Hearings Held on Standards Revision

ACRL members discussed the revision of the 1939 Standards for College Libraries during the Midwinter Meeting of ALA in Chicago, January 20–25.

During its first six months the revision committee, chaired by Johnnie Givens, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee, has studied typologies currently being used to classify colleges and universities in the United States. Typologies developed by the Office of Education (the Federal Interagency Committee on Education), the American Council on Education, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education, the Academy for Educational Development, and James Cass and Max Bernbaum (Selectivity Index of Colleges and Universities) have been compared by the committee. The committee intends to select the most useful typology available in order to define the college as an institution separate and distinct from the two-year college, the community college, and the university. The committee expects to select its typology on the basis of a classification of homogeneous groupings which have characteristics that are easily identified and defensible.

A background paper on typologies, prepared by James Pirie and David Perkins, a paper on elements presently found in existing standards, prepared by Herman Totten, and a review of library standards used in other countries, by David Kaser, also were discussed with the membership. Sets of these papers can be obtained by writing Beverly P. Lynch, Executive Secretary, ACRL, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Hearings on later working papers will be held July 10 and 11 during the annual meeting of the American Library Association in New York.

DOUGHERTY RESIGNS AS CRL EDITOR

Richard M. Dougherty, editor since 1969 of College & Research Libraries, a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries, has asked to be relieved of the editorship effective July 1974. The Board of Directors of ACRL has accepted Dr. Dougherty’s resignation with deep regret.

The search for a new editor is being conducted by the ACRL Publications Committee. Applications and recommendations should be sent to Dr. Fred Blum, CRL Editor Search Coordinator, Room 205, Mullen Library, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20017.

ACRL Board Action at Midwinter

The Board of Directors of the Association of College and Research Libraries took the following actions during its two Midwinter Meetings, held in Chicago on January 21 and 24, 1974.

Unanimously voted to support the dues schedule presented by the American Association of School Librarians, which would have lowered the dues for membership in ALA and ACRL to $35. (The proposal subsequently was not approved by the ALA Council. See story elsewhere in this issue.)

Unanimously approved a resolution giving division presidents a seat on the ALA Council. (The resolution was subsequently defeated by Council.)

Agreed to support for election to ALA Council the following ACRL Board and committee members: Norman E. Tanis, H. William Axford, Russell Shank, George S. Bobinski, C. James Schmidt, and Jasper G. Schad.

Accepted with deep regret the resignation effective July 1974 of the editor of College & Research Libraries, Richard M. Dougherty.

Approved a plan presented by Choice and CRL under which the advertising for CRL will be handled by the Choice office beginning with the 1974/75 fiscal year.

Approved a plan to move the Choice subscription files from ALA headquarters in Chicago to the Choice office in Middletown, Connecticut.

Accepted with pleasure and on behalf of the ACRL membership an invitation from Eugene P. Kennedy, director of libraries at New York University, to all ACRL members to attend a reception at the Bobst Library at New York University on Wednesday, July 10, 1974, during the ALA Annual Conference.

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tation sections removed.

VOTED, upon the recommendation of the ACRL
Committee on Academic Status, to recom-
mend a formal evaluation of the ALA Staff
Committee on Mediation, Arbitration and In-
quiry, with a view to assessing its direct and
indirect costs; reviewing its charge, policies,
and procedures; determining its effectiveness;
recommending such changes in the Program
of Action for Mediation, Arbitration and In-
quiry as may be deemed desirable or neces-
sary; and recommending reports to ALA
Council on the Program of Action at regular
specified intervals.

VOTED to request from SCMAI a clarification
of certain language in the SCMAI report on
J. Michael McConnell.

DIRECTED the ACRL Committee on Academic
Status to develop an instrument for gathering
and publicizing salary information for
academic librarians that will be made avail-
able annually in College & Research Li-
braries News.

APPROVED the establishment of another ACRL
chapter, the Association of College and Re-
search Libraries of the Illinois Library Asso-
ciation.

VOTED to accept the report of the ACRL Plan-
ning Committee in which the committee rec-
ommended “in the strongest possible terms
that the Board convey to the ALA Commit-
tee on Planning the following message:
ACRL firmly believes that success in all of
the programs reflected in [the ALA commit-
tees’s] draft of a goal statement will be de-
pendent upon implementation through the
divisions, not ALA headquarters.”

AGREED to support the grant proposal presented
by the ACRL Committee on Standards and
Accreditation to fund Phase II of the revision
of the 1959 Standards for College Libraries.

FORWARDED to the ACRL Committee on Stan-
ards and Accreditation the tentative state-
ment “Commitment to Reference Services,”
developed by the RASD Standards Commit-
tee, and the 1966 Statement of Service to Li-
brary Users, approved by the ACRL Board
at the 1966 Midwinter Meeting, with the
strong recommendation that the committee
consider both in the light of the necessity of
developing guidelines or standards for per-
formance measurement with respect to the
effective allocation of library resources.

VOTED to change the ACRL Ad Hoc Commit-
tee on Bibliographic Instruction to a Task
Force on Bibliographic Instruction, to in-
crease its membership to eight, and to revise
and expand its charge.

AGREED that the members of the advisory com-
mittee for the Black Internship project be
drawn from the membership of the commit-
tee which drew up the proposal.

ACCEPTED the report of the ACRL Committee
on Legislation regarding the draft report of
the National Commission on Libraries and
Information Science and a proposed draft of
an ALA legislative policy.

VOTED to assign a definite term of appointment,
two to three years, to all ACRL committees
and/or task forces, with renewal dependent
upon a positive performance evaluation of
the committee by the ACRL Planning Com-
mittee.

DIRECTED the chairman of the ACRL Commit-
tee on Appointments and Nominations to
contact in writing the chairmen of ACRL
committees concerning appointments and re-
appointments to those committees.

APPROVED program plans for two ACRL pre-
conferences prior to the San Francisco An-
nual Conference in 1975: one sponsored by
the ACRL Committee on Academic Status,
on the governance of the academic library,
and one sponsored by the ACRL Rare Books
and Manuscripts Section, on eighteenth-cen-
tury bibliography.

APPROVED as policy the statements on “Repro-
duction of Manuscripts and Archives for Noncommercial Purposes” and “Access to
Original Research Materials in Libraries, Archives, and Manuscript Repositories”

SUPPORTED a resolution, sponsored by the Com-
mittee on Manuscripts Collections of the
Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, which
favors the changing of tax laws to allow tax
deductions for self-created works of art.

APPROVED a proposal of the Rare Books and
Manuscripts Section to display at the 1976
Annual Conference in Chicago an exhibit of
original archival materials dealing with the
Bicentennial.

ACCEPTED the report of the ALA Ad Hoc Com-
mittee on the Depository Library System as
presented and approved by the ACRL Law
and Political Science Section and voted to re-
quest that the section be represented on the
committee.

VOTED to invite a group of Japanese junior col-
lege librarians to attend the 1974 Annual
Conference in New York and recommended
that the ACRL Community and Junior Col-
lege Libraries Section serve as host to the
group.

AGREED to undertake an evaluation of the per-
formance of the ACRL Executive Secretary.

VOTED to encourage Charles E. Hale, doctoral
student at the Graduate Library School at
Indiana University, to write a history of
ACRL.