Committee Appointed to Revise College Library Standards

Norman E. Tanis, president of the Association of College and Research Libraries, has appointed Miss Johnnie E. Givens, librarian, Austin Peay State University, chairman of the committee to revise the 1959 Standards for College Libraries. Project director is David Kaser, professor, Graduate Library School, University of Indiana. Other members of the committee are Barbara G. LaMont, librarian, Vassar College, David L. Perkins, head bibliographic librarian, California State University, Northridge, James W. Pirie, librarian, Lewis and Clark College, and Herman L. Totten, associate dean, College of Library Science, University of Kentucky. The present committee continues the work on revision begun by the committee chaired by Stanley McElderry in 1970.

ACRL received the 1973/74 J. Morris Jones—World Book Encyclopedia—ALA Goals Award to continue the revision. The aim of the project is to prepare new standards for college libraries that will take account of the many significant changes in higher education that have occurred since adoption of the 1959 standards. The revised standards will be based upon careful definition of goals, explicit recognition of assumptions, comprehensive identification and searching evaluation of the relevance of the evidence to the goals, and clear formulation of criteria of judgment.

The committee met in Chicago, August 7, 1973. Future meetings have been scheduled for November 6, 1973, and December 18, 1973. The committee will meet during the 1974 midwinter meeting of the American Library Association in January 1974 and will conduct hearings during the 1974 annual meeting in New York, July 7-13.

ACRL Membership Meeting, 1973

Russell Shank, the president of the Association of College and Research Libraries, presided at the 1973 membership meeting of the association held Monday, June 25, 1973, in the Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada. The minutes of the 1972 membership meeting were approved. Dr. Shank summarized his annual report to the membership (CRL News, July/August 1973) and introduced the newly elected officers of the association. Beverly Lynch, executive secretary of ACRL reported on some of the activities of the headquarters staff.

Action of the ACRL Board of Directors

Dr. Shank reported on three actions taken by the ACRL Board of Directors at its meeting that morning: