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### From the President:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president this year. A special thank you to Tim Dodge for his excellent leadership as president last year. Appreciation to Pat Henderson, past president, Jennifer Long, secretary, Susan Herring, treasurer, Michael Grace, member at large, Eric Kidwell, legislative liaison, and Della Darby, newsletter editor.

The officers for 2001-2002 were announced at the annual business meeting. Vice-President/President elect is Marcia Boosinger; graciously agreeing to serve as secretary for a second year is Jennifer Long; treasurer is Mary Alice Fields; continuing his hard work as legislative liaison is Eric Kidwell; and newsletter editor is Della Darby, who was tapped for service midway last year.

The AACRL executive board met June 26 to prepare for the new year. President - elect Marcia Boosinger is busy planning a workshop for early January as well as the annual dinner / business meeting / program which will be held at the ALLA convention in Huntsville. The executive board anticipates a good year. We encourage your participation and your input.

Jean Thomason  
*President*

### AACRL Workshop

Mark your calendars for the fourth week in January when AACRL will sponsor a workshop at Samford University on designing active learning for information literacy outcomes and how to collaborate with faculty to make that happen.

The workshop will be given by Randy Hensley, Public Services Division Head, University of Hawaii at Manoa Libraries and faculty member in ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Institute since 1998. Randy is a dynamic and entertaining speaker and teacher who holds the M.L.S. in Library & Information Science from the University of California at Berkeley and an M.A. in Sociology from California State University, Chico. He has held a number of professional positions at the University of Washington and Cal State Chico and has presentations and publications to his credit too numerous to count. He has been the Chair of ACRL's Instruction Section as well as holding numerous other offices in the ACRL Instruction Section.

The workshop will be held on January 23. The cost and more details on Randy's presentation will be forthcoming in the next AACRL newsletter.

— Marcia Boosinger  
*Vice President/President-Elect*

## Mentoring Librarians AACRL Dinner Meeting

The annual AACRL business and program meeting at the RSA Plaza Terrace in Montgomery was very informative. The program featured 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. The following is taken from their notes.

### Administrator

The first residency program began in 1994 with funding support from the campus. The first resident was in place for the academic year 1995-96. After that, funding was unavailable.

There had been one participant in the initial program. In 1997, with a library faculty of 41, only one was from a minority group. Many believed that minority librarians could not be attracted to Auburn. This necessitated a new initiative with new funding. The program was reinstated in 1998, and was funded using budget lines that were vacant due to retirements and/or resignations and reorganization.

The goals of the residency program include: attracting new minority librarians to academic librarianship; providing a supportive environment for the residents' first professional position; increasing library faculty diversity at Auburn University; and attracting more diverse pools for tenure track positions.

The AU residency program is a two year appointment. Residents rotate through various units of the library, based on their interests. Research time is built into the work schedule. Residents are given committee assignments, provided professional opportunities and tenure track opportunities.

The focus of the residency is to enable the resident to experience a variety of assignments; provide a solid introductory professional experience; assist the resident to become an active participant in professional activities; and assist the resident to establish a publishing record.

— Stella Bentley

### Participant

Auburn University's Library Mentoring Program is a Library Residency Program. It is designed to give two members of an underrepresented racial or ethnic group an opportunity

to serve as non-tenure track librarians in an academic library. The time limit of the program is two years.

The Library Resident is permitted to work in different library departments of their choosing with their duties assigned to them by their supervisors. The Library Resident works on a rotational basis in different departments from one semester to the next.

My rotation schedule involved working in the Reference Department during the Fall Term of 1999, the Interlibrary Loan Department during the Winter Term of 2000, the Cataloging Department during the Spring and Summer Semesters 2000, and the Acquisitions Department during the Fall Semester 2000. I was actively engaged in committee work, research, seminars, and conferences as a representative of the RBD Library.

The Library Residency Program is a learning opportunity. It is also an opportunity to grow within the profession. It allowed me a chance to test the theoretical aspects of academic librarianship that I had learned in library school against the real world of academic librarianship itself. It also served as a professional launching pad for me to move onward and upward in this profession.

— Sterling Coleman

## Membership Report

There are 129 active members in AACRL. Our database contains records for 64 members whose membership has lapsed.

If you know of someone who has retired or moved out of state, yet is still receiving an AACRL newsletter, please contact Mary Alice Fields at [mafields@bama.ua.edu](mailto:mafields@bama.ua.edu) so that their record may be purged.

If your membership has lapsed, please take this opportunity to renew. There is a membership form on page five. Thanks!



## Treasurer's Report

The balance on the first of April was \$ 6,438.77. As of the end of July 2001, AACRL had a balance of \$5,513.87. This follows payment of expenses for the annual dinner and business meeting, payment of the exempt status filing fee of \$150 to the US Treasury, and one three-year membership renewal.

— Mary Alice Fields  
Treasurer

## News from the Membership

Now available from ACRL Electronic Books Market: <http://acrl.telusys.com/epubs/>

*InPrint : Publishing Opportunities for College Librarians*, edited by Alice Bahr, Spring Hill College.

*Directory of Curriculum Materials Centers*, edited by Fred Olive, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

This is a new feature of the newsletter. Please send your news for the December issue to Della Darby [dhdarby@samford.edu](mailto:dhdarby@samford.edu).

## ACRL Chapters Council Meeting

Sunday, June 17, 2001, ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco

The ACRL Chapters Council met at 8:30 am at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco on Sunday, June 17. Elections for officers were held and Alabama's own Tim Dodge was elected Secretary of the Chapters Council for a one-year term. A new Chapters Council and Chapters Affiliates brochure was distributed which described what ACRL chapters are, how ACRL supports chapters and what Chapters Council is.

The Council heard from Betsy Wilson, the outgoing ACRL President who discussed the ACRL Initiative Fund that has been used by chapters to support new initiatives. Chapters may apply each year for an Initiative Fund grant of up to \$2,500. Projects are awarded on a competitive basis and should meet the goals of the ACRL Strategic Plan. The guidelines for the Initiative Fund are being examined to bring them more in line with what chapters need to have funded.

Incoming ACRL President Mary Reichel pointed out two new brochures from ACRL, *Student's Guide to Evaluating Libraries in Colleges and Universities*, and *Your Major--Academic Librarianship as a Career*, which can be ordered in quantities for distribution on your campuses. She also reminded attendees that ACRL provides funding for chapters in the amount of \$1.00 for each national ACRL personal member living in the geographic region served by the chapter. Beginning in the 1999–2000 fiscal year, ACRL grants to each chapter \$10 for each new national ACRL member living in the chapter's geographic region who joined ACRL during the previous fiscal year, if the chapter conducted ACRL membership recruitment activities during the previous year and summarized them in its annual report. Her theme for her presidency is "ACRL: The Learning Community for Excellence in Academic Libraries."

Helen Spaulding, President-Elect

of ACRL, also gave her presidential theme as "New Realities, New Relationships." She also reminded everyone of the ACRL 11th National Conference: *Learning to Make a Difference*, to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, April 10-13, 2003 and the fact that it is not too early to start thinking about a poster or program proposal. Althea Jenkins, ACRL Executive Director, who spoke to the AACRL annual dinner when the ALLA conference was in Birmingham, said farewell as she will become Director of the Libraries at Florida State, and in her place, Mary Ellen Davis will become Executive Director of ACRL.

Pat Walker, Legislative Network Coordinator, reported on CIPA and its effect on academic libraries if they qualify for an e-rate as part of a consortium that includes K-12 schools. She also reported on two Senate bills, the E-Government Act which will address the life cycle of government information, and the Copyright and Distance Education Bill that updates copyright for distance education. Carol Ashworth, UCITA Coordinator for the ALA Washington Office, discussed the progress of UCITA legislation nationwide, the beginnings of anti-UCITA legislation in some states, and urged ongoing vigilance related to possible passage of UCITA legislation in our states.

Unfortunately, I had to leave the meeting before the Chapters' update portion of the meeting in order to represent the Alabama Library Association as the Alabama Councilor on the ALA Council, so I did not hear firsthand the new ideas for activities programs that I know abound from other chapters around the country. I would encourage you to read the latest chapter reports in Chapter Topics at [www.ala.org/acrl/ct/ctv22n1.html#chapters](http://www.ala.org/acrl/ct/ctv22n1.html#chapters) for an idea of the initiatives other ACRL chapters have undertaken.

I was honored to represent our chapter and look forward to attending Chapters Council again at Midwinter.

— Marcia Boosinger

## Call for Nominees

If you have been looking for a chance to get more involved with AACRL, how about running for an office on the Executive Board? Speaking from experience, I can say that this is a great way to further the cause of academic libraries around the state, meet many new colleagues and friends, and concretely contribute to the development of our profession.

The elections will take place early in 2002 with new officers to be installed at the annual business meeting / dinner / program in April. The following positions are open:

Vice-President/President-Elect  
Secretary  
Member-at-Large

The first position is a three-year commitment (the second year is served as President and the third year as Past-President) and the other two positions are both two-year commitments. Position descriptions are available upon request.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** nominees must be current members of both AACRL and the ACRL division of the American Library Association.

Self-nominations are encouraged. If you nominate someone else, please obtain his or her permission first.

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## AACRL Tax-Exempt Status to Be Filed

One important task for the Executive Board to accomplish this year is the filing of the tax-exempt status of AACRL arising from our incorporation as a non-profit corporation last fall. Fortunately, federal law allows us a 15-month period starting from the date of incorporation (October 23, 2000).

The two main options are to file as either a Section 501 (c) (3) or a Section 501 (c) (6) organization with the Internal Revenue Service. Former Treasurer Susan Herring helped investigate these options before her term in office expired.

Briefly, a Section 501 (c) (3) organization is operated exclusively for educational purposes (among other options). Such an organization must not "as a substantial part of its activities attempt to influence legislation." A Section 501 (c) (6) organization is considered to be a business league. This means the organization's pur-

pose is to promote a common interest "and not to engage in a regular business of the kind ordinarily carried on for profit." Educating the public and promoting higher standards are appropriate activities. Such an organization "may work for the enactment of laws to advance the common business interests of the organization's members."

Obviously, AACRL could fit in either category of tax-exempt organization. Looking to other library associations as a model does not indicate a clear course of action. The Alabama Library Association is a Section 501 (c) (6) organization whereas the American Library Association is a 501 (c) (3) organization. While still serving as President, I surveyed the Executive Board and we came to the conclusion that AACRL would best be served by filing as a Section 501 (c) (6) organization, mainly because we would not be restricted from attempt-

ing to influence legislation. Typically, AACRL does not get involved in state or national politics, but filing as a Section 501 (c) (6) organization will at least allow us to have that option if there is such a need, for example, lobbying the state legislature to support the Alabama Virtual Library.

Filing for tax-exempt status will involve a rather tedious process of filling out appropriate forms, reviewing our financial records, and also the payment of a filing fee. This will be a project for myself, new Treasurer Mary Alice Fields, with possibly some assistance from former Treasurer Susan Herring. As the official registered agent, incorporator, and one of three directors listed on the incorporation document, I have a genuine interest in making sure AACRL's tax-exempt status is filed properly.

— Tim Dodge  
Past-President

## Legislative Report

The most recent legislative issue of interest to librarians in Alabama is the continued controversy over UCITA, the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act. In early August, the American Bar Association met in Chicago and one item before the House of Delegates was UCITA. A formal resolution was to be proposed from the Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) recommending that the House of Delegates vote to oppose the adoption of UCITA in any state. While it's customary for the ABA to review and vote on any uniform laws being proposed by the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), proponents of UCITA have thus far prevented such a review from occurring. The proposed resolution that was to come to the House of Delegates at the Chicago meeting would ask that NCCUSL withdraw and extensively revise UCITA. (To see the proposed resolution go to [www.ABANET.ORG/TIPS/UCITA](http://www.ABANET.ORG/TIPS/UCITA).)

While we've not (yet) seen UCITA as a major issue in Alabama, its

threat is still very real, as other states have passed the Act in varying degrees. As has been stated, at issue for the library community is that UCITA represents a shift in power between copyright law and contract/license law that would endanger the balanced set of copyright law principles and privileges under which the library community currently operates (for example, the fair use of copyrighted materials for teaching, preservation activities, and the unhindered use of materials that are in the public domain; all of which could be eliminated by "click-on" licensing); the framework put forth in UCITA does not take into account the intermediary role libraries serve and would undermine the public policy of making information -- regardless of its format -- available to the general public on a shared-use basis (UCITA would allow new constraints both on public domain information and on materials already protected by intellectual property law); and UCITA's provisions on electronic regulation of performance

and electronic self-help would permit a licensor to recover its data or prevent the use of its product when a license expires or even when a licensor arbitrarily decides that there has been a breach of contract. These provisions would seriously undermine a library's traditional role of preserving information resources and could disrupt expensive and sensitive research at educational institutions. It has been pointed out that the library community is not the only opposition UCITA faces, many diverse groups including businesses and consumer organizations also oppose the Act.

I have contacted several of the lawyers who are Alabama's House Delegates to the ABA, to request on behalf of AACRL, that they vote to support a review and revision of the UCITA legislation.

To learn more about UCITA, connect to ALA's Washington Office via [www.ala.org/washoff/ucita/index.html](http://www.ala.org/washoff/ucita/index.html).

— Eric A. Kidwell  
AACRL Legislative Liaison



## Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries Membership Application

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