

# ACRL Board of Directors' actions, June 2020

## Highlights of the Board's meetings

In lieu of the face-to-face meetings that would have been held at the canceled 2020 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, the ACRL Board of Directors met virtually on June 19 and June 23. The Board met with the leaders of the ACRL Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, as well as its four goal-area committees—Value of Academic Libraries, Student Learning and Information Literacy, Research and Scholarly Environment, and New Roles and Changing Landscapes—to assess progress on ACRL's strategic plan, the Plan for Excellence. With feedback from the Board, these committees will finalize their reports and develop their work plans for 2020-21.

The Board also received updates from the liaison to the ALA Executive Board and ALA Treasurer, representatives from the Project

Outcome for Academic Libraries Task Force, ACRL representation on the Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness, ACRL 2021 conference chair, and ACRL division councilor. The Board reviewed the FY21 budget for ACRL and Choice and chose to postpone action to later in the summer, when more information may be available on the financial impact of COVID-19. In August 2020, the Board took action, through an asynchronous virtual vote, on a revised FY21 budget, and the Board will confirm its virtual vote at its next synchronous meeting.

Board members, whose service ended on June 30, 2020—Lauren Pressley, Emily Daly, and Caroline Fuchs—were recognized and thanked for their service.

The ACRL Board of Directors took the following actions:

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### Value of Academic Libraries

Goal: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

- Approved the Budget and Finance Committees recommendation for a disbursement of \$25,000 from the ACRL Friends

Advancement Fund in FY21 to support the initial stages of an ACRL academic library benchmarking product.

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### Student Learning

Goal: Advance equitable and inclusive pedagogical practices and environments for libraries to support student learning.

- Approved the appointment of Lindsay Matts-Benson as presenter coordinator for

the Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education RoadShow travelling workshop for 2020–23.

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## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

- Approved site selection policies for ACRL conferences, preconferences, and institutes to better align with ACRL's Core Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.
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## Enabling Programs and Services:

Strategic goal areas will be supported by financial and operational planning, and will guide the development and implementation of programs and services that target education, advocacy, and member engagement.

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## Advocacy

- Approved through a virtual vote the 2020 ACRL Legislative Agenda.
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## Education

- Approved revised language for the RoadShow presenter coordinator selection team composition.
  - Approved a conference assessment plan for the ACRL 2021 conference chair, ACRL conference supervisor, and ACRL manager of professional development to make a "Face-to-Face" or "Virtual Conference" recommendation to the ACRL Executive Committee and executive director no later than November 6, 2020; and that the ACRL Executive Committee and executive director will have final decision-making authority on the feasibility and general format of the ACRL 2021 Conference. The Executive Committee will vote on the recommendation by November 16, 2020.
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## Publications

- Approved a revised version of the *ACRL Code of Ethics for Special Collections Librarians*.
  - Approved the reappointment of Richard Saunders as editor for *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage* for another three-year term of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023.
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## Member engagement

- Renewed for three-year terms with new charges the Library Marketing and Outreach Interest Group and Digital Badges Interest Group.
- Renewed for three-year terms the Academic Library Services for Graduate Students, History Librarians Interest Group, and Research Assessment and Metrics Interest Group.
- Merged the Global Library Services Discussion Group into the International Perspectives Discussion Group.
- Updated the name, charge, and composition to reflect the creation of a new ALA division—Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures—for the Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial and Award Committee and ACRL/LLAMA Interdivisional Academic Library Facilities Survey Editorial Board.
- Approved division-level committee composition update to include an excerpt from the ACRL Guide to Policies and Pro-

cedures, "Since it is important that the vice-chair/chair be knowledgeable about the responsibilities and concerns of the committee,

it is suggested that the committee vice-chair/chair be selected from the existing committee membership."

## Operations

- Rescinded the previously approved FY21 dues increase for personal and retired members as a symbolic gesture of solidarity and compassion during the COVID-19 pandemic. The FY21 rates will be:

- o Personal members: \$68
- o Retired members: \$44

- Confirmed the \$5 student dues rate for an additional two years, for a total of five years. The FY21 and FY22 student dues rate will be:

- o Student members: \$5

- Approved, through a virtual vote in August, the FY21 budget:

- o ACRL Revenues \$3,889,775
- o ACRL Expenses \$4,463,739
- o ACRL NET (\$573,964)
- o Choice Revenues \$2,382,519
- o Choice Expenses \$2,375,977
- o Choice NET \$6,541 ~~72~~

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