One of the pleasures of attending a national convention is meeting with your colleagues in an informal setting and exchanging news and ideas, as well as making new friends. Seattle '84 has several special events planned to provide you with an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and sample a little of the cultural life of Seattle. The conference will feature a reception and private showing of the "China: 7,000 Years of Discovery" exhibition, an "Evening on the Town," and a ferry ride to Kiana Lodge for a salmon bake on the beach.

The opening night reception is scheduled after the exhibitors' new product seminars and the opening of the exhibits. A catered, private showing of "China: 7,000 Years of Discovery" should provide conference participants with a memorable first evening. The display was seen by over one million people in Toronto in four months, and its appearance in Seattle will be the only one in the Western United States. The exhibition is a collaborative effort of the governments of Canada and the Peoples Republic of China. It examines many of the important innovations of ancient Chinese science. The display consists of over 500 artifacts divided into twelve major categories including medicine, papermaking, printing, astronomy, and architecture. Eighteen Chinese artisans will participate in the exhibition, practicing the arts of traditional Chinese science and technology. Conference participants will be able to mingle with the artisans, trying their hands at calligraphy, carving their own seals, pumping water with the dragon bone irrigation pump, and experimenting with other ancient crafts. "China: 7,000 Years of Discovery" demonstrates that much of the history of science is written in Chinese.

Thursday evening will be a chance for everyone to choose their own entertainment. A selection of athletic and cultural events will be offered, and conference participants will be given information for ordering tickets as well as a list of fine restaurants adjacent to each event. This "Evening on the Town" is also designed for those participants who like to explore a city on their own or with friends, and for those who simply wish to pass an evening with good food and good friends. In addition, the hospitality booth at the convention will have lots of information for those who wish to "freelance" on Thursday evening.

Seattle '84's special events will be capped with a sunset ferry ride and a salmon banquet. Friday evening will begin with a ferry ride across the Puget Sound to Kiana Lodge on the Kitsap Peninsula. After arrival at the Lodge's dock fresh steamed clams...
will be served on the beach and there will be dancing and music by the Cape Fox Indian Dancers. This group is known throughout the Pacific Northwest for their skill and expertise in presenting authentic productions of Northwest Native American dances, music, and legends. Kiana Lodge, built in 1920, was originally known as the Seattle Beach and Country Club. It is a traditional log structure with stone fireplaces, wood carvings, a large collection of Northwest Indian baskets, and an old bar with a piano. The Longhouse, a short walk from the Lodge, is a beautiful atrium-like dining area where the banquet of salmon baked over open alderwood fires, salad, baked potato, rolls, dessert, and beverages will be served. After the banquet participants may want to explore the over ten acres of grounds or visit the Kiana gift shop which features a wide assortment of Northwest Indian handicrafts. The ferry ride back will provide a beautiful view of Seattle's skyline at night.

Highlights of the Annual Conference Meetings of the ACRL Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Association of College and Research Libraries met twice during the recent ALA Annual Conference in Los Angeles: on Saturday, June 25, 1983, and Tuesday, June 28, 1983.

AAAS Representative
The board reaffirmed the ACRL Executive Committee's position that ACRL is the appropriate unit in ALA to continue to recommend the person who will be ALA representative to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Activity Sections Council
The board approved a recommendation that a task force be established, consisting of two members designated by the ACRL President, two members designated by the Council, and the Executive Director, to examine the relationship between the board and council with specific attention to such matters as representation of membership, participation in formal deliberations, and adequate communication of board decisions.

Books for College Libraries
The board approved the motion of the Books for College Libraries Committee that ACRL should proceed promptly with the preparation and publication of a third edition of Books for College Libraries in separate volumes, with the volumes issued sequentially as ready and with the volume on science and technology published first. Nonprint materials and microforms will also be included. Future editions or supplements will be added as information accumulates.

Budget and Finance Committee

Sherrie Bergman, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the submission deadline for budget requests has been changed from January 1 to December 1.

Chapters
The board approved the petition for the establishment of a Colorado Chapter.

The board endorsed a proposal for guidelines on funds to be included in the budget each year for the ACRL President, President-Elect, or Executive Director to visit ACRL chapters on a rotating basis, speak about ACRL concerns and activities, and learn of members' concerns at the chapter level.

The board also adopted guidelines for ACRL representation at chapter meetings.

Committee Appointments
The board approved a motion to instruct the ACRL Appointments and Nominations Committee to consult with committee chairs during the appointment process so that non-contributing members (those who fail to attend two consecutive meetings or groups of meetings at ALA conferences) are not considered for reappointment. The board also recommended that the Committee publish in its annual report and in C&RL News statistics on the number of open committee slots to be filled, the number of volunteer forms received, the percentage of volunteers appointed, and the percentage of members reappointed.

Discussion Groups
The board approved the establishment of a Discussion Group for Heads of Public/Reader Services in Academic and Research Libraries.

The board also approved a merger of the Personnel Administrators of Academic or Research Libraries Discussion Group with the Staff Development Officers Discussion Group. The new group is called the Personnel Administrators and Staff Development Discussion Group.