ACRL Board of Directors’ actions, June 2017
Highlights of the Board’s Annual Conference meetings

During the 2017 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, the ACRL Board of Directors met on June 24 and June 26. The Board met with the leaders of its four goal-area committees: Value of Academic Libraries, Student Learning and Information Literacy, Research and Scholarly Environment, and New Roles and Changing Landscapes to assess progress on the Plan for Excellence. With feedback from the Board, these committees will finalize their reports and develop their work plans for 2017–18.

The Board also received updates from the ACRL representative to the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, the ACRL liaison to the ALA Board, representatives from the ACRL Instruction Section, representative from the ACRL Awards Task Force, representative from the ACRL Libraries Transform Task Force, and the new ALA Washington Office Associate Executive Director. The Board also received an update from the ACRL Publications Coordinating Committee on its plans to offer open peer review for some ACRL publications.

Board members, whose service ended at the close of the 2017 ALA Annual Conference—Ann Campion Riley, Julia Gelfand, and Susan Barnes Whyte—were recognized and thanked for their service.

The ACRL Board of Directors took the following actions:

**Value of Academic Libraries**
**Goal:** Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.
- Approved the appointment of Eric Resnis as presenter coordinator for the licensed workshop “Assessment in Action: Demonstrating and Communicating Library Contributions to Student Learning and Success.”
- Confirmed the virtual vote to approve the March for Science and Earth Day Network partnership.
- Confirmed the virtual vote to approve the 2017 ACRL Legislative Agenda.

**Student Learning**
**Goal:** Advance innovative practices and environments that transform student learning.
- Approved the “Policy Statement on Open Access to Scholarship by Academic Librarians.”
- Approved the appointment of Lindsay Matts-Benson as presenter coordinator for the licensed workshop “Engaging with the ACRL Framework: A Catalyst for Exploring and Expanding Our Teaching Practices.”

**Research and scholarly environment**
**Goal:** Librarians accelerate the transition to more open and equitable systems of scholarship.
- Approved the appointment of Abigail Goben as presenter coordinator for the licensed workshop “Building Your Research Data Management Toolkit: Integrating RDM...
into Your Liaison Work.”

- Confirmed the virtual vote approving the ACRL “Statement on the Dissemination of Federal Research.”

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**New roles and changing landscapes**

**Goal: Academic and research library workforce effectively navigates change in higher education environments.**

- Approved jointly developing a two-day symposium on diversity, equity, and inclusion with the Association of Research Libraries.
- Approved the New Roles and Changing Landscapes Committee’s request to develop a plan for a self-paced, self-directed online course centered on building an innovative library and directed the committee to bring back to the Board their plan and budget for final approval.

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**Goal Area: Education—Strategic goal areas will be supported by financial and operational planning, and will guide the development and implementation of programs and services that target education, advocacy, and member engagement.**

- Approved the appointment of Maryam Fakouri as presenter coordinator for the licensed workshop “Two Paths Converge: Designing Educational Opportunities on the Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy.”
- Confirmed the virtual vote approving a revised appointment process for the licensed workshop presenter coordinator position. If there are no volunteers, the call for applicants will be extended to past presenters and members of the workshop's oversight committee; furthermore, if there are still no applicants, the call will be extended to a pool of ACRL members specifically identified by the oversight committee and presenter team in consultation, who possesses knowledge of the subject matter and experience to coordinate the group.

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**Goal Area: Publications—Strategic goal areas will be supported by financial and operational planning, and will guide the development and implementation of programs and services that target education, advocacy, and member engagement.**

- Affirmed that the “Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education” will be reviewed using the same process ACRL uses for its other guidelines and standards, which requires review every five years.
- Approved the “Guidelines for Recruiting Academic Librarians.”
- Confirmed virtual votes that:
  - Approved the “RBMS Guidelines: Competencies for Special Collections Professionals.”
  - Approved the “Roles and Strengths of Teaching Librarians.”
  - Approved funding for the CHOICE OER project through a “swap” that allows up to $700,000 to be transferred over FY17 and FY18 from the CHOICE long-term investment (LTI) into the ACRL LTI. In exchange, ACRL will transfer up to $700,000, to be split over FY17 and FY18, from ACRL’s net asset balance into CHOICE’s operating budget.

Goal Area: Operations—Strategic goal areas will be supported by financial and operational planning, and will guide the development and implementation of programs and services that target education, advocacy, and member engagement.

- Approved the FY18 budget as presented:
  - Total ACRL revenues of $2,500,069
  - Total ACRL expenses of $3,565,731
  - Net ACRL revenues of ($1,065,662)
  - Total CHOICE revenues of $2,982,030
  - Total CHOICE expenses $3,212,114
  - Net CHOICE revenues of ($230,084)

  Note: These are planned deficits and are funded by ACRL and CHOICE’s net asset balances.

- Approved the recommendation to increase dues by $1 for regular members to keep up with inflation as indicated by the 1.8% increase in the HEPI and for student dues to be discounted to $5. The FY18 rates will be:
  - Personal members: $64
  - Student members: $5
  - Retired members: $41

- Reinstated the section funding model, where each section receives a base allocation of $1,000 with an additional $0.75 per section member over 400 (as of August 31).

Goal Area: Member engagement—Strategic goal areas will be supported by financial and operational planning, and will guide the development and implementation of programs and services that target education, advocacy, and member engagement.

- Approved the creation of the Hip Hop Librarian Consortium Discussion Group.
- Approved the creation of the History Librarians Interest Group.
- Approved the creation of the SAA-ACRL/RBMS Task Force.
- Extended the term of the Community College Engagement Task Force.
- Extended the term of the Libraries Transform Task Force, revised its name to the Libraries Transform Implementation Task Force, and revised its charge.
- Extended the term of the Status of Academic Librarians Standards and Guidelines Review Task Force.
- Approved proposed revisions to the ACRL Bylaws. Per the current Bylaws, if the revisions are approved again at the 2017 Fall Board Meeting, the revisions will be placed on the 2018 ACRL ballot for ACRL members to review and approve.
- Confirmed virtual votes that:
  - Created the Academic Library Services for Graduate Students Interest Group.
  - Created the Digital Scholarship Section (DSS), and simultaneously dissolved the Digital Curation Interest Group, Digital Humanities Interest Group, and Numeric and Geospatial Data Services in Academic Libraries Interest Group.
  - Created the Guidelines for Media Resources for Academic Libraries in Higher Education Task Force.
  - Extended the Screening and Appointment of Academic Librarians Using a Search Committee Task Force.
  - Renamed the Information Commons Discussion Group to the Learning Commons Discussion Group.
  - Transitioned the Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Section (AAMES) into the Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Studies Interest Group (AAMESIG).
  - Approved the ACRL Board of Directors proceedings from the 2017 Spring Board Virtual Meeting.
  - Approved the ACRL Board of Directors proceedings from the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting.