

ACRL Board of Directors' actions, February–August 2022

Highlights of the Board's Annual Conference meetings and recent actions

The ACRL Board of Directors met virtually on June 3, 2022, and held an informal face-to-face Board Update meeting on June 24, 2022. A face-to-face meeting was scheduled for June 25, 2022, but because of a lack of a quorum, this meeting was rescheduled as a virtual meeting on August 1, 2022. The Board also held a face-to-face strategic planning meeting on June 23, 2022. The Board met with the leaders of its five goal-area committees—ACRL Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee; 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 2022–2023.

The Board also received updates from the liaison from the ALA Executive Board and ALA Treasurer, as well as representatives from the ACRL Diversity Alliance Task Force and ACRL/ALA/ARL/PLA Cultural Proficiencies for Racial Equity Task Force. The Board reviewed the FY23 budget for ACRL and Choice, and, for the third year in a row, chose to postpone action to later in the summer. This postponement will allow the Board to fully consider actuals from delayed financial reports and to consider its directives to steadily move in the coming fiscal years from a planned, spend-down budget that invested ACRL's net asset balance in strategic programs and services to a two-year, net-positive budget as directed by the ALA Executive Board.

Board members whose service ended on June 30, 2022—Jon E. Cawthorne, Carolyn Henderson Allen, Jacquelyn A. Bryant, Faye A. Chadwell, and April D. Cunningham—were recognized and thanked for their service.

The ACRL Board of Directors took the following actions between February and August 2022.

Strategic Goal Areas

Information Literacy

- Approved the Companion Document to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; Companion Document to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education: Journalism; and Companion Document to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education: Visual Literacy.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- Approved ACRL/ALA/ODLOS/PLA's Cultural Proficiencies for Racial Equity: A Framework.
- Approved program recommendations for the ACRL Diversity Alliance, which included two new levels, Foundational and Bridge, and an updated Letter of Commitment. These updates will be implemented in 2023 when membership renewals occur.
- Created the ACRL Diversity Alliance division-level committee.

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.

Advocacy

- Approved the 2022 ACRL Legislative Agenda.
- Approved the ACRL Statement on Academic Freedom to continue in force without change as originally approved in 2015 for the next five years, at which time it would be placed under the review processes of the ACRL Standards Committee.

Education

- The ACRL Executive Committee and ACRL Executive Director approved a virtual-only RBMS Conference with the dates of June 21–24, 2022.

Publications

- Extended the ACRL/ALA/ARL IPEDS Advisory Task Force and ACRL National Student Engagement Survey Information Literacy Module Review Task Force.
- Approved the ACRL Budget & Finance Committee's recommendation regarding a FY22 expenditure of \$44,312 to cover ACRL's share of Benchmark improvements.

Member engagement

- Created the Awards Processes Implementation Task Force. Prior to approving Awards Processes Implementation Task Force, the Board approved, at its ACRL Spring Virtual Meeting held on April 6, 2022, a continued pause of ACRL's current award program for the length of time it takes to fully consider and implement the Awards Task Force recommendations.
- Renewed the Access Services Interest Group, Contemplative Pedagogy Interest Group, and Technical Services Interest Group.
- Dissolved the Michigan MLA Chapter.
- Approved that the ACRL Budget & Finance Committee Chair appointment term be exempt from the five-year limit to consecutive service on the same group and be updated to a ten-year limit to consecutive service on the Budget & Finance Committee if serving as chair.

- Amended the ACRL Guide to Policies and Procedures 2.4.2 Open Sessions to, “The final fifteen ~~thirty~~ minutes of the first Board meeting is set aside for an ‘open microphone’ session when any ACRL member may address the Board.”
- Confirmed virtual votes approving proceedings from virtual meetings held during the 2022 ALA LibLearnX Conference as well as proceedings from the 2022 Executive Committee Fall Virtual Meeting and 2022 Spring Virtual Meeting. *zz*