

BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE
ACRL SUBJECT SPECIALISTS SECTION
REPORT, JUNE, 1969

The Bylaws Revision Committee has examined the bylaws of the Subject Specialists Section for conflicts with the ACRL constitution and bylaws and for obsolete provisions. In accordance with the instructions of the Executive Committee at the Midwinter meeting, we propose the following changes.

1. PRESENT TEXT. Article VI. Executive Committee. Sec. 1. Composition. The Executive Committee consists of the officers, the representative of the Section on the ACRL Board of Directors and the presiding officer of each subsection.

CHANGE. Delete the words "the representative of the Section on the ACRL Board of Directors."

EXPLANATION. The ACRL constitution states that the Section shall be represented on the Board of Directors by the chairman and vice-chairman. It makes no provision for any other representation from the Section.

2. Article VII. Committees. Sec. 1. General. (a) Standing committees. 2d sentence. A list of standing committees including their membership and a definition of duties shall be published annually.

CHANGE. Delete the words "and a definition of duties."

EXPLANATION. Names of committees and their members are published annually in the organization issue of ALA bulletin, but a definition of duties, beyond what appears in the committee name, is not included.

3. Article VII. Committees. Sec. 2. Standing Committees. (b) Individual committees. (1) Committee on Membership. To take appropriate action to encourage membership in the Section.

CHANGE. Delete (1) Committee on Membership and ff. entirely and renumber (2) Program Committee to (1).

EXPLANATION. There is not now and has not been for several years a membership committee. Membership activity takes place at the subsection level.

4. Article VII. Committees. Sec. 2. Standing committees. (b) Individual committees. (2)

Program Committee. 2d sentence. The Program Committee consists of the chairman, the chairman-elect, the secretary, the presiding officers of subsections, and a member appointed from the membership at large.

CHANGE. Delete "and a member appointed from the membership at large" and insert "and" after the word "secretary" so that the sentence reads "The Program Committee consists of the chairman, the chairman-elect, the secretary and the presiding officers of subsections."

EXPLANATION. There is no member at large appointed now. The Executive Committee functions as the program committee, particularly since the annual meeting is usually held in conjunction with one or more of the subsections.

5. Article VIII. Nominations and elections. Sec. 1. Nominations. There shall be a Nominating Committee to present candidates for the offices of chairman, secretary and of representative(s) of the Section on the ACRL Board of Directors. At least two candidates shall be presented for each office. The candidates shall be selected so as to assure approximately equal representation to the area of humanities and social sciences and to the area of pure and applied science. The chairman and the chairman-elect may not represent the same area of learning. The office of representative on the ACRL Board of Directors shall rotate between representatives of the above areas of learning during alternate terms.

CHANGE. Change the first sentence to read: "There shall be a Nominating Committee to present candidates for the offices of vice-chairman and chairman-elect, and secretary. Delete the sentence beginning "The office of representative on the ACRL Board of Directors. . . ."

EXPLANATION. As stated in the explanation under 1., there is no representative on the ACRL Board of Directors provided for in the ACRL constitution. The office for which the candidates are to be presented is actually that of vice-chairman and chairman-elect, not that of chairman.

6. Article VIII. Nominations and elections. Sec. 3. Elections. 2d sentence. A copy of the bal-

lot shall be mailed by the secretary to each member, and shall be returned to him in accordance with procedures and deadline for elections in the ACRL.

CHANGE. Substitute for this sentence the following; Ballots will be distributed with the general ballots as sent out by the American Library Association at the time of election of new officers.

EXPLANATION. Under present practice, Subject Specialist Section ballots are included in the regular mailing of ALA ballots.

7. Article X. Previous notice. Publication of notices in an issue of *College & Research Libraries* or a Section newsletter appearing within the required period of time fulfills the requirements of notice by mail.

CHANGE. Amend this sentence to read: Publication of notices in an issue of *College & Research Libraries News* appearing within the required period of time fulfills the requirement of notice by mail.

EXPLANATION. There is little likelihood of a Section newsletter to be published reg-

ularly at this time. Information of this nature now appears in *College & Research Libraries News*.

8. Article XII. Amendments. Sec. 3. Vote. A vote of three-fourths of the members present and voting at annual meeting shall carry a proposed amendment.

CHANGE. Amend this section to read "A vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an annual meeting shall carry a proposed amendment."

EXPLANATION. The ACRL constitution requires only two-thirds of the vote for an amendment to the constitution and a simple majority for an amendment to the bylaws.

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The above report was accepted by the Subject Specialists Section Executive Committee at the 1969 convention and will be presented to the Section membership at its business meeting in Detroit in 1970. The report is being published here in lieu of separate mailing to the membership.

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