

# ACRL leadership opportunities

## Get involved

**I**ncrease your involvement in ACRL by volunteering to serve on a division or section committee.

Vice-president Helen H. Spalding invites all ACRL members to contact the Appointments Committee about serving on one of ACRL's 24 committees for next year. Members may also contact one of the section vice-chairs regarding service on one of the many section committees.

Committee members help shape the organization by implementing its strategic plan (available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/stratpla.html>), reshaping the association, and influencing the direction of academic and research librarianship.

### You benefit by volunteering

Volunteers not only give to the association, they get back from the association. You will:

- Build ties with academic and research librarians around the country.
- Enhance your leadership abilities through consensus building and persuasion.
- Share your expertise with colleagues.
- Gain additional expertise by learning more about a new area of academic librarianship or picking up new ideas for your current area.

### Appointments: The process

Appointments are made at both the section and division levels. The ACRL vice president is responsible for the committee appointments at the division level for the year he or she serves as president. Likewise, section vice chairs are responsible for committee appointments in their respective sections the year they serve as chair. Committee slates are usually

completed shortly after the Midwinter Meeting during the year in which the individual serves as president-elect or chair-elect. The ACRL Appointments Committee assists the president-elect in this process in an advisory capacity.

### Factors influencing appointment

Although the emphasis in the appointment process may vary from year to year according to the prerogatives of the president-elect and section chairs, the same factors are considered. They include:

- **Evidence of potential committee member's interest.** Have you attended the meetings and introduced yourself to the chair? Do you have previous experience that relates to the work of the committee? Have you indicated your interest on the volunteer form?
- **Demographics and composition of committee.** A balance is sought with respect to type of library (community college, college, or university), geographic representation, ethnic diversity, and gender.
- **The recommendation of the current committee chair.** Current committee chairs are asked to suggest potential members. Although all of these factors are considered, the final appointments are the prerogative of the ACRL president-elect and the section chair-elects.

### How to apply

**1) Select the committees that interest you.** The *ALA Handbook of Organization* lists all of ACRL's committees and their charges. (*Ed. note:* The handbook is published as a special issue of *American Libraries* and will automatically be mailed to all ALA members in

mid-November.) Attend the committee's meetings at the Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference to help you decide if those are the activities that interest you.

**2) Introduce yourself.** Talk with committee members. Express your interest to the committee chair. Explain how you might contribute to the work of the committee.

**3) Submit a volunteer form.** Complete the volunteer form included with this article. (*Ed. note:* This form is also available on ACRL's homepage at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/policy/apxafms.html>.)

Be sure to cover all of the items asked for in the background information section of the form. If you have attended committee meetings or programs, mention that. Fill out one form for ACRL division committees and a different form for each ACRL section you volunteer to serve on. Send the ACRL committee volunteer form to Debra L. Gilchrist at the address on the bottom of the volunteer form; send the section volunteer forms to the appropriate section chair-elects (see list of addresses below).

**4) Volunteer again . . . and again.** If you are not successful in being appointed one year, volunteer again the next year . . . and the next. Remember that a multitude of factors—number of appointments made, number of volunteers for each committee, number of volunteers from your type of library or your geographic area—determine the actual appointment, and these factors change from year to year.

### **ACRL section appointments**

ACRL has 17 sections (listed below). You will find a description of their areas of responsibility in the *ALA Handbook of Organization, 2001-02*. The chair-elect of a section appoints the chair and members of all section committees. Most of these appointments are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference.

If you would like to be considered for appointment as a chair or member of a section committee, fill out the ACRL Section Committee Volunteer Form and mail it to the chair-elect of the appropriate section listed below before December 4, 2001.

**African American Studies Librarians Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Raquel V.

Cogell, Emory University Libraries, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta, GA 30308; e-mail: [rcogell@emory.edu](mailto:rcogell@emory.edu).

**Anthropology and Sociology Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Royce D. Kurtz, University of Mississippi, John Davis Williams Library, University, MS 38677-0000; e-mail: [ulkurtz@mcsr.olemiss.edu](mailto:ulkurtz@mcsr.olemiss.edu).

**ARTS Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Ann M. Lindell, Assistant Librarian, University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries, Gainesville, FL 32611-7007; e-mail: [AnnLind@Mail.uflib.ufl.edu](mailto:AnnLind@Mail.uflib.ufl.edu).

**Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jung-Ran Park, 815 Elm Street, Apt 2, Terre Haute, IN 47807; e-mail: [libpark@isugw.indstate.edu](mailto:libpark@isugw.indstate.edu).

**College Libraries Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Mark E. Cain, College of Mount Saint Joseph, 5701 Delhi Road, Cincinnati, OH 45233-1672; e-mail: [mark\\_cain@mail.msj.edu](mailto:mark_cain@mail.msj.edu).

**Community and Junior College Libraries Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Cynthia K. Steinhoff, Anne Arundel Community College, Andrew G. Truxal Library, 101 College Parkway, Severna Park, MD 21146-1707; e-mail: [cksteinhoff@mail.aacc.cc.md.us](mailto:cksteinhoff@mail.aacc.cc.md.us).

**Distance Learning Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Maryhelen W. Jones, Library Administration, University of Houston, 114 University Libraries, Houston, TX 77204-8979; e-mail: [mhjones@uh.edu](mailto:mhjones@uh.edu)

**Education and Behavioral Sciences Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Katherine Ann Corby, Michigan State University Libraries, 100 Library, East Lansing, MI 48824-1048; e-mail: [corby@pilot.msu.edu](mailto:corby@pilot.msu.edu).

**Instruction Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Trudi E. Jacobson, University of New York at Albany Libraries, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222-0001; e-mail: [TJ662@csc.albany.edu](mailto:TJ662@csc.albany.edu).

**Law and Political Science Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Barbara P. Norelli, Skidmore

College, Lucy Scribner Library, 815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-1632; e-mail: bnorelli@skidmore.edu.

**Literatures in English Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Michaelyn Burnette, University California-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720-6000; e-mail: mburnett@library.berkeley.edu.

**Rare Books and Manuscripts Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Daniel J. Slive, University of California, Young Research Library, Box 951575, Room A1713 VRL, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1575; e-mail: djslive@library.ucla.edu.

**Science and Technology Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Barton M. Lessin, Assistant Dean of University Libraries, Wayne State University, Science and Engineering Library, Detroit, MI 48202; e-mail: lessin@wayne.edu.

**Slavic and East European Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jared S. Ingersoll, Columbia University, 306 International Affairs Building, 420 W. 118th Street, New York, NY 10027-3235; e-mail: ingersoll@columbia.edu.

**University Libraries Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Louise S. Sherby, Hunter College Library, 695 Park Ave., New York, NY 10021-5024; e-mail: Lsherby@hejira.hunter.cuny.edu.

**Western European Studies Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Gordon B. Anderson, Reference Librarian and Bibliographer, University of Kansas, 350 Watson Library, Lawrence, KS 66045-2800; e-mail: ganderson@ukans.edu.

**Women's Studies Section.** Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Dolores Fidishun, Penn State Great Valley Library, 30 East Swedesford Road, Malvern, PA 19355-1488; e-mail: dxf19@psu.edu.

### **ACRL divisional committee appointments**

ACRL has 24 standing committees to which appointments may be made for 2001–2002. A list appears on the volunteer form at the end of this article. You will find the committees listed with a description of their charges in the *ALA Handbook of Organization*. Appoint-

ments to ACRL standing committees are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The Appointments Committee recommends to the president-elect of ACRL the names of members who might fill the vacancies. The president-elect makes the final appointments. If you want to be considered for an appointment to an ACRL committee, complete the form and return it to Debra L. Gilchrist at the address given on the form before December 4, 2000.

### **Editorial boards**

ACRL has editorial boards for these six publications: *CHOICE*, *College & Research Libraries*, *College & Research Libraries News*, *New Publications*, *Publications in Librarianship*, and *Rare Books & Manuscripts*.

Appointments to editorial boards are made at the Midwinter Meeting for terms that begin immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The editors recommend the name of a person to fill a vacancy. The Publications Committee must approve the recommendation, and the president of ACRL makes the appointment. If you would like to be considered for appointment to an editorial board, contact the editor of the editorial board early in the fall.

*CHOICE* editor: Irving Rockwood, *Choice*, 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT 06457; e-mail: irockwood@ala-choice.org.

*College & Research Libraries* editor: Donald E. Riggs, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314-7796; e-mail: driggs@nsu.acast.nova.edu.

*College & Research Libraries News*: C&RL News, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: medavis@ala.org.

New publications editor: Hugh Thompson, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: hthompson@ala.org.

*Publications in Librarianship* editor: John Budd, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, 217 Townsend Hall, Columbia, MO 65211; e-mail: libsjmb@showme.missouri.edu.

*Rare Books & Manuscripts* editors: Lisa M. Browar, Director, Indiana University, Lilly Library, Bloomington, IN 47405; lbrowar@indiana.edu; Marvin J. Taylor, Special Collections, New York University, Bobst Library, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012; taylorm@is2.nyu.edu.

# ACRL committee volunteer form

## Background information

On a separate single sheet of paper, briefly summarize your background and activities in the following areas: 1) ALA professional activities; 2) ACRL professional activities; 3) state and regional offices held and committee appointments; 4) educational background and/or other experience that will inform the committee about special gifts and talents you would bring to the committee for which you are volunteering.

Please include in your application an expression of your professional concerns and the contribution that you can make toward strengthening ACRL.

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/library: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution's address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ethnicity (optional):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American   | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White/non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |

## Division committees

To volunteer for a division committee, complete this form and return it to:

Debra L. Gilchrist  
Pierce College Library  
9401 Farwest Drive SW  
Lakewood, WA 98498-1919  
phone: (253) 964-6553  
fax: (253) 964-6713  
e-mail: dgilchrist@pierce.ctc.edu

The following divisionwide committees have vacancies annually. Please indicate your first three choices by marking "1," "2," and "3" on the corresponding lines.

- \_\_\_\_ Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award
- \_\_\_\_ (Hugh C.) Atkinson Memorial Award
- \_\_\_\_ Budget and Finance
- \_\_\_\_ Bylaws
- \_\_\_\_ Copyright
- \_\_\_\_ Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- \_\_\_\_ Effective Practices
- \_\_\_\_ Ethics
- \_\_\_\_ Excellence in Academic Libraries
  - \_\_\_\_ Nominations
  - \_\_\_\_ Selection
- \_\_\_\_ Government Relations
- \_\_\_\_ Information Literacy Advisory
- \_\_\_\_ Intellectual Freedom
- \_\_\_\_ International Relations
- \_\_\_\_ (Samuel) Lazerow Fellowship for Research in Collections and Technical Services
- \_\_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_\_ Professional Development
- \_\_\_\_ Publications
- \_\_\_\_ Racial and Ethnic Diversity
- \_\_\_\_ Research
- \_\_\_\_ (K. G.) Saur Award for Best College & Research Libraries article
- \_\_\_\_ Standards and Accreditation
- \_\_\_\_ Statistics
- \_\_\_\_ Status of Academic Librarians
- \_\_\_\_ I am willing to serve on any committee for which I am qualified and needed as a regular member or as an intern.

**Note: By accepting an appointment, I agree that all working papers and final products of the group are the sole property of ACRL and are not to be used for any personal projects unless written permission has been obtained from the appropriate governing body. I also certify that it does not represent a conflict of interest. I understand that failure to attend two meetings without an explanation acceptable to the chair constitutes grounds for removal.**

**Forms must be returned by December 4, 2001.**

• **Membership in ALA and ACRL is required.**

• **Attendance at ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is required.**

## Section committee volunteer form

### Background information for section committees

Provide a separate sheet of information about yourself following the instructions given on the ACRL committee volunteer form (previous page) under background information. To indicate your particular interest in serving on a committee in one of ACRL's 17 sections, write the committee name(s) next to the section below.

African American Studies Librarians \_\_\_\_\_

Anthropology and Sociology \_\_\_\_\_

ARTS \_\_\_\_\_

Asian, African, and Middle Eastern \_\_\_\_\_

College Libraries \_\_\_\_\_

Community and Junior College Libraries \_\_\_\_\_

Distance Learning Section \_\_\_\_\_

Education and Behavioral Sciences \_\_\_\_\_

Instruction \_\_\_\_\_

Law and Political Science \_\_\_\_\_

Literatures in English \_\_\_\_\_

Rare Books and Manuscripts \_\_\_\_\_

Science and Technology \_\_\_\_\_

Slavic and East European \_\_\_\_\_

University Libraries \_\_\_\_\_

Western European Studies \_\_\_\_\_

Women's Studies \_\_\_\_\_

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/library: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity (optional):

\_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_ Asian/Pacific

\_\_\_\_ White/non-Hispanic \_\_\_\_ Latino/Hispanic

\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_ Other (specify)

### Return form to:

Return this completed form to the appropriate section vice-chair/chair-elect as indicated in the accompanying article. (Use duplicate forms if you are interested in more than one section.) You must be a member of the section to be considered for appointment.

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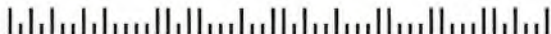
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