During the 2004 ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego, the ACRL Board of Directors met on January 11 and 13 and took the following actions. The actions appear here along with the strategic direction they address.

**Strategic Direction 1.0** Society recognizes the contributions that academic and research libraries and librarians make in higher education, scholarly communication, and civic development.

**Awards**
Approved a one-time Award for best practices in marketing by an academic library through the effective use of the @ your library campaign materials. The award will be funded by Friends of ACRL donations.

Next, approved a proposal to continue the train the trainer @ your library program started at the ACRL National Conference in Charlotte by submitting a proposal to the World Book ALA Goal Award.

**Strategic Direction 2.0** Academic librarians advocate for public policy, legislation, and institutional change that enhance the values and contribution they make to learning, teaching, and research.

**Government relations and advocacy**
- Confirmed the electronic ballot approval of attaching ACRL's signature to a letter regarding the STM publisher, Bertelsmann Springer.
- Confirmed the electronic ballot approval of WESS's letter to ABF regarding the USA PATRIOT Act.

Next, endorsed the EBSS resolution regarding ERIC, which was forwarded to ALA Council for consideration as a resolution of the American Library Association. (Note: ALA Council passed the resolution.)

Finally, approved the 2003–04 Legislative Agenda.

**Strategic Direction 3.0** ACRL is an inclusive organization serving academic librarians and other information professionals in related professions.

**Approved a motion that ACRL support and become a partner in the Knowledge Recruiter program, a proposal submitted by the University of Arizona to IMLS.**

**Strategic Direction 4.0** Academic and research librarians are continually engaged in learning for their professional development and growth.

**Confirmed the electronic ballot approval of Slavic and East European Section programs at ALA 2004.**

Next, confirmed the electronic ballot approval of changing the dates of the 2009 ACRL National Conference in Seattle.

Approved the RBMS preconference program proposal for 2005.

Approved Austin, Texas, as the site for the proposed 2006 RBMS preconference.

Approved the proposed IS preconference for the 2005 ALA Annual Conference.

Approved the revised charge and membership of the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute Advisory Committee. The charge of the committee is to serve as a resource and advisory group to the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute.

Agreed to continue to support the WESS European Conference and asked ACRL staff to work with WESS to reduce the projected deficit as much as possible.

**Strategic Direction 5.0** ACRL is a national and international interactive leader in creating, expanding, and transferring the body of knowledge of academic librarianship.

Approved “A Guideline for the Screening and Appointment of Academic Librarians.”

Approved the creation of “The Guidelines for Media Resources in Academic Libraries” Review Task Force. The task force will be charged to review and evaluate “The Guidelines for Media Resources in Academic Libraries.”

Granted staff approval to prepare a grant application to IMLS on a Mid-Career Coaching Skills Program.

Approved Gillian McCombs as nominee to represent AIA on HA’s Section of University Librarians. (This name has been forwarded to the ALA International Relations Committee for review.)

**Strategic Direction 6.0** ACRL is an effective and a dynamic organization that continually enhances its capacity to create its future and assess and improve its performance in carrying out its mission.

Approved the Annual Conference 2003 Board meeting minutes.

Approved the ANSS bylaws revisions for placement on the Spring 2004 section ballot.

Approved the AAMES bylaws revisions for placement on the Spring 2004 section ballot.

Approved the revised charge to the Information Literacy Advisory Committee. The revised charge of the committee is to monitor developments in the field of information literacy and work with interested parties to develop appropriate activities within the Institute for Information Literacy, Instruction Section, AASL/ACRL Interdivisional Committee on Information Literacy, and ACRL Board of Directors.

Approved $26,000 to $30,000 (best estimate at this time) to hold a Spring Strategic Planning Meeting with Paul Meyer (Tecker Consultants) to further the strategic planning.

Established the ACRL Dues Task Force. The task force’s charge is to draft a motion to be voted on by the ACRL Board at the 2004 Annual Conference that would provide ACRL with a dues structure (i.e., specific dollar amounts) that will increase dues income to the association.

Approved a motion to file the Virtual Meeting Task Force Report, thank the task force for its good work, and acknowledge that the Board recognizes and supports the intents of the report and its recommendations and refers the report to Budget and Finance Committee, Bylaws Committee, staff, and the task force for them to recommend to the Board by Annual Conference strategies and mechanisms for the implementation of virtual meetings.