

Get involved with ACRL

Volunteer to serve on a division or section committee

A CRRL 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.acrl.org>, click on "About ACRL," then "What is ACRL?"), 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 Frances Maloy invites all ACRL members to contact the Appointments Committee about serving on one of ACRL's 23 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, and
- 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 re-

sponsible 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. Those who have not had the opportunity to serve on an ACRL committee are encouraged to volunteer.
- **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 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. Submit a volunteer form. Complete the volunteer form included with this article. (*Ed. note:* This form is also available on ACRL's Web site, go to www.acrl.org and select "Forms" from the Quicklinks drop down menu.)

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 Linda Brown 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).

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

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, 2003-04*. 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 1, 2003.

African American Studies Librarians Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Myrtis Cochran, University of California-Berkeley, 212 Doe Memorial Library, Berkeley, CA 94720-6000; e-mail: mcochran@library.berkeley.edu.

Anthropology and Sociology Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Wade Kotter, Stewart Library, Weber State University, 2901 University Circle, Ogden, UT 84408-2901; e-mail: wkotter@weber.edu.

Arts Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Sandra "Sandy" Mooney; LSU Libraries, Design Resource Center, 104 Design Building, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-7010; e-mail: smooney@lsu.edu.

Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Majed Khader, Marshall University, University Libraries, One John Marshall Drive, Huntington, WV 25755-0001; e-mail: khader@marshall.edu

Community and Junior College Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Mary M. Carr, Spokane Community College, 1810 North Greene Street, MS 2160, Spokane, WA 99217-5320; e-mail: mcarr@scc.spokane.edu.

College Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Damon D. Hickey, The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH 44691-2364; e-mail: dhickey@wooster.edu.

Distance Learning Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Stephen H. Dew, 100 Main Library, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242-1420; e-mail: stephen-dew@uiowa.edu.

Education and Behavioral Sciences Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Judith A. Walker, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, J. Murrey Atkins Library, Charlotte, NC 28223; e-mail: jwalker@email.uncc.edu.

Instruction Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Elizabeth A. Dupuis, University of California-Berkeley, 302 Moffitt Library, Berkeley, CA 94720-6000; e-mail: dupuis@library.berkeley.edu. An online IS committee volunteer form is available at: http://www.ala.org/Content/ContentGroups/ACRL1/IS/ISCommittees/Committee_Volunteer_Form.htm.

Law and Political Science Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Lynne P. Rudasill, University of Illinois Library, 1408 W. Gregory, Room 100, Urbana, IL 61801-3607; e-mail: rudasill@uiuc.edu.

Literatures in English Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jennifer Sue Stevens, Washington State University, 130 Cleveland Hall, P. O. Box 642112, Pullman, WA 99163; e-mail: stevensj@wsu.edu.

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Elaine B. Smyth, Special Collections, Louisiana State University Libraries, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3300; e-mail: esmyth@lsu.edu.

Science and Technology Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jeanne Davidson, 121 The Valley Library, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331-4501; e-mail: jeanne.davidson@oregonstate.edu.

Slavic and East European Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Janice T. Pilch, 1922 Melrose Drive, Apt. C, Champaign, IL 61820; e-mail: pilch@uiuc.edu.

University Libraries Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Carol Ann Hughes, Public Services, UCI Libraries, P. O. Box 19557, Irvine, CA 92623-9557; e-mail: hughes@uci.edu.

Western European Studies Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Thomas M. Izbicki, Eisenhower Library, Johns Hopkins University, 3400 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218; e-mail: izbicki@jhu.edu.

Women's Studies Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Ruth Dickstein, University of Arizona Library, P.O. Box 210055, Tucson, AZ 85721-0055; e-mail: dicksteinr@u.library.arizona.edu.

ACRL divisional committee appointments

ACRL has 23 standing committees to which appointments may be made for 2003–2004. 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 Linda Brown at the address given on the form before December 1, 2003.

Editorial boards

ACRL has six editorial boards for its publications: *CHOICE*, *College & Research Libraries*, *College & Research Libraries News*, New Publications Advisory Board, *Publications in Librarianship*, and *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage*.

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: Charles Schwartz, Florida International, Green Library, University Park, Miami, FL 33199; e-mail: tony.schwartz@fiu.edu.

RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage editor: Richard Clement, head of special collections, University of Kansas, Spencer Research Library, Lawrence, KS 66045-2800; rclement@ku.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):

- Hispanic or Latino
 Not Hispanic or Latino
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 White
 Other (specify) _____

Division committees

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

Linda A. Brown, University Libraries, Bowling Green State University, 1001 E. Wooster, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403; phone: (419) 372-7894; fax: (419) 372-7996; e-mail: lbrown@bgnet.bgsu.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.

- AASL/ACRL Interdivisional Committee on Information Literacy
 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award
 Budget and Finance
 Bylaws
 Copyright
 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
 Effective Practices
 Ethics
 Government Relations
 Intellectual Freedom
 International Relations
 (Samuel) Lazerow Fellowship for Research in Collections and Technical Services
 Marketing Academic and Research Libraries
 Membership
 Professional Development
 Publications
 Racial and Ethnic Diversity
 Research
 Scholarly Communication
 Spectrum Scholars Mentor
 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 1, 2003.

Section committee volunteer form

Background information for section committees

Provide a separate sheet for 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):

- ____ Hispanic or Latino
- ____ Not Hispanic or Latino
- ____ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ____ Asian
- ____ Black or African American
- ____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ____ White
- ____ 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. **Forms must be returned by December 1, 2003.**

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