In response to increasing interest from members of the Association of College and Research Libraries, the ACRL Board of Directors, on January 31, 1977, voted unanimously to establish a Bibliographic Instruction Section within ACRL.

The functions of the newly established section are: 1) to develop programs, both at ALA conferences and elsewhere, which meet membership needs and which explore the scope, nature, and problems of operating bibliographic instruction programs in academic and research libraries; 2) to develop policy statements on bibliographic instruction as part of academic and research library services; 3) to cooperate with and to advise informally Project LOEX, a national clearinghouse on academic bibliographic instruction; 4) to explore methods of evaluating existing bibliographic instruction programs and materials and to suggest and promote needed research; and 5) to cooperate with the ALA Instruction in the Use of Libraries Committee and other groups in areas of mutual interest.

The section will operate with an interim steering committee, appointed by ACRL President Connie R. Dunlap, until section membership can be established formally and elections can be held in 1978. Mimi S. Dudley, reference librarian, University of California, Los Angeles, will serve as chairperson of the committee. Members include Patricia Breivik, dean of library services, Sangamon State University, Springfield, Illinois; Sharon Hogan, reference librarian, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Thomas Kirk, science librarian, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana; and Stefania Koren, associate professor and bibliographer, Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York. The steering committee will set up the organizational framework of the section, will arrange for the election of officers in 1978, and will plan the interim activities of the section.