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From the President:

Somehow it seems too soon to think that this will be my last column for the *Newsletter* in my capacity as president. It has been a busy and rewarding year so far and, like Bill Clinton, I intend to work for the membership of AACRL until my last day in office. Of course, this is only possible with the numerous contributions of the Executive Board.

President-Elect Jean Thomason and her Program Planning Committee have made arrangements for an excellent and timely program on library mentoring. More information and a registration form are located inside this newsletter. This is one program (and delicious annual dinner) you don't want to miss!

In this issue you will also find a ballot for the positions of president-elect and treasurer. Please help elect the candidate of your choice. The voting process is simpler than in Florida and if a recount is necessary, it won't require the Supreme Court for a final decision.

Treasurer Susan Herring has good financial news to report. Also, as of this writing, she is taking care of state and federal income tax obligations arising from our new status as a non-profit corporation.

Secretary Jennifer Long will distribute via the AACRL listserv a copy of the April 5, 2000 annual meeting minutes taken by last year's secretary, Margaret Alexander. Please review the minutes since members attending the April 11, 2001 annual meeting need to approve the previous year's annual meeting minutes.

The proposed changes to the bylaws pertaining to membership voting described in the December 2000 issue of the *AACRL Newsletter* were voted on and approved by the Executive Board at a meeting held on January 26. The bylaws changes will be presented for approval to the membership attending the annual meeting.

In November, Legislative Liaison Eric A. Kidwell alerted me to the fact that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) was planning on dropping the criteria concerning libraries and librarians from their accreditation standards. Eric quickly drafted a letter that I then lightly edited and sent out in my name on behalf of the AACRL Executive Board to SACS expressing our concern.

I am happy to say that our letter plus those of 134 other concerned persons has persuaded SACS to include at least some mention of libraries and librarians in their accreditation standards. However, this issue will require monitoring in the future.

Member-at-Large Michael Grace has been making efforts to recruit new members and to keep the AACRL institutional liaison network going. If your membership is expiring soon, please RENEW! If you would like to serve as the AACRL liaison for your library, please contact Mike.

Let me take this opportunity to publicly thank the AACRL Executive Board for their service. Without their help, virtually nothing would have been accomplished this past year:

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Mentoring Librarians AACRL Dinner Meeting

You are invited to attend the annual AACRL business and program meeting to be held in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association Convention in April. The program will feature the Library Mentoring Program at Auburn University with panel members Stella Bentley, Sterling Coleman, and Sheri Downer. Dr. Bentley is Dean of the Library and has fostered and supported the mentoring program. Ms. Downer, Assistant Dean for Technical Services and Systems has served as a mentor, and Mr. Coleman was mentored in the Auburn program. This is an excellent opportunity for information on recruiting, mentoring, and retaining professionals. Plan to attend and bring your ideas and questions.

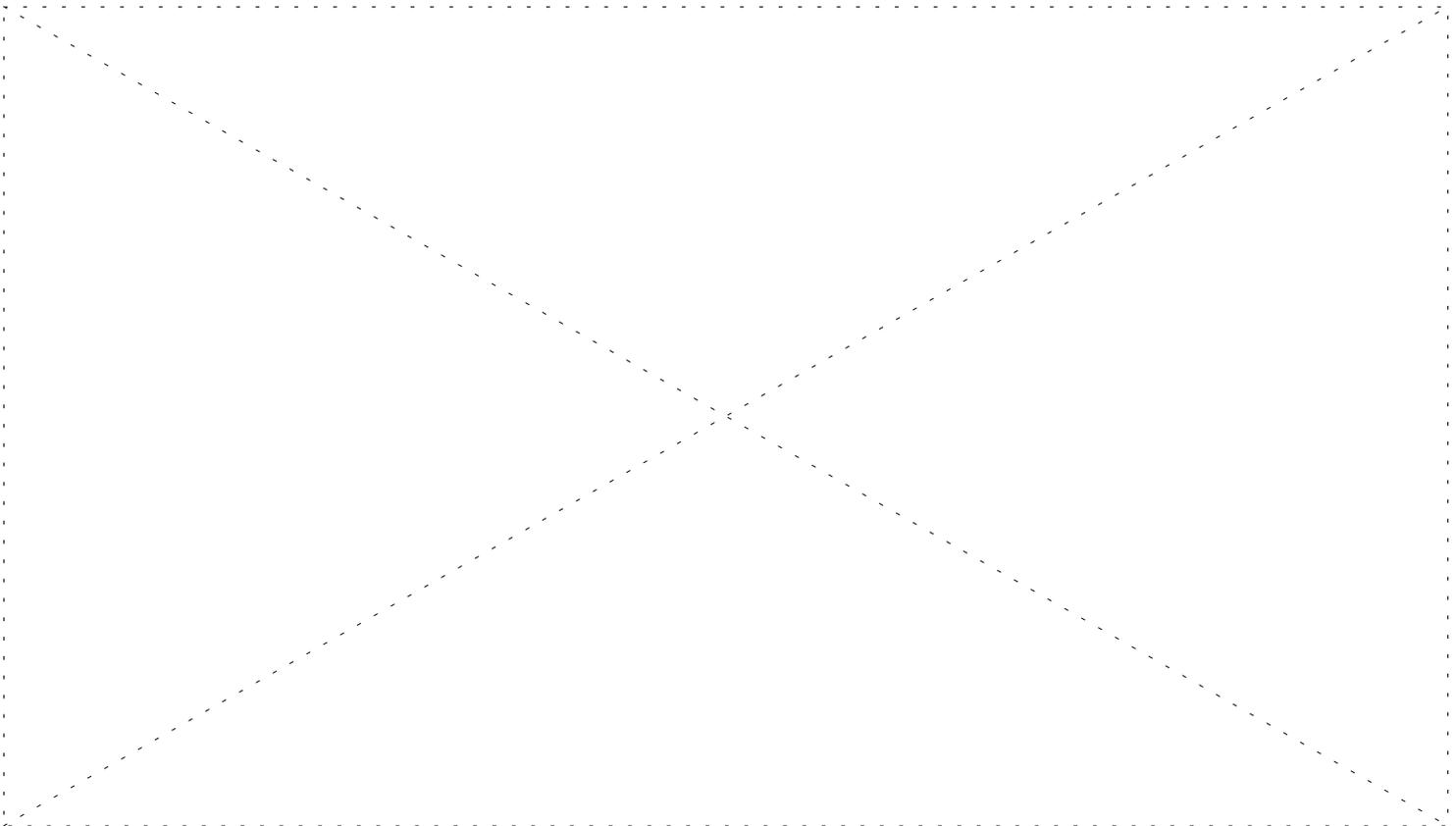
Location: RSA Plaza Terrace, 770 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2001
Time: 6:00 p.m. Hospitality
6:30 p.m. Dinner
Program to follow immediately
Cost: \$35.00 per person

Reservations due by March 23, 2001. Complete the form found in the newsletter and mail to Susan Herring, Library, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, AL 35899.

Map and reservation form also available at <http://faculty.samford.edu/~mbthomas/aacrl.htm>

— Jean Thomason
Vice-President/President Elect

Map to RSA Plaza



ALA Legislative Day

ALA's Annual Legislative Day this spring is scheduled for April 30 and May 1, in Washington, D.C. ACRL continues to encourage more academic and research librarians to attend this annual event, to help communicate the needs of academic and research libraries to their congressional representatives. For complete information, including reservations at the event hotel, go to the web page for Legislative Day at the ALA's Washington Office - <http://www.ala.org/washoff/legday.html>.

If you are planning to attend, please contact ACRL and let them know. ACRL has begun a new tradition of sponsoring a lunch for academic and research librarians who attend Legislative Day, and will be able to provide you with useful information, particularly if this is your first experience with the event.

— Eric A. Kidwell
Legislative Liaison

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Jean Thomason (President-Elect), Pat Henderson (Past President), Jennifer Long (Secretary), Susan Herring (Treasurer), Michael Grace (Member-at-Large/Chapter Liaison), Eric A. Kidwell (Legislative Liaison), and Della Darby (Newsletter Editor). In addition I would like to thank Nan Vodde who briefly served as Newsletter Editor and Craig Beard, a former Past President who together with Secretary Jennifer Long worked on resolving an apparent conflict in the Bylaws.

Tim Dodge
President

ACRL Chapter Relations Council Meeting

The ACRL Chapter Relations Council Meeting took place as scheduled on January 14 as part of the American Library Association Midwinter Conference in Washington, D.C. this year. Council Chair Evelyn Minick opened the meeting with a brief review of the purpose of the Council and stressed that this was the only real way for ACRL officers and state affiliates to meet to share ideas, news, etc. Approximately 25 to 30 representatives of the 42 affiliates were in attendance.

Vice Chair Linda Kopecky announced that she was still soliciting nominations for the positions of Vice Chair, Secretary, and ACRL Director-at-Large for the 2001-2002 membership year. (Note: I had already contacted Kopecky in December 2000 to express my interest in the position of Secretary. Elections will take place at the next Council meeting in June in San Francisco).

Secretary Sherri Edwards passed out copies of the minutes of the July 9, 2000 meeting held in Chicago. The minutes were approved.

ACRL Member Services Coordinator Melissa Cast promoted the forthcoming national conference that will take place in Denver in March. ACRL's information literacy standards are now in their fourth printing. February 2 was promoted as Job Shadow Day: librarians are encouraged to invite students of junior high and high school age to observe them at work. It is hoped this will be one way of recruiting future librarians. Cast also mentioned the forthcoming New Member Mentoring Program.

ACRL President Betsy Wilson addressed the Chapter Relations Council next. She also promoted the national conference that will take place in Denver. Wilson announced that Past-President Larry Hardesty has agreed to serve as chair of the committee that will organize the 2003 national ACRL conference that will take place in Charlotte, N.C. Wilson also reported on the recent ACRL Member Survey. Results indicate that members value professional development and publications supplied by the ACRL. Finally, Wilson announced plans for making available scholarships so that persons currently enrolled in library school or new to the profession can attend national ACRL conferences.

ACRL President-Elect Mary Reichel said that her priorities for the coming year include following the ACRL Strategic Plan. The theme for ACRL currently is "ACRL - Learning Community for Excellence and Academic Libraries." She encouraged Council representatives to recruit new members. Reichel also plans to promote information literacy and to encourage library leaders to confront the new realities of the information age.

ACRL Member Services Melissa Cast reported on the incorporation status of state affiliates. The Georgia chapter has merged with the Georgia state library association, the Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia chapter is in the process of incorporating, and there was no news concerning the Arkansas chapter. In response to the

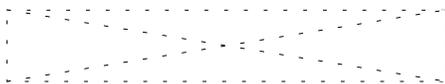
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Treasurer's Report

As of the end of January, 2001, AACRL had a balance of \$5,546.64. This balance is the direct result of two years of deliberate frugality on the part of the AACRL officers, in preparation for the unknown expenses surrounding incorporation. During this time, we have been very fortunate in finding excellent speakers for our annual meetings and sponsoring meaningful workshops without great expense. Now that we have completed the incorporation process (at a much lower cost than anticipated), we are in a good position to offer outstanding programs and speakers during the coming years.

However, in order to continue providing high-quality programming, we need the support of the AACRL membership. Please take a moment to check the mailing label on this newsletter. If you have not yet renewed for the coming year, please do so now. Also, this is a good time to send in your registration for the annual dinner. Your ongoing support, as shown through your dues and participation in AACRL events, will help make AACRL an even better organization than it is today.

— Susan Herring



New Member

Marcus Kieltyka
Reference Librarian
Auburn University

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ACRL directive of 1997, 11 state chapters have incorporated as non-profit organizations and 14 have merged with state library associations. As the Alabama representative, I was proud to announce the incorporation of the AACRL as a non-profit corporation on October 23, 2000. Unfortunately, no one at the meeting could supply me with helpful information concerning our new income tax obligations.

Next to address the council was Lynn Bradley, Director of Government Relations at the American Library Association's Washington, D.C. Office. The major issue facing librarians now is the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). Bradley asked for help from academic librarians. For example, we could supply information and case history examples of situations where UCITA would or could seriously harm the free flow and use of information for scholarly/educational purposes. Call 1-800-941-8478 for more information on UCITA, copyright issues, and copyright educational programs. Already, versions of UCITA have become law in Maryland and Virginia. UCITA is also under consideration in the legislatures of Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, and Iowa.

ACRL Executive Director Althea Jenkins announced that the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) of 1996 will be up for reauthorization with the new Congress and needs to be strengthened. The act needs to become more inclusive in scope and federal funding, ideally, should be increased from \$150,000,000 to \$500,000,000.

Jenkins encouraged librarians to contact their Congresspeople to support the reauthorization.

Ms. Pat Walker, ACRL Chapter Relations Council Legislative Network Coordinator, said that all 42 chapters have a Legislative Liaison in place (Eric A. Kidwell serves in this capacity for Alabama). Walker said academic librarians are still underrepresented at ALA Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. each year. For 2001, Legislative Day will take place on two days, April 30 - May 1.

The meeting ended with an interesting Power Point presentation by Mr. Merrill Stein and Susan Ottignon of Villanova University (Florida): "ACRL Review of Chapter Web Sites." They reported that 22 chapters out of a total of 42 have a functioning web site. The web sites were evaluated by criteria including content and design. Highlights included the Delaware Valley Chapter's, the Louisiana Chapter's ("simple yet elegant") and the Texas Library Association's ("clear identification of affiliation"). Stein and Ottignon reviewed some suggested "best practices" and stressed that a chapter's web site serves as an electronic calling card.

— Tim Dodge

And the Nominees are ...

Vice-President/President Elect

Marcia L. Boosinger

Chair, Reference and Instruction Services, Auburn University Libraries

Education:

B.A., English and French Education, Purdue University; M.S., Library, Media, and Instructional Development, Purdue University; M.L.S., University of Alabama

Experience:

Bibliographic Instruction/Humanities Reference Librarian, Auburn University Libraries, 1986-1998,

Professional Activities:

ALA: Alabama Chapter Councilor, 1996-2003; ACRL: University Library Section, 1986-; Bibliographic Instruction Section, 1986-; Library Administration and Management Association; Library Instruction Round Table: Public Relations and Membership Committee, 1993-1997; Alabama Library Association: Executive Council Member, 1996-2000; Annual Convention Co-Chair, 1995; College, University, and Special Libraries Division: Member-at-Large for By-laws, 1991-92; Member-at-Large for Projects, 1990-92; Research Committee, 1988-89; Alabama Library Instruction Round Table: Moderator, 1990-91; Moderator-elect, 1989-90; Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries: Treasurer, 1995-97; Planning Committee, 1992-93; Beta Phi Mu Library Science Honorary, Beta Kappa Chapter: Chair, 1991-92; Chair-elect, 1990-91

Treasurer:

Barbara Goss

Technical Services Librarian
Houghton Memorial Library
Huntingdon College

Education:

Bachelor of Arts (English) - University of Montevallo; MLS - University of Alabama

Experience:

Technical Services Librarian, Huntingdon College: 1 year
Prior to library school, 12 years' experience in management for environmental engineering consulting firms

Professional Activities:

American Library Association; Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries; Montgomery Area Librarians' Roundtable - Huntingdon College representative

Awards & Honors: attended graduate school on Gates Library Foundation scholarship/internship

Treasurer:

Mary Alice Fields

Music Librarian, The University of Alabama Libraries, Tuscaloosa

Education:

B.A., Huntingdon College; M.M., Peabody College of Vanderbilt University; M.A. (Library and Information Studies), University of South Florida

Experience:

Public Services Librarian, Birmingham-Southern College, 1992-2000; Librarian (various positions), Alabama Public Library Service 1980-1992; Librarian (Technical Services), University of South Florida, 1978-1980

Professional Activities:

Alabama Library Association, Alabama Association of Colleges and Research Libraries, American Library Association, Association of Colleges and Research Libraries, national and international music library associations

AACRL Liaisons Needed

AACRL is looking for volunteers to serve as liaisons. The liaison from each institution assists the Member-at-Large in recruiting new members and passing along information about AACRL activities.

If you know that your institution does not have a liaison and you would like to serve as a liaison or know of any colleagues that you would like me to invite to join, please contact me.

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Time to Renew Your Membership?

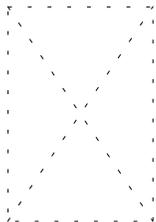
Look at the upper right hand corner of the mailing label on this newsletter -- if it reads EX: 12/00 or EX: 12/01, your membership in AACRL either has already expired or will expire at the end of this year. This is a good time to send in your renewal. Use the enclosed membership form to update your membership data. To save time and effort, renew for three years!

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