

Highlights of the Annual Conference Meetings of the ACRL Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Association of College and Research Libraries met twice during the recent ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia: on Saturday, July 10, 1982, and Tuesday, July 13, 1982.

Activity Model for 1990

The board approved the adoption of Section III (ACRL Mission, Goals, and Objectives) of the Activity Model for 1990 Report which appeared in the May 1982 issue of *C&RL News*, but took exception to the development of a logo.

Agenda for the 80s

The board discussed *A Library and Information Science Research Agenda for the 1980s: Final Report* prepared by Cuadra Associates, Inc., under a contract to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Libraries and Learning Technologies. The board expressed its concern that the research agenda did not contain projects that are viewed as high priority to the needs of academic libraries, such as networking, preservation, and library instruction.

ALA Finances

Robert Wedgeworth, ALA executive director, reported to the board on the budgetary problems that ALA faces in the upcoming year. He described recommendations that would lead to a balanced budget for 1982-83 and called upon ACRL and the other divisions to lend their support in strengthening ALA programs.

Book Theft Conference

The board endorsed the concept of a planned invitational conference on counter-measures against book theft to be held at Oberlin College prior to annual conference next year, and recommended final approval by the Executive Committee if planning proceeds in conformity with the guidelines for co-sponsorship.

Budget and Finance Committee

The board approved the 1982-83 budgets submitted by the Budget and Finance Committee. (A summary of the ACRL and *Choice* budgets will appear in the December issue of *C&RL News*).

The board also approved the committee's recommendations that 1) the annual operating budget of ACRL be balanced so that operating revenues cover operating expenses, and 2) that expenditures from fund balances should only be for projects without continuing or indefinite commitments.

Upon a motion by Millicent Abell, the board expressed its appreciation to Richard Talbot, chair, and other members of the Budget and Finance Committee for their achievements in establishing effective fiscal control for ACRL and in providing clear and precise information and guidance to the board.

Chapters

The board approved the petition for the establishment of a Louisiana Chapter.

Choice Editor

The board commended Richard D. Johnson for his service to ACRL as acting editor of *Choice* in 1981-82.

Conference Program Planning

Upon the recommendation of the Planning Committee, the board revised one section of the mandate to the Program Committee to read: "To plan the ACRL conference program for the year in which the chair is ACRL President; to review and advise on section, committee, and discussion group conference program proposals; and to make recommendations to the ACRL Board concerning approval and requests for funding and meeting space for conference programs."

Discussion Groups

The board approved the establishment of a Fee-based Information Service Centers in Academic Libraries Discussion Group.

The request of the Audiovisual Discussion Group for dissolution was granted.

Electronic Mail

The board approved a one-year experiment with electronic mail for the use of the Executive Committee at an approximate cost of \$1,500.

Guidelines for Security of Rare Books

The board adopted as an official ACRL guideline the "Guidelines for Security of Rare Book, Manuscript, and Other Special Collections" which appeared in draft form in the March 1982 *C&RL News*.

Legislation Committee

The board endorsed the final revision of the ALA Legislation Committee's document, *Federal Legislative Policies Supported by the American Library Association*.

Library Bill of Rights

The board approved, with one revision, the

most recent draft of *Balanced Collections: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights* developed by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Operating Agreement

The board approved the final version of the Operating Agreement between ALA and its divisions with some reservations, lent support to the document as reasonable guidance for the near term, and commended the ALA Committee on Program Evaluation and Support (COPES) on its efforts in developing the document.

Planning Committee

The board allowed for a forum for members, units, and officers of ACRL to present proposals, either through committee members or on their own initiative, for the future direction of the Association so that the proposals can be discussed, recommended, and referred by the Planning Committee to the board or other appropriate group so as to guide Association decisions on priorities and budgeting.

Also upon recommendation of the Committee, the board approved a change making the chair the ACRL Past President instead of the Vice-President/President-Elect.

Rare Books Postconference

The board approved the request of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section to hold a conference in Los Angeles entitled "The Enemies of Books--Revisited" on June 29-July 2, 1983.

Staff Salaries

The board forwarded a resolution to the ALA Executive Board, COPES, and ALA Council opposing any proposal to meet ALA fiscal crises through staff salary or benefit reductions and recommending that appropriate staff salary increases be budgeted annually.

Standards

The board approved a motion to refer to the Standards and Accreditation Committee for their comments a draft of the revised *ALA Standards Manual* that allows divisions to adopt technical standards.

Statistics Project

The board charged the Executive Committee to discuss the question of future collection of academic library data and recommended that the collection of non-ARL university library statistics be continued in 1982-83. ■■



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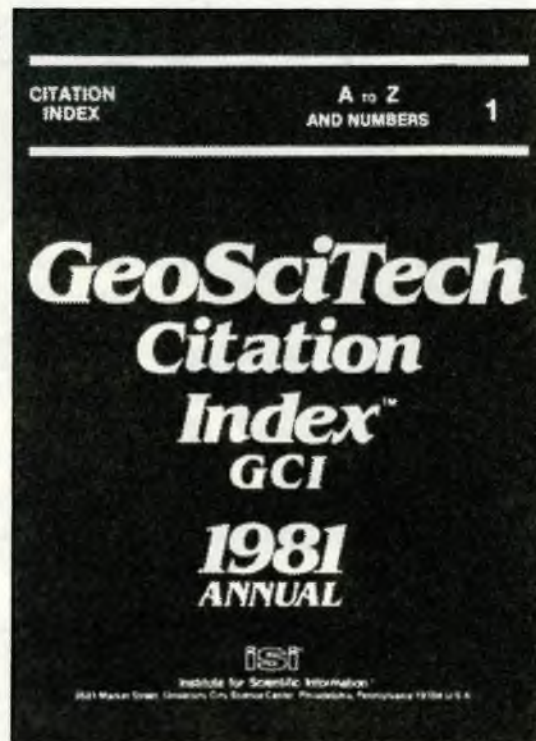
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