

**Report on ACRL Chapters Council Meeting at ALA Mid-Winter  
June 26, 2011, New Orleans, LA**

Mark Lenker, ACRL Chapters Council Chair, briefly explained the role of the Chapters Council, which is to improve communication and relations among the 42 local chapters and ACRL at the national level. Officers were elected for 2012: Danielle Whren Johnson, Vice Chair; Tracey Olanyk, Secretary. Rickey Best is 2012 chair. Two positions still need be filled: listserv administrator and legislative network liaison.

A draft resolution put forth at the MidWinter Chapters Council meeting is being submitted to ACRL board. The resolution states that chapters should receive increased funding per member of ACRL to coincide with ACRL Board's policy to make dues increases based on the HEPI index. This would allow chapters to get more than the current \$1.00 per ACRL member. It was reiterated that it is important for ACRL chapters to apply for the funds each year - some chapters don't do this and so there are unused funds that just roll over into the ACRL general pool. Chapters can apply for funds to be used for a number of things (examples: supplies for conference, postage to promote events, funding travel/honorarium/etc. for non-librarian speakers at events, membership recruitment, newsletters). Also, if a chapter holds a membership drive, it can obtain \$10 per new ACRL member gained during the drive. Chapter representatives shared innovative and effective ways of using their funds (Amy has the complete list if anyone is interested).

ACRL Officers visited the meeting and gave the following reports [taken directly from minutes]:

Lisa Hinchliffe mentioned ACRL's new Plan for Excellence and explained there was lots of member engagement in creating the plan. It is a focused strategic plan. The three goal areas are the value of academic libraries, student learning, and research and the scholarly environment. Committees already working in two of these areas were identified: student learning and scholarly communication. They created a value of academic libraries committee to cover the third area. The focus for the coming year will be engaging with the report and the research agenda in the report. ACRL is working on revising standards for libraries in higher education. They have worked through a draft and it is sitting in front of standards committee. It will then go before the board if all goes well. ACRL wants to be able to highlight how people are using this values initiative and allow people to share the things that they are developing. There is a blog on the Values website to share what people are doing. Lisa Hinchliffe has been presenting this report at various library conferences both nationally and internationally as well as higher education conferences. ACRL has applied for planning grant from IMLS. They want to bring together teams from across universities to show what libraries are doing for ROI.

Joyce Ogburn will be implementing the strategic plan as the incoming ACRL president. She explained we have to align resources with our highest priorities. They are working with principles for budgeting. ACRL has a shortfall for this fiscal year. They can cover it with reserves, but can't do that forever. ACRL also needs to figure out how to fund CR&L now that it is open access. They have sent out a survey to see if people are interested in it going e-only. Ogburn also shared that committee appointments are almost done. There are currently about 70 committees. They will be looking at the structure of committees over the next couple years.

Mary Ellen Davis spoke about ongoing professional development programs. They received good evaluations from ACRL in Philadelphia. She said it is not too soon to start thinking about 2013 in Indianapolis. There are also lots of e-programs that are being put together. Get in touch with Katherine Deiss (kdeiss@ala.org) if you have ideas for new e-programs or presenters. Davis

asked if the chapters would be interested in hosting a small talk or workshop on scholarly communication. Based on a show of hands the majority of attendees would be interested in finding out more about that. Davis also explained that ACRL does not get anything as a division of ALA. All funding comes from division revenues. They are currently holding positions open to help deal with the budget shortfall. Davis also talked about the challenge of the mid-winter ACRL Presidential Candidate's Forum. She explained that technology has kind of overtaken this. Compressed schedules are also a factor. They did a webcast and few people attended. There were also articles in CR&L News. Davis said they would keep doing that and the webinar, but she is not sure what the value of an in person forum is if people aren't coming. They have lost funding for lunch, which used to draw people.

The Online Communications Committee of Chapters Council (which met later that afternoon, and over email after the meeting) decided to set up a blog, so it will soon be easier to keep up with current events in other ACRL chapters. Officers of local chapters and others will be contributors to the blog, and it will hopefully be a source of programming ideas and chapter news. The information contained in the blog will be different than that presented in Chapter Topics (the Chapters Council newsletter). Blog address: <http://acr1.ala.org/acrlchapters> Amy Eklund set up the blog and will serve as blog administrator; Cynthia Dudenhoffer will serve as moderator. The blog will be formally announced and launched at ALA Midwinter 2012.

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