

Get involved with ACRL

Volunteer to serve on a division or section committee

A ACRL division and section committee volunteers are an integral part of the association and drive our success. 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.

If you have been looking for a way to become more involved with ACRL and weren't sure what steps to take, consider volunteering for a division or section committee. Vice president Tyrone Cannon invites all ACRL members to contact the Appointments Committee about serving on one of ACRL's 17 committees for next year. Members may also contact one of the section vice chairs regarding service on one of the many section committees.

The benefits of volunteering

Volunteers not only give to the association, they get back from the association. As an ACRL division or section committee member, 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.

The appointment 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-elect.

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 will be available online in mid-October, with a print edition mailed to members who have requested it.) 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 committee you volunteer to serve on. Send the ACRL committee volunteer form to Kathleen M. Carney 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, 2002-03*. 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 Vol-

unteer Form and mail it to the chair-elect of the appropriate section listed below before December 2, 2002.

African American Studies Librarians Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Lisa Pillow, Ohio State University, Main Library 226, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1286; e-mail: pillow.2@osu.edu.

Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: R.N. Sharma, West Virginia State College, 1209 Fairfax Lane, Charleston, WV 25313; e-mail: sharmarn@mail.wvsc.edu.

Anthropology and Sociology Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: James David Haug Smithsonian Institute Libraries, 1459 S. 28th Street #7, Arlington, VA 22206; e-mail: huagj@sil.si.edu.

Arts Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Edward H. Teague, University of Oregon Architecture & Allied Arts, P.O. Box 3862, Eugene, OR 97403; e-mail: ehteague@Oregon.uoregon.edu.

Community and Junior College Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Marianne C. Rough, Prince George's Community College, 1015 Danbury Drive, Bowie, MD 20721-3202; e-mail: roughmc@pg.cc.md.us.

College Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Susan L. Richards, Lawrence University, P.O. Box 783, Appleton, WI 54912; e-mail: senecal@dickinson.edu.

Distance Learning Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Kathleen M. Conley, Illinois State University, 13 Jodi Lane, Bloomington, IL 61701-2012; e-mail: kkconle@ilstu.edu.

Education and Behavioral Sciences Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Scott Walter, Washington State University, Brain Education Library, P.O. Box 642112, Pullman, WA 99164-2112; e-mail: swalter@wsu.edu.

Instruction Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Keith E. Gresham, University of Colorado at Boulder, 835 12th Street, Boulder, CO 80302-7520; e-mail: keith.gresham@Colorado.edu.

Law and Political Science Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Susan E. Parker, California State University, Oviatt Library, Northridge, CA 91330-8327; e-mail: susan.parker@csun.edu.

Literatures in English Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Steven R. Harris, University of Tennessee, 2017 Woodrow Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918-1748; e-mail: steven-harris@utk.edu.

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Margaret F. Nichols, Cornell University, 2B Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302; e-mail: mnr1@cornell.edu.

Science and Technology Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jill Newby, University of Arizona Library, 67 N. Irving Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85711; e-mail: newbyj@u.library.arizona.edu.

Slavic and East European Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Teresa Tickle Miller, Michigan State University, 100 Main Library, East Lansing, MI 48824-1027; e-mail: ticklet@msu.edu.

University Libraries Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Gillian M. McCombs, Southern Methodist University, 15723 Nedra Way, Dallas, TX 75248-4032; e-mail: gmcombs@mail.smu.edu.

Western European Studies Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Katalin Radics, University of California, 2516 Angelo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90077; e-mail: radics@library.ucla.edu.

Women's Studies Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Sandra A. River, Texas Tech University Libraries, 2814 24th Street, Lubbock, TX 79410-1636; e-mail: lisar@lib.ttu.edu.

ACRL divisional committee appointments

ACRL has 25 standing committees to which appointments may be made for 2002–2003. 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*. Appointments

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 Kathleen M. Carney at the address given on the form before December 2, 2002.

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: William Gray Potter, University of Georgia Libraries, Athens, GA 30602-1641; e-mail: wpotter@arches.uga.edu.

College & Research Libraries News editor: Stephanie Orphan, *C&RL News*, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: sorphan@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: _____

Ethnicity (optional):

African American Asian/Pacific
 White/non-Hispanic Latino/Hispanic
 Native American Other (specify)

Division committees

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

Kathleen M. Carney
O'Neill Library
Boston College
140 Commonwealth Ave.
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
phone: (617) 552-8709
fax: (617) 552-0599
e-mail: carneyk@bc.edu

- **Membership in ALA and ACRL is required.**
- **Attendance at ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is required.**

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
- ___ Scholarly Communication
- ___ 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 2, 2002.

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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Attendance at ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is required.

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