During the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, the ACRL Board of Directors met on June 25 and June 27. The Board met with the leaders of its three goal-area committees—Value of Academic Libraries, Student Learning, and Research and Scholarly Environment—to assess progress on the Plan for Excellence. With feedback from the Board, these committees will finalize their reports and develop their work plan for 2016–17.

The Board also received updates from the ACRL representative to the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, the ACRL liaison to the ALA Board, and a representative from the Library of Congress National and International Outreach.

Board members, whose service ended at the close of the 2016 ALA Annual Conference—Karen A. Williams, Douglas K. Lehman, Julie Ann Garrison, and Marilyn N. Ochoa—were recognized and thanked for their service.

The ACRL Board of Directors took the following actions:

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

- Approved the creation of the ACRL Diversity Alliance with the goal of increasing the pipeline of qualified talented individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups through the creation and support of residency programs.
- Approved the ACRL Value of Academic Libraries Statement.

### Research and scholarly environment
**Goal Area:** Librarians accelerate the transition to more open and equitable systems of scholarship.

- Approved the Policy Statement on Open Access to Scholarship by Academic Librarians.

### Enabling programs and services
**Goal Area:** Education—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.

- Confirmed the virtual vote approving Wendy Holliday and Michelle Millet as the Immersion Faculty co-coordinators.

Enabling programs and services
Goal Area: Publications—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.

- Confirmed the virtual vote approving Daniel Mack as the Publications-in-Librarianship editor.
- Confirmed the virtual vote approving the collaboration of CHOICE and The Charleston Company on a new online review resource for academic databases.
- Confirmed the virtual vote approving the Standards for Distance Learning Library Services.
- Approved the rescission of the Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education and asked that resources supporting the Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education be shared on the Information Literacy Framework sandbox that will launch in fall 2016.
- Approved the RBMS Guidelines on the Selection and Transfer of Materials from General Collections to Special Collections, 2016 Revision.

Enabling programs and services
Goal Area: Operations—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.

- Confirmed the virtual vote approving the minutes of the virtual ACRL Board of Directors Spring meeting held April 7, 2016.
- Confirmed the virtual vote approving the minutes of the ACRL Board of Directors meetings at the 2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, held January 9 and 11.
- Confirmed the virtual vote approving the revised ACRL Plan for Excellence.
- Approved changes to the award criteria for the LPSS Marta Lange/SAGE-CQ Press Award.
- Approved the FY16 budget as presented:
  - Total ACRL revenues of $4,783,969
  - Total ACRL expenses of $5,079,373
  - Net ACRL revenues of ($295,404)
  - Total CHOICE revenues of $3,129,467
  - Total CHOICE expenses of $3,385,618
  - Net CHOICE revenues of ($256,151)
- Approved the recommendation to increase dues by $1 for regular members, student, and retired members according to the 1.6% increase in the HEPI index as allowed by ACRL bylaws. The FY17 rates will be:
  - Personal members: $63
  - Student members: $41
  - Retired members: $41

Note: The ACRL FY17 budget’s net deficit is a planned spend-down of its net asset balance. The deficit includes costs for the next steps for research in the value of academic libraries initiative and the development of curricula for new professional development initiatives.

Enabling programs and services
Goal Area: Member engagement—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.

- Confirmed the virtual vote approving the Section Transition Policy.
- Confirmed the virtual vote approving the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education Review Task Force.
• Confirmed the virtual vote approving the New Roles and Changing Landscapes division-level committee.
• Confirmed the virtual vote approving the Status of Academic Librarians Standards and Guidelines Review Task Force.
• Approved the name change of the Law and Political Science Section (LPSS) to the Politics, Policy and International Relations (PPIR) Section.
• Approved the renewal of the Library and Information Science (LIS) Education Interest Group.
• Approved the renewal of the Technical Services Interest Group.
• Approved the renewal of the Numeric and Geospatial Data Services in Academic Libraries Interest Group.
• Established the Contemplative Pedagogy Interest Group.

ACRL Policy Statement on Open Access to Scholarship by Academic Librarians, approved by the ACRL Board of Directors during the ALA Annual Conference, June 2016

Scholarship by academic librarians advances the fields of library and information science, influences practices of aligned professions, and informs effective advocacy. In support of broad and timely dissemination of library and information science scholarship, the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) encourages academic librarians to publish in open access journals. When academic librarians choose to publish in subscription-based journals, ACRL recommends a standard practice of depositing the final accepted manuscript in a repository to make that version openly accessible. The author should be responsible for determining at what date the deposited manuscript becomes openly accessible, taking into account applicable institutional or funder policies, as well as other relevant considerations.

ACRL further encourages academic librarians to make other forms of scholarship, such as monographs, presentations, grey literature, and data, openly accessible. It is also imperative that publishers of library and information science scholarship explore and implement publishing models to make their content openly accessible as soon as possible. Librarians who are editors, reviewers, and authors should assist with this effort by engaging with their publishers about these models.

online. If the institution does not have an online platform, and if it is an OCLC member, it would have access to CONTENTdm’s “quick start,” which is included in the library’s subscription at no additional charge. This trial version of the popular DAMS permits the repository to store and manage up to 100 digital records, all hosted by OCLC. Once the repository’s digital presence is established, it could then promote it to the community for its positive outreach benefits, and if successful, expand the subscription so as to up the storage capacity and item count in the database. As an added benefit, these digital or virtual collections requiring no physical storage space in the library.