Guidelines for ACRL Chapters

BACKGROUND
The following statement appeared in the 1956 ACRL Organization Manual:
The ACRL chapter is an important means of connecting a local or regional group of college librarians with the national organization and its headquarters. The chapter charts its own course. The only requirement is that it hold annual or biennial meetings and report annually. Members of chapters are not even required to be members of the national association (officers are expected to be).
Although the Constitution has always made provision for chapters, none was established until a group in the Philadelphia area organized and obtained approval from the Board of Directors late in 1951.
Chapters have already proved to be far more useful than was originally anticipated. It was expected that some chapters would wither on the vine, but so far all seem to have had healthy growth. They provide a device for all members who so wish to participate in the ACRL program locally if not nationally. The chapter is a handy framework within which librarians can meet for social purposes and consider professional problems of local importance. In some cases, chapters undertake studies or perform cooperative services. The chapters help to draw people into ACRL membership and participation in the national organization.

ORGANIZATION
Article VI, Section 4 (c), of the ALA Bylaws states: "A division may affiliate with itself regional, state, or local groups interested in the same field of library service or librarianship. Such groups may admit members who are not members of the division or of the Association."

The ACRL Bylaws provide for chapters as follows:

Article IV. Chapters

Sec. 1. Establishment. The Board of Directors may establish a chapter of the Association in any state, province, territory, or region on the petition of twenty-five members of the Association residing or employed within the area.
Sec. 2. Bylaws. A chapter may adopt its own bylaws provided there is no conflict between them and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.
Sec. 3. Members. A chapter may admit members who are not members of the Association.
Sec. 4. Meetings. Each chapter shall hold at least one meeting a year unless it is affiliated with an organization that normally meets biennially.
Sec. 5. Reporting. Each chapter shall send a report of its meetings to the executive secretary of the Association within one month following the meeting.
Sec. 6. Dissolution. A chapter may be dissolved at its request by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be so dissolved if it becomes inactive or fails to comply with the provisions of this article.

PETITION
The petition for chapter status should read as follows: "The following persons hereby petition for chapter status in the Association of College and Research Libraries, under the name [name of proposed chapter] and covering the geographic area [location and/or geographic coverage]. The purpose and objectives of the chapter will be as follows: [state briefly]." List the name, address, and telephone number of the individual acting as chairperson. Include the signatures of at least
二十-五 ACRL 成员和一个手写的字母列表，与那些签署请愿书的地址。

**approval**

将请愿书转发给 ACRL 执行秘书，协会的出版技术秘书，伊利诺伊州芝加哥，伊利60611。请愿书的提交将被考虑并在下一次 ACRL 理事会会议前一个月收到。理事会将会通知执行主席。会议后的公告将被发送给所有成员。理事会的行动将尽快通知。

**Status and Obligations**

ACRL 章节是完全自主的，除了按照 ACRL 宪章和章程。他们可以（1）制定章程；（2）发展并实施自己的计划；（3）建立会员标准；（4）制定通讯计划。

ACRL 章节必须（1）每年至少举行一次会议，如果与相关组织的会议不同；（2）向 ACRL 执行秘书提交每月报告，包括会议的概要和成员名单，以及地址和电话号码；（3）提供资金支持。

**Assistance**

ACRL 执行秘书可以提供帮助。ACRL 章节委员会，由 ACRL 成员组成的，负责提供帮助，改善成员与 ACRL 之间的关系。每年一次的综合报告和汇总信息的发布。

ACRL 成员包括：南加利福尼亚、德勒瓦谷、佛罗里达、伊利诺伊、堪萨斯、马里兰、密歇根、明尼苏达、密苏里、纽约、新英格兰、东部纽约、西部纽约/安大略、北卡罗来纳、俄克拉荷马、维吉尼亚、德克萨斯、俄亥俄、台湾、台湾。

这些指南的副本可以从 ACRL 办公室，伊利诺伊州芝加哥，伊利60611。