

ALCTS Executive votes on new bylaws

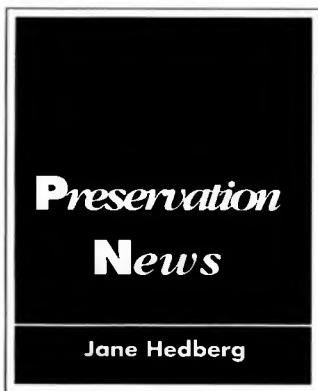
The Executive Board of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) voted during its final session at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans to submit new bylaws to the membership for a vote in September. The proposed bylaws would completely reorganize the Association, eliminating the present sections and creating divisionwide interest groups and forums. These bylaws do not describe the organizational structure proposed in the May 19th "Report of the ALCTS Organizational Structure Task Force," but an alternative structure devised during the final days of the conference.

The Executive Boards of the Preservation of Library Materials Section (PLMS) and the Reproduction of Library Materials Section (RLMS) expressed serious concerns about this latest proposal and the haste with which the bylaws were submitted for ALCTS Executive Board vote. In a joint resolution which called for full discussion of the changes to the bylaws at Midwinter 1994, prior to a membership vote, PLMS and RLMS informed the ALCTS Executive Board of their intention to "explore opportunities for aligning themselves with other units within the American Library Association."

ARL publishes preservation manual and guides

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has announced publication of the 1993 edition of *Preservation Planning Program: An Assisted Self-Study Manual for Libraries*, plus seven resource guides. The revised manual, edited by Jan Merrill-Oldham and Jutta Reed-Scott, provides guidance for undertaking a formal study of preservation needs as well as planning and implementing programs to address those needs. The guides, each covering a specific type of program, provide a framework for evaluating new or existing programs.

The seven guides are: *Collection Maintenance and Improvement* by S. Byrne, *Collections Conservation* by R. DeCandido, *Disaster Preparedness* by C. Brooks, *Managing a Library*



Binding Program by J. Merrill-Oldham, *Options for Replacing and Reformatting Deteriorated Materials* by J. Banks, *Organizing Preservation Activities* by M. Cloonan, and *Staff Training and User Awareness in Preservation Management* by W. Boomgaarten.

Copies may be purchased from ARL, Publications Department, Dept. 0692, Washington, DC 20073-0692. The manual

costs \$40.00 and each guide costs \$15.00. All orders must be pre-paid. For more information and to verify charges for shipping and handling, call Gloria Haws at (202) 296-2296.

ARL SPEC Kit profiles book repair programs

An Office of Management Services (OMS) of the Association of Research Libraries' (ARL) recent SPEC kit is titled *The Changing Role of Book Repair in ARL Libraries*. It describes 24 book repair programs, covering their historical development, current activities, and specific conservation techniques. The descriptions were originally prepared to accompany samples of book repair treatments displayed at the June 1992 Annual Meeting of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC) in Buffalo, New York. Randy Silverman and Maria Grandinette, of the AIC Book and Paper Group, organized the display session and compiled the SPEC kit. Portions of these materials were published simultaneously in the *Book and Paper Group Annual*.

SPEC kits are primarily available by subscription, but individual issues may be purchased from ARL. For more information, contact Gloria Haws, Sales Manager, ARL, 21 Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 296-8656.

Submissions for this column may be made to: Jane Hedberg, Wellesley College Library, 106 Central St., Wellesley, Mass. 02181-8275; JHEDBERG@LUCY.WELLESLEY.EDU; (617) 283-2103. Submission deadline is the 15th of the month and precedes publication by approximately six weeks.

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AMIGOS distributes report on AIC meeting

AMIGOS Preservation Service is distributing a report on key preservation-related sessions at the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC) Annual Meeting June 1-6, 1993, in Denver, Colorado. Many of the sessions contained information on the preservation of library collections.

Copies are available free of charge from Rebecca Frank, AMIGOS Preservation Service, AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc., 12200 Park Central Drive, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75251; (800) 843-8482. ■

(Washington Hotline *con't* from page 469)

The House has also passed H.R. 2518, a bill which funds all Higher Education Act library programs at current levels in FY 1994, despite the Administration's request to eliminate them. The Senate has not yet taken up this bill. ACRL

Legislative Network contacts regarding the supplemental were effective and carried over to House actions for FY94.

Copyright—software lending by libraries

The Copyright Office is seeking public comments on and information about the lending of computer software by libraries in order to prepare a report to Congress as required by the Computer Software Rental Amendments Act of 1990. Through negotiations spearheaded by ALA, the Act permits nonprofit libraries to lend computer programs for nonprofit purposes, provided that each copy lent by the library bears a prescribed warning of copyright. Comments are due October 12. The ALA Washington Office would appreciate hearing by October 1 from libraries which lend software and have suggestions for an ALA response. For the specific questions the Copyright Office is asking, see the July 13, 1993, *Federal Register*, pp. 37757-58, or contact Dorothy Schrader at the Copyright Office, (202) 707-8380. ■

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