ACRL Board of Directors’ actions, January 2012
Highlights of the Board’s Midwinter meetings

During the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas, Texas, the ACRL Board of Directors met on January 21 and 23 and took the following actions:

Value of Academic Libraries
Goal: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

• Approved submission by February 1, 2012, of an IMLS demonstration grant, Assessment in Action: Academic Libraries and Student Success, for up to $250,000 and authorized staff to complete and submit the grant proposal.

Student Learning
Goal: Librarians transform student learning, pedagogy, and instructional practices through creative and innovative collaborations.

• Confirmed its virtual vote held 8/24/11–8/31/11, which approved endorsing the New Leadership Alliance for Student Learning and Accountability’s document “Assuring Quality, Accounting for Learning: Guidelines for Gathering and Reporting Evidence of Student Learning and Using It To Improve Outcomes.”

• Approved the revised “Characteristics of Programs of Information Literacy that Illustrate Best Practices” and rescinded the previous version of this document.

Enabling Programs and Services
Goal: Strategic goal areas will be supported by financial and operational planning, and will guide the development and implementation of programs and services that target education, advocacy, and member engagement.

• Adopted the revised Division-level Committee structure and transition/disposition plan as detailed at www.ala.org/acrl/sites/ala.org.acrl/files/content/Doc_8.1_Approved_Committee_Structure.pdf.

• Created the ACRL Task Force on the Structure for Core Organizational Values with the charge, tasks, deadlines, and membership as detailed at www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/taskforces/tfs.

• Approved the revised “ACRL/RBMS Guidelines for Interlibrary and Exhibition Loan of Special Collections Materials” (2005) and “ACRL Guidelines for the Interlibrary Loan of Rare and Unique Materials” (2004).


• Approved the January 10, 2012, Board Conference Call Meeting Minutes.

• Confirmed its virtual vote held 11/15/11–11/22/11, which adopted the 2011–2012 Plan for Excellence Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) (see www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/strategicplan).