

Highlights of the ACRL Board of Directors Meetings in San Francisco

The ACRL Board of Directors met twice during the Annual Conference in San Francisco, Monday, June 30, 1975, and Thursday, July 3, 1975.

College Library Standards Approved

The 1975 *Standards for College Libraries* were approved as policy and the 1959 *Standards for College Libraries* were rescinded. The board commended the revision committee, chaired by Johnnie Givens, Austin Peay State University, for its careful and thorough work.*

University Library Standards

The Board of Directors received with thanks the report of the Joint Committee on University Library Standards (Association of Research Libraries/Association of College and Research Libraries), chaired by Robert Downs. The committee was discharged and the executive secretary was instructed to work out the plan with ARL to develop a statement of standards for university libraries based on the work of the Downs committee.

Collective Bargaining

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Academic Status, the board approved as policy "that academic librarians be included with their faculty colleagues in units for collective bargaining. Such units should be guided by the *Standards for Faculty Status* and the *Statement on Faculty Status of College and University Librarians*."

Membership Survey

A survey of the membership of ACRL found 71 percent of the members to be satisfied with the responses of ACRL to the issues and problems of librarians and libraries. Le Moyne W. Anderson, in his preliminary report to the board, said that over 50 percent of the members considered standards, programs, welfare and status of librarians, and publications to be of great or moderate importance, the highest accord being given to ACRL publications. Over 20 percent of the members read *College & Research Libraries* from cover to cover and nearly

40 percent read every article in *College & Research Libraries News*.

The purpose of the survey was to guide the Committee on Goals, Priorities, and Structures in developing recommendations for an ACRL organizational structure that can respond to the welfare of the profession and to the issues of library service in the changing environment of postsecondary education. The committee will make its final report and recommendations for action to the board at the 1976 conference, July 18-24, in Chicago.

ACRL Chapters

The board welcomed as new ACRL chapters the Academic Division of the Michigan Library Association; the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians, Wisconsin Library Association; a group of academic librarians from eastern New York, designated the Eastern New York Chapter; a group of academic librarians from Oregon, designated the Oregon Chapter; and the College and University Libraries Section of the Kansas Library Association.

Recognizing the importance of the chapter program to ACRL's continuing development, the board had created at the Midwinter Meeting a standing committee on chapters. Norman E. Tanis, past president of ACRL, will chair the committee.

Budget and Finance

Richard Olsen reported that as of June 20, 1975, ACRL had 8,889 members: 6,787 personal members and 2,102 organizational members, and an anticipated revenue for fiscal 1975/76 of \$102,712.

The Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approved a budget ceiling of \$97,709; staff salaries and benefits: \$56,912; *College & Research Libraries* (including the *News*): \$26,722; general operating expenses (including executive secretary travel): \$8,250; committee and officers' expenses: \$5,825.

The board approved the recommendation of the committee that royalties received from the sale of *Books for College Libraries* be used for future revisions of BCL. The board requested that the *Choice* budget become a part of ACRL's budget, and it voted that in the event of the adoption of a new organizational dues schedule for ALA, that *Choice* and *College & Research Libraries* be reimbursed in full for

* Editor's note: The *Standards for College Libraries* will be published in the October issue of *College & Research Libraries News*.

any subscriptions included as perquisites of organizational membership.

Branch Libraries and Access Policies

The *Guidelines for Branch Libraries in Colleges and Universities* were approved as policy.†

The *Access Policy Guidelines*, designed to assist academic libraries in codifying their policies with respect to access by persons other than their primary clientele, were adopted.†

College & Research Libraries and College & Research Libraries News

The board expressed its thanks to Richard Johnson, Mary Frances Collins, and the *C&RL* Editorial Board for their excellent work: "The new format is refreshing and the quality of the material reflects their excellent judgment."

The board also expressed its appreciation to Allan J. Dyson and Susana Hinojosa for their excellent contributions to *ACRL* through their devoted service to *College & Research Libraries News*.

† Editor's note: The *Guidelines for Branch Libraries in Colleges and Universities* and the *Access Policy Guidelines* will be published in the October issue of *College & Research Libraries News*.

Legislation

The board voted to support the extension of the Higher Education Act and to urge the Congress of the U.S. to fund Title II programs to the full extent authorized by the law.

Upon recommendation of the *ACRL* Committee on Legislation, the board voted to support HR 2445, a bill sponsored by Representative James Hanley (D—N.Y.) which creates a federal subsidy for the U.S. Postal Service in order that public service activities such as reduced rate delivery of books and other library materials may be supported.

The board also supported HR 7735, a bill sponsored by Senator Thomas Eagleton (D—Mo.) which seeks to restore second class mailing privileges to college bulletins, college catalogs, and loose-leaf publications.

Papers of Public Officials

The board, upon recommendation of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, approved in principle the resolution that all records and documents produced by or on behalf of all federal officials in pursuit of the public business are and ought to be, by law, public property. The board asked that "federal officials" be clarified and that the resolution be clear that it is not retroactive. ■■

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