Highlights of the ACRL Board of Directors’ Midwinter meetings

The Board of Directors of the Association of College and Research Libraries met twice during the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia on February 5 and February 7, 1995. Highlights of their meetings are as follows:

Endorsed the ACRL Resolution supporting the ALA Goal 2000 Initiatives and the proposed dues increase, and pledged $50,000 to the Fund for America’s Libraries. Ed. note: ACRL’s publication Choice also pledged $50,000 to the project.


Endorsed the ALA Subcommittee on Copyright’s Resolution on Intellectual Property Rights and its Resolution on the Copyright Reform Act.

Approved policy to waive registration fees for up to three Preconference Planning or Local Arrangements chairs for each preconference.

Accepted a report from the BIS Emerging Technologies Committee and asked the section to continue its work with the Coalition for Networked Information to develop responses to the recommendations regarding broadening use of the Internet as a mode of instruction.

Approved a proposal outline for developing a grant proposal to seek funding to support the ACRL/AAHE-EASI (American Association of Higher Education—Equal Access to Software Information) project to develop an online workshop to inform librarians and administrators of resources and research on improving services to the physically challenged.

Approved a joint proposal with the University of Illinois at Chicago to develop a Building Community Information Organizations Initiative that will place academic librarians in leadership roles to direct citizen access to public information.

Approved two possible statements that could be themes for ACRL’s 8th National Conference in Nashville, April 11–14, 1997, pending copyright clearance.


Approved a request for the Bibliographic Instruction Section to change its name to the Instruction Section.

Endorsed the resolution from the ALA International Relations Committee to support Library Fellows and Fulbright programs.

Approved a Copyright Committee request for a 1996 preconference in New York City on electronic reserves in libraries.

Approved five-year review reports and the continuance of the Extended Campus Library Services Section (ECLSS) and the Law and Political Science Section (LPSS).

Approved the revised “Standards for College Libraries.” (See page 245 in this issue.)

At the request of LPSS approved the establishment of the annual Marta Lange/CQ Award (Actions cont. on page 257)
Madame Curie on the Cost of Science.

She discovered radium. She coined the word "radioactive" and was the first to suspect it emanated from "atomic energy." Twice winner of the Nobel Prize, her discoveries led to the development of radiation therapy for the treatment of cancer. Yet in spite of her wide acclaim, Madame Curie often had to beg from the wealthy to fund her research. She understood the painful cost of science.

So do we. Since 1876, when the American Chemical Society first began to publish scientific journals, we have consistently offered them at affordable subscription rates. ACS journals cost, on average, about 50%* of the price charged for competitive publications in our discipline. And we are committed to continuing this tradition, without compromising the quality of science we publish.

Today, the chemical sciences are advancing at a staggering rate. We've increased our page budgets and our publication frequencies to keep pace with the increased flow of critical research. And we've invested in new technology that increases the speed at which we can publish without reducing the stringent standards of our peer review process.

We will always look for new ways to continue our pioneering role as publishers of quality science, because we're working hard to provide tomorrow's landmark scientists with the means to afford today's research.

*According to a report in the April 15, 1994 issue of Library Journal, the chemical sciences had an average price per journal of $1,106.
for Law Librarians with a cash prize of $1,000 and a citation donated by Congressional Quarterly.

**Approved a recommendation to redefine** the Professional Liaison Committee and designated the Executive Director to chair the committee.

**Approved ACRL Priorities for 1995–1996.** The priorities are:

1. Expand information, programs, and delivery mechanisms that will enhance the leadership abilities of academic librarians.

2. Provide leadership within the higher education community on library and information issues.

3. Build strategic alliances among ACRL units, ALA divisions, and the broader higher education community to advance ACRL priorities.

**Approved an amendment to the Initiative Fund Criteria to include projects supporting ALA Goal 2000.**

**Approved the addition of a Board/Leadership meeting to its scheduled official meetings** held at Annual Conferences and Midwinter Meetings.

**Approved the discontinuance of the regional appointment basis for the Membership Committee and established a task force to develop a new strategy.**

**Approved the ACRL/CNI (Coalition for Networked Information) preconference, “The Networked Professional,” for 1996 in New York.**

**Established a policy for reporting to the Board on funded initiative projects that requires project directors to submit a report of activities at the time the request is made for final payment.**

**Approved 0.95 FTE staff increase for the 1996 budget year to support ACRL’s production of *College & Research Libraries* and to handle conference and preconference activities like registration and exhibits management.**

**Approved the 1996 preliminary budget with revenue of $974,967 and expenses of $1,211,306.**