

Actions: ACRL Board of Directors, February 1995

Highlights of the ACRL Board of Directors' Midwinter meetings

The Board of Directors of the Association of College and Research Libraries met twice during the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia on February 5 and February 7, 1995. Highlights of their meetings are as follows:

Endorsed the ACRL Resolution supporting the ALA Goal 2000 Initiatives and the proposed dues increase, and pledged \$50,000 to the Fund for America's Libraries. *Ed. note:* ACRL's publication *Choice* also pledged \$50,000 to the project.

Approved RBMS request for 1996 preconference, "Taking Stock: Setting the Agenda for Special Collections in the 21st Century," in Ithaca, New York, July 2-5, 1996.

Endorsed the ALA Subcommittee on Copyright's Resolution on Intellectual Property Rights and its Resolution on the Copyright Reform Act.

Approved policy to waive registration fees for up to three Preconference Planning or Local Arrangements chairs for each preconference.

Accepted a report from the BIS Emerging Technologies Committee and asked the section to continue its work with the Coalition for Networked Information to develop responses to the recommendations regarding broadening use of the Internet as a mode of instruction.

Approved a proposal outline for developing a grant proposal to seek funding to support the ACRL/AAHE-EASI (American Association of Higher Education-Equal Access

to Software Information) project to develop an online workshop to inform librarians and administrators of resources and research on improving services to the physically challenged.

Approved a joint proposal with the University of Illinois at Chicago to develop a Building Community Information Organizations Initiative that will place academic librarians in leadership roles to direct citizen access to public information.

Approved two possible statements that could be themes for ACRL's 8th National Conference in Nashville, April 11-14, 1997, pending copyright clearance.

Approved cosponsorship for LITA's "Geographic Information Systems: An Introduction" preconference, June 23, 1995.

Approved a request for the Bibliographic Instruction Section to change its name to the Instruction Section.

Endorsed the resolution from the ALA International Relations Committee to support Library Fellows and Fulbright programs.

Approved a Copyright Committee request for a 1996 preconference in New York City on electronic reserves in libraries.

Approved five-year review reports and the continuance of the Extended Campus Library Services Section (ECLSS) and the Law and Political Science Section (LPSS).

Approved the revised "Standards for College Libraries." (See page 245 in this issue.)

At the request of LPSS approved the establishment of the annual Marta Lange/CQ Award

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better means,
the first
five years
of our work
might have
been reduced
to two..."*

Madame Marie Curie



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(Ed. note: *Committee members who worked on the 1995 edition are: Diane C. Parker, chair, Western Washington University; Barbara Bryan, Fairfield University; Paul Coleman, Adrian College; Jan Fennell, Georgia College, Milledgeville; Dalia Hagan, St. Martins College; Ada Jarred, Northwestern State University of Louisiana; Eric Kidwell, Huntingdon College; Grady Morein, University of West Florida; and Norma Yueb, Ramapo College of New Jersey.*) ■

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for Law Librarians with a cash prize of \$1,000 and a citation donated by Congressional Quarterly.

Approved a recommendation to redefine the Professional Liaison Committee and designated the Executive Director to chair the committee.

Approved ACRL Priorities for 1995-1996. The priorities are:

- 1) Expand information, programs, and delivery mechanisms that will enhance the leadership abilities of academic librarians.
- 2) Provide leadership within the higher education community on library and information issues.
- 3) Build strategic alliances among ACRL units, ALA divisions, and the broader higher education community to advance ACRL priorities.

Approved an amendment to the Initiative Fund Criteria to include projects supporting ALA Goal 2000.

Approved the addition of a Board/Leadership meeting to its scheduled official meetings

held at Annual Conferences and Midwinter Meetings.

Approved the discontinuance of the regional appointment basis for the Membership Committee and established a task force to develop a new strategy.

Approved the ACRL/CNI (Coalition for Networked Information) preconference, "The Networked Professional," for 1996 in New York.

Established a policy for reporting to the Board on funded initiative projects that requires project directors to submit a report of activities at the time the request is made for final payment.

Approved 0.95 FTE staff increase for the 1996 budget year to support ACRL's production of *College & Research Libraries* and to handle conference and preconference activities like registration and exhibits management.

Approved the 1996 preliminary budget with revenue of \$974,967 and expenses of \$1,211,306. ■