norman Tanis, chairman of the ACRL Standards Committee, had been asked to look at the document and was especially pleased with the emphasis on cooperation.

The statement of "Service to Library Users," recommended by the Planning and Action Committee for adoption, was approved by the Board, with two changes. Physical facilities should include "listening facilities." Under the same heading, studies or carrels should be available for "students." These two additions will be made in the statement which will be published in *CRL*.

The National Library Week Committee is emphasizing junior college development and is planning a brochure for distribution to junior colleges during National Library Week, according to R. Kent Wood, chairman.

Floyd Cammack reported that the Publications Committee accepted the report of the ACRL Publications Officer. Noting that there had been a 100 per cent increase in the ACRL membership during the past eight years, with 25 per cent reduction in headquarters staff, the committee recommended an increase in headquarters staff. The editorial and production staff were com-

mended. The committee noted approval of the new design of *CRL*, started in 1965; voted to retain subscriptions to *CRL*, as did the Planning and Action Committee; voted to authorize the investigation of publication of an anthology of *CRL* articles. Maurice Tauber is working on the anthology. Finally, the committee voted to authorize *CRL* to begin publication, as soon as possible, of a trial series of monthly news supplements, thus separating the two types of information service: (1) a scholarly journal, and (2) rapid news dissemination. The *ACRL News*, a supplement to *CRL*, would be sent free to members and financed from the present budget. News items would be indexed in *CRL* as before, possibly in greater depth. The ACRL Board approved the supplementary publication in principle, subject to additional clarification. The Publications Committee recommended the reappointment of David Kaser as editor of *CRL*, of Mrs. Margaret Toth as editor of the *Microcard Series*, and the appointment of David Heron as editor of the *Monograph Series*. Appointments are for three years, beginning July 1966. Editors are responsible for the appointment of Editorial Boards for the same period.

The Planning and Action Committee also discussed the *CRL* subscriptions and voted to retain them to permit wider circulation of the journal. Circulation should not be tied to membership, which carries other rewards and privileges, as well as responsibilities. However, this would not preclude an increase in subscription price, if recommended by the Publications Committee.

A "Summary of a Proposed Study for Determining the Requirements of College Library Patrons, and Relating These Requirements to the Acquisition Process," was distributed to members of the Board. An explanation of the proposal was made by Forrest F. Carhart, Director of the Office of Research and Development, and Mrs. Judith Krug, research analyst in the office. The prospect that academic libraries will face a large increase in book funds under the Higher Education Act of 1965 suggests a need for guidelines to assist librarians in making acquisitions decisions. The proposed study would be conducted by a private research firm, Human Sciences Research, under the direction of the ALA Office, and financed by the National Science Foundation. An advisory board of qualified mem-

bers of the supporting divisions would be formed. The study would determine how present acquisitions decisions are made and suggest improvements in policies and practices. After some discussion, the Board voted to refer the proposal to the ACRL *Ad Hoc* Committee on Research for a decision.

James Humphry, III, chairman of the Subject Specialists Section, reported on the proposal to change the status of the Section to a division of ALA, noting the increase in membership and the possibilities of affording the subject specialists a more congenial place within the ALA framework. The matter will be explored by the section officers before the Annual Conference. At the present time, the Section favors co-sponsorship of a Subsection conference program of interest to all members of the Section, as will be the case in New York.

Miss Brown introduced Mr. Humphry as a candidate for the office of Vice President and President-Elect of ACRL. Harald Ostvold was introduced as the other candidate. A list of candidates for all ACRL offices was distributed to the Board members and will be published in *CRL*.

The University Libraries Section had submitted reports of activities before and during Midwinter. The Committee on Academic Status is continuing its investigation of topics concerned with academic status. Two more papers have been published in *CRL*.

In the Fall of 1965, Miss Brown had appointed an *Ad Hoc* Committee on Relations with ARL, under the chairmanship of Everett Moore. In his written report, Mr. Moore noted that James Skipper, a member of the committee, had suggested establishing informational contact between the two organizations. More direct and effective cooperation was desirable on such activities as relations with COSATI and implementation of ideas for bibliographical programs. The committee members recommended that the executive secretary of each organization should be invited to attend the meetings of the other Board.

The report of the Midwinter PEBCO meetings was distributed to members of the Board. Archie McNeal, PEBCO representative, noted the emphasis on relations with other organizations and the fact that ACRL was responsible for two of four new activities during the past year. He also noted the need for an evaluation of

current library practices by the ALA Office of Research and Development. Finally, the passage of the Higher Education Act needs to be supported by appropriations.

Mr. McCoy reported that the Planning and Action Committee:

1. Recommended approval of the petition of the Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries for chapter status. This was approved by the Board.

2. Recommended endorsement of a proposal of the American Association of State Libraries for an analysis and coordination of library standards for all types of libraries. The proposal, received from Maryan E. Reynolds, president of ASL, was read to the Board, which approved the principle.

3. Voted to submit the proposal for an ALA division on library automation to the Board for information without recommendation. A letter from Hannis S. Smith, chairman of the ALA Committee on Organization, was read to the Board: "A petition signed by more than five hundred members of the Association has been presented which proposes the creation of a new division in the Association which will be responsible for the Association's concern with the automation of any and all library activities. This proposal is now under consideration and study by our committee. While there appears to be no doubt but that the subject—automation—is a matter of grave concern to the entire association, there seems to be a wide variation in opinion of how this can be handled in the structure of the Association. Since this impinges upon the interests of all divisions, and is by implication in the field of responsibility statements now dispersed among several divisions, our committee is requesting that each division Board give this matter some serious thought and communicate your thinking to us as soon as possible, but certainly in time for the committee's meetings in New York." Information was attached to the petition. The Board approved the appointment of a committee to inform the Board members about this matter. Information about the proposed division will be sent to members of the Board, giving the names of committee members to whom comments might be made. (NOTE: It was later learned that COO had desired a recommendation from the ACRL Board for the COO meeting on Thursday, during Midwinter. As a result, the ACRL

officers agreed to state that the Board had seen no objection to the establishment of a new division, as recommended by COO. The new division was approved by the ALA Council on Thursday, January 27, under the title, "Information Science and Automation Division.")

A statement on preliminary planning for the administration of Title IIA of the Higher Education Act of 1965 was read by Miss Brown, including prospects for funds and preliminary and unofficial information for basic grants, applications from "combinations of institutions," supplemental grants, and special purpose grants. The information will be published in *CRL* in clarified form.

Robert Talmadge, chairman of the LAD Statistics Committee for College and University Libraries, reported the extensive reorganization of the U.S. Office of Educa-

tion. Frank Schick has been transferred to the National Center for Educational Statistics. With this upheaval, a distribution of the questionnaires for statistics collection was delayed by four months. The future appears uncertain. USOE hopes to consolidate the questionnaires sent to academic institutions to include library data. However, ALA could get the data from USOE and publish it separately, if desired. The 1964/65 Statistics will appear as in the past, however.

A statistics conference is scheduled for June 1-3, 1966 (the dates were changed after the ACRL Board meeting) and will include approximately one hundred participants. The purpose is to determine what USOE wants from librarians and what the latter expects from USOE. The Handbook of Library Statistics should be published by April 1966.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

SPECIAL LIBRARY SERVICES . . .

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library is somewhat more limited than it has been proclaimed to be, a more important implication is that there is widespread lack of understanding or, at least, consensus among faculty and staff about what a library can and should contribute to the college—indeed, about what a library is.³

Unlike the training of high school teachers and administrators, the training of college faculty and administrators does not ordinarily include courses dealing with education on the college level. There is ordinarily no opportunity provided in the training of college faculty and administrators, therefore, to equip them to teach students to find and use multiple sources, or, indeed, to determine whether this is desirable. Nor is there opportunity provided to study ways in which teaching methods might fulfill these educational goals by using special library services and techniques as aids in these teaching methods.

The objectives of the study did not include the setting forth of a blueprint which college librarians might follow in

acting upon its conclusions and implications. One factor, however, appeared to the writer, as a subjective response, to be perhaps the major determinant of the future successful application of special library services and techniques to the college library in further experimentation: the attitude of college librarians toward the service program.

In order to determine exactly what educational goals are desirable and how they are best fulfilled, librarians, faculty, and administrators must be willing to divest themselves of preconceived ideas of what each "should" do and explore their roles on the basis of faculty and student need. The mere initiation of such discussions will be difficult and their outcome will undoubtedly indicate at least some change from present practice, bringing into play natural human resistance to change. It appeared to the writer, therefore, that the future service program in college libraries, whether or not special library services and techniques are ultimately applied, may well be a measure of the maturity of college librarians. ■■

³ *Ibid.*, p. 93.