

# ACRL at the Midwinter Meeting

## Actions of the ACRL Board of Directors

At its 2001 Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C., the ACRL Board of Directors met on January 14 and 16 and took the following actions:

### ACRL governance

**Approved, upon recommendation of the** Bylaws Committee, bylaws revisions for the University Libraries Section (ULS) and the Literatures in English Section (LES).

**Approved the College Libraries Section's** request to institute a practice of virtual memberships on its section committees and agreed that the guidelines established by CLS be circulated among all of ACRL's sections.

### Commendations

**Congratulated the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS)** and the editors of *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage*, the revised publication formerly known as *Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarianship*, for their proactive efforts to expand the audience for this journal, and to extend the collaboration be-

### DLS celebrates 10 years

Whereas the Distance Learning Section (DLS) celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2000, and whereas the DLS is the fastest growing section of ACRL; be it resolved that the ACRL Board of Directors congratulates DLS on its 10th anniversary and its efforts to extend library services to off-campus teaching and learning.

tween special collections librarians and scholars in a wide range of disciplines.

**Approved a resolution that the ACRL** Board of Directors congratulate the Delaware Valley Chapter (the first recognized ACRL chapter, which was founded as the Pennsylvania Chapter) on 50 years of service to academic librarians in this region.

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### Finances

**Increased the scholarship funds allocated** to the Institute for Information Literacy Immersion program for scholarships by \$5,000, bringing the total available for scholarships for this activity in 2001 to \$15,000.

**Confirmed conference call vote to allocate** \$15,000 to defray expenses of students enrolled in an ALA-accredited library or information science programs for attending the 10th ACRL National Conference.

**Approved, upon recommendation of the** Budget and Finance Committee, a reduction in revenues for the regional Institute for Information Literacy Immersion program budget from \$98,990 to \$74,128 and expenses from \$97,241 to \$73,726. The budget revisions reflect an ACRL in-kind contribution from the host institutions—Edgewood College and

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4. Dorothea R. Zito, Myron Miller, and Charles

Herrera, "Special Resource Centers in Gerontology and Geriatrics," *Behavioral & Social Sciences Librarian* 4, no. 4 (1985): 61–66.

5. Bill Bytheway, *Ageism* (Buckingham, England: Open University Press, 1995), ix. ■

(*Board actions* continued from page 294) the University of Wisconsin Library system that reduced expenses—and a corresponding reduction in revenues due to reduced registration fees.

### **Approved allocations to support two**

ACRL programs: 1) a two-day Institute for Information Literacy Immersion program faculty retreat to be held in San Francisco prior to the 2001 ALA Annual Conference—\$3,780; and 2) a satellite program on the Harvard campus for U.S. and international academic librarians during the 2001 IFLA Conference in Boston—\$16,400.

**Allocated \$20,000 to establish a publicity** campaign directed at academic administrators and faculty about the vitality and value of academic libraries.

**Voted to pursue external funding for ACRL's** Best Practices in Information Literacy National Working Conference, and asked that the Budget and Finance Committee review the financial implications should outside funding not be received.

### **Government relations**

**Endorsed the resolution on LSTA Reau-**thorization.

**Voted to recognize that the ALA Resolution** on Internet Filtering is pertinent and relevant to academic libraries and librarians and is reflective of their commitment to intellectual freedoms and to local library control and expressed support of an assertive role for ALA in communicating the concerns of the entire association to appropriate agencies and individuals and an equally assertive role in challenging the pertinent legislation.

### **Partnerships**

**Formed a task force consisting of represen-**tatives from AASL, ACRL, and LIRT to further three priorities: 1) joint publication of the AASL and ACRL "Standards for Information Literacy"; 2) joint professional development opportunities; and 3) joint award for collaboration in information literacy.

## **Professional development**

### **Approved proposals for six preconferences:**

RBMS 2002, 2003, and 2004; information literacy training 2002; Instruction Section 2002; and Advocacy 2002.

## **Publications**

**Approved in closed session, upon recom-**mendation of the Publications Committee, the appointment of William Potter as editor of *College and Research Libraries (C&RL)*. Potter will serve one year as an apprentice to current *C&RL* Editor Don Riggs. Potter becomes editor at the close of the ALA Annual Conference 2002.

## **Research**

**Approved in concept the designation of a** fund for supporting research on academic libraries and referred the matter to the ACRL Budget and Finance Committee for consideration and recommendations.

## **Standards**

**Approved, upon recommendation from the** Standards and Accreditation Committee, the revised "Standards for Faculty Status for College and University Librarians"; "Guidelines for Collective Bargaining" (see page 304); and with commendations for its high-quality "Objectives for Information Literacy Instruction." ■

## **Delaware Valley celebrates 50 years**

Whereas the Delaware Valley Chapter (founded as the Pennsylvania Chapter) was the first recognized ACRL chapter; whereas the Delaware Valley Chapter was established in 1951 and has been continuously supportive of ACRL's goals; therefore, be it resolved that the ACRL Board of Directors congratulates the Delaware Valley chapter on 50 years of services to academic librarians in this region.