

ACRL Board of Directors' actions, January 2014

Highlights of the Board's Midwinter meetings

During the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the ACRL Board of Directors met on January 25 and January 27. The Board set aside time to engage with the three goal area committees (Value of Academic Libraries, Student Learning and Information Literacy, and Research and Scholarly Environment) to assess progress on the Plan for Excellence, heard a brief update on the invitational

data management forum that ACRL co-hosted with Drexel University Library just prior to Midwinter, heard reports from two task forces (one that is revising the Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education and the one that is planning the ACRL 75th Anniversary celebration), reviewed ACRL's financial performance against budget, and took the following actions:

Student Learning

Goal: Librarians transform student learning, pedagogy, and instructional practices through creative and innovative collaborations.

- Agreed to disband the Information Literacy Professional Development Committee and Information Literacy Web Site Committee after Annual Conference 2014, and transition the oversight of the Peer Consultant Database to the Student Learning and Information Literacy Committee.

- Approved an extension to the timeline for the task force developing an Information Literacy Competency framework that will incorporate a Board review at the Strategic Planning and Information Session in Chicago, September 17–19, 2014, and conclude in a final review at the Fall Executive meeting in Chicago, October 24–25, 2014.

Research and Scholarly Environment

Goal: Librarians accelerate the transition to a more open system of scholarship.

- Approved the proposal to establish a Digital Humanities Interest Group and its purpose, which is to provide a forum for the

discussion and exchange of ideas regarding current and developing approaches to Digital Humanities scholarship in the library.

Enabling Programs and Services

Goal: 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.

- Approved a motion stating that section membership levels attained at the close of FY14, i.e., August 2014, be used to budget and allocate section funding for FY15–FY17. This action was taken in anticipation of the fiscal impact of removing additional dues charges for more than three sections or interest group affiliations. (Note: Beginning in September 2014, ALA’s e-commerce system will no longer support the collection of additional fees for sections so ACRL members may select an unlimited number of sections and interest groups.)

- Confirmed the previous virtual votes to: approve the minutes from the Annual Conference 2013; approve a fundraising goal of \$50,000 for the 75th Anniversary Campaign; revise the ACRL Plan for Excellence; withdraw the 2017 Conference from Nashville; approve either Baltimore or Charlotte as the ACRL 2017 conference site; affirm the Guideline for Collective Bargaining, www.ala.org/acrl/standards/guidelinecollective; establish a Task Force to review the Guidelines for the Screening and Appointment of Academic Librarians Using a Search Committee. *ZZ*

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- **Statistical Programs of the United States of America.** Published by the Office of Management and Budget, *Statistical Programs of the United States Government* is an annual publication listing the 13 principal statistical agency programs of the United States and the nearly 100 smaller programs run as part of various federal agencies. *Statistical Programs of the United States* provides a topical listing of programs as well as a breakdown of programs by top level federal agencies. With more than 100 programs listed, if a principal statistical agency does not have the information you are looking for, chances are one of the more specialized programs listed here will. While not every federal

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