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 1977 ALA Annual Conference in Detroit: on Friday, June 17, and on Tuesday, June 21.

ACRL 1978 National Conference

George R. Parks, conference chair for ACRL’s national conference scheduled to be in Boston, November 8–11, 1978, announced the conference theme, “New Horizons for Academic Libraries,” and the Call for Papers on topics relating broadly to the future of academic and research librarianship. (Note: The Call for Papers appears on p.230 of this issue of *C&RL News*.)

Screening and Appointment of Academic Librarians

The “Guidelines and Procedures for the Screening and Appointment of Academic Librarians,” developed by the Committee on Academic Status, was approved as ACRL policy. (Note: The policy appears on p.231 of this issue of *C&RL News*.)

Salary Survey

The ACRL Board of Directors approved in principle a proposal presented by the Committee on Academic Status to solicit funding for another ACRL salary survey of academic librarians. The results of ACRL’s first salary survey were published in August 1976 as *Salary*...
Structures of Librarians in Higher Education for the Academic Year 1975-76.

Academic Status
The board unanimously acknowledged the contributions of C. James Schmidt, director of libraries at the State University of New York at Albany, in his role as chair of the Committee on Academic Status from 1973 to 1977.

Revision of College Library Standards
Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Standards and Accreditation and the ACRL College Libraries Section, the board voted to establish an ad hoc Standards for College Libraries Revision Committee to review the 1975 Standards for College Libraries (published in the October 1975 issue of C&RL News) and to propose revisions where needed. Reactions to the use of the 1975 Standards have underscored the need to review the formulas to acknowledge new compilations of USOE data, the development of performance measures, and problems of interpretation of the "List of Subject Fields" in Appendix I. Arthur Monke, librarian at Bowdoin College, will chair the committee.

Continuing Education
Upon the recommendation of the ad hoc Continuing Education Task Force, the ACRL board voted to replace the task force with a standing ACRL Continuing Education Committee, which will be responsible for developing a continuing education program for ACRL that will assist ACRL members in their professional growth, thereby benefiting them, their libraries, and the library profession. Richard Werking, head of reference at the University of Mississippi in University, will chair the committee.

ACRL Chapters
The board welcomed as new ACRL chapters the College and University Libraries Division of the Texas Library Association and the Southern California Association of College and Research Libraries. Eighteen groups are now affiliated with ACRL as chapters.

State of North Carolina vs. B. C. West, Jr.
At the suggestion of ACRL’s Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, the Board of Directors urged the American Library Association to enter the case of the State of North Carolina vs. B. C. West, Jr., as fully and as strongly as possible in appropriate ways and in the court of appropriate jurisdiction. The ACRL board recommended that, in ALA's activities regarding the case, the ALA Executive Board and the ALA executive director avail themselves of the expertise in ACRL’s Rare Books and Manuscripts Section. The board also offered to contribute a sum of money to support the case.

Confidentiality of Library Records
The ACRL board approved the recommendation of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section and the RBMS Committee on Manuscripts Collections that the ALA Council amend ALA policy #101.2, "Confidentiality of Library Records," so that it will not conflict with ACRL's "Statement on Access to Original Research Materials in Libraries, Archives, and Manuscript Repositories" (C&RL News, November 1976) by providing that:

Nothing in this policy [on confidentiality of library records] is intended to limit the ability of a librarian, archivist, or manuscript curator to inform a researcher in original source materials of parallel research by other individuals using the same sources, providing that written acquiescence to use of his or her name has been
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**Rare Books and Manuscripts Preconference**

The board approved the location of the 1978 Rare Books and Manuscripts Section preconference in New Haven, Connecticut. Terry Belanger, RBMS chair, announced that the Yale Center for British Art will host the preconference, the theme of which is "The Study of Books as Physical Objects: State of the Art."

**Legislation**

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Legislation, the ACRL Board of Directors endorsed S1328, the Career Education Implementation Incentive Act of 1977, with the provision that the role of libraries and librarians in the dissemination of career information be explicitly stated in the text of the act where appropriate.

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**Information Needed for Minority Women's Directory**

The *Directory of Significant 20th Century American Minority Women* was originally scheduled for publication in 1977 by Gaylord Professional Publications. However, late in December 1976 the original mailing list and all files for the directory were destroyed in a fire. Jessie Carney Smith is now making an effort to restore the vast files that had been assembled so that she might meet a revised deadline date. Whether or not you received a letter from her last year and responded to her request, you could assist in the project again by nominating persons for inclusion as soon as possible, sending titles of publications and lists of similar projects in progress that immediately come to mind, and sending ideas or suggestions that might be useful to the project.

A revised publication date has now been set for early 1978. The directory will concentrate on the contributions of living Asian-American, American Indian, Black, and Hispanic women who have made significant contributions to their professions, communities, states, or the nation, and who may or may not be identified already in various biographical directories.

Send your response to Jessie Carney Smith, University Librarian, Fisk University, Nashville, TN 37203.

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**White House Conference on Libraries**

The board approved the recommendation of ACRL's Committee on the White House Conference and State Library Conferences and the ACRL Committee on Legislation that an orientation/education session be held at the 1978 ALA Midwinter Meeting for academic librarians serving on committees planning state library conferences preparatory to the White House Conference on Libraries. ACRL officers and members of the Committee on Legislation will host the meeting, to discuss ACRL concerns and issues.

**Eunice Rockwell Oberly Memorial Fund**

A recommendation from the Agriculture and Biological Sciences Section was approved by the board, to permit additions to the capital funding of the Eunice Rockwell Oberly Memorial Award, which is presented every two years for the best bibliography in the field of agriculture or the related sciences. The award is administered by the section.

**ACRL Publications in Librarianship**

The Board of Directors unanimously endorsed a resolution prepared by the Publications Committee in recognition of the contributions of Kenneth G. Peterson as editor of *ACRL Publications in Librarianship* from 1972 to 1977:

WHEREAS Dr. Kenneth G. Peterson has served for five years as editor and editorial board chair for the *ACRL Publications in Librarianship* series, and

WHEREAS under his leadership the series has maintained and increased its reputation for scholarly research and careful production, and

WHEREAS these publications and Dr. Peterson's efforts in seeking out scholarly work, advising its authors, and shepherding the entire process through to completed publication have constituted a major contribution to the library profession,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the ACRL Publications Committee unanimously votes its special gratitude to Kenneth G. Peterson and invites the ACRL Board of Directors to join the committee in this special recognition.

The board unanimously approved the recommendation of the Publications Committee that Joe W. Kraus, director of libraries at Illinois State University, Normal, be appointed as editor of *ACRL Publications in Librarianship* for a five-year term (1977/82).

**College & Research Libraries**

The 1977/78 fiscal-year budgets for *College & Research Libraries* and *College & Research Libraries News* were approved as presented by
the Committee on Budget and Finance. The Board of Directors also approved an increase in the subscription price, effective for 1978.

**Choice**

The Board of Directors approved a set of principles concerning the fiscal management and status of *Choice*, which had been developed by representatives of *Choice*, ACRL, and ALA:

1. The *Choice* deficit of approximately $37,000 that has accrued over prior years will be liquidated from the surpluses realized in 1975/76 and 1976/77. All of the remaining surpluses from the 1975/76 and the 1976/77 fiscal years will be dedicated to the establishment of a reserve fund for *Choice*.

2. *Choice* will establish a separate reserve fund rather than participate in a general ALA Publishing Reserve Fund. This arrangement may be subject to review from time to time. As is true for all ALA current funds, the *Choice* reserve fund will not bear interest. The objective will be to create a reserve fund for *Choice* that will reach a level of approximately 15 percent of a five-year moving average of operating expenditures. ACRL will seek to build a reserve fund to that level within the next five years as a primary budgeting objective. However, this objective does not preclude consideration of needs to develop and improve the *Choice* program through current budget funding.

3. Should any surpluses be generated by *Choice* beyond those needed to pay reasonable indirect cost rates to ALA, improve the *Choice* program, and create the reserve fund outlined above, they will be dedicated to the further development of *Choice* and will not inure to the benefit either of the ALA General Fund or of ACRL programs other than *Choice*.

4. *Choice* will be assessed by the American Library Association at an overhead rate of 3.08 percent of total direct costs for the 1977/78 fiscal year. That rate will increase by 1 percent per year until it reaches the rate of 6.08 percent. This rate may be revised from time to time on the basis of procedures and allocation methods identical to those used in the 1977 indirect cost study.

5. Should *Choice* experience major financial problems in the future, the first attempt to resolve them will be from the *Choice* reserve fund. As a second level of support, ACRL will examine its overall program requirements and financial status to determine if assistance can be
given to Choice. The final responsibility for resolution of such problems will rest with the ALA General Fund.

6. It is recognized that the Committee on Program Evaluation and Support (COPES) and the ALA Executive Board will still have purview over the Choice budget in a general sense, but the detailed budgeting procedure and decisions will follow the current process involving Choice staff, the ACRL executive secretary, the ACRL Committee on Budget and Finance, and the ACRL Board of Directors.

Budget

The Board of Directors approved the budget for ACRL for 1977/78, as presented by the Committee on Budget and Finance.


November 8–11, 1978
Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

CALL FOR PAPERS


The conference will focus on the future prospects for academic and research librarianship in the United States. There will be a variety of program meetings, exhibits by publishers and library equipment suppliers, special functions at other area institutions, and organized tours to visit various libraries in the greater Boston area. The conference will be held in the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, centrally located in Boston’s Prudential Center.

A major feature of the conference will be the sessions for contributed papers. These papers should relate broadly to the major theme of the conference—the future of academic and research librarianship. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

— Administration and Management of Libraries
— Economic Support for Libraries
— Technology and Libraries
— Cooperation and Networking
— The Role of the Library in the College and the University
— The Role of the Academic Librarian
— Resources and Services

All submitted papers will be refereed (with authors’ names removed), and those accepted will be scheduled for presentation at the conference. Authors must be present to deliver their papers. Authors who plan to submit papers may use the form below (or a copy of it), and they will receive instructions for preparing their manuscripts. The conference will observe the deadlines given below.

November 30, 1977
February 28, 1978
May 31, 1978

I intend to submit a paper for the ACRL 1978 National Conference in Boston.

Name, Title, and Institutional Address

Mail to:
Irma Y. Johnson
Charles Hayden Memorial Library
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Attach a brief description of the proposed paper (no more than 200 words). Return this statement of intent by November 30, 1977.