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AACRL Newsletter

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## From the President:

We are incorporated! AACRL has been registered as a non-profit organization with the State of Alabama before the December 31, 2000 deadline. See this issue of the Newsletter for details.

The Executive Board is taking care of business. Among other things, President-Elect Jean Thomason has formed a Program Committee. They have a great program in the works for the April 2001 annual dinner/program to be held in Montgomery. Treasurer Susan Herring has good financial news to report. Of course, good financial news ties in with an active membership. Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison Mike Grace is at work on promotional efforts to increase AACRL's membership. Eric A. Kidwell continues to serve as Legislative Liaison.

To all readers of this Newsletter: please encourage librarians and staff at your library to join or rejoin AACRL. For only \$6 per year or \$18 for three years, it is a true bargain.

Past President Pat Henderson has been working on locating a slate of candidates for elective office. Please contact her if you would like to run for an Executive Board position. This is a great opportunity to serve the academic library community of Alabama.

Former Past President Craig Beard

and Secretary Jennifer Long have examined an apparent conflict in the bylaws. See the Newsletter for a report on their findings and suggested solution.

I would like to thank Della Darby for agreeing to serve as the new Editor of the AACRL Newsletter. Nan Vodde, who had just started as the new Editor with the August issue, has resigned due to a career change. I have worked with Della in the Alabama Library Association and I know she will do an excellent job as our latest AACRL Newsletter Editor.

Tim Dodge  
*President*

## AACRL Annual Meeting

The Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries' annual meeting will be Wednesday evening, April 11, 2001, at the RSA Plaza in downtown Montgomery.

There will be a brief business meeting followed by an excellent program. The newly elected officers will be introduced at the business meeting. Specific details will be in the next newsletter. Circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Jean Thomason  
*Vice-President/  
President Elect*

## Incorporation

On October 23 AACRL President Tim Dodge walked into the Lee County Courthouse and then into the Judge of Probate's office to file the State of Alabama Domestic Non-Profit Corporation Articles of Incorporation for our Association. This fulfills the mandate of ACRL that all 42 state and regional chapters be either incorporated or merged with state library associations by December 31, 2000.

The actual incorporation process turns out to be quite simple. Two copies of the Articles of Incorporation need to be filed in the county where the corporation's office is located. There is a \$20 filing fee for the

Secretary of State and a variable Judge of Probate's filing fee that happens to be \$30 for Lee County.

Although the composition of the AACRL Executive Board changes each year, the Secretary of State requires a street address and an official registered agent for a non-profit organization. Since AACRL has no physical office and since I am AACRL President this year, it is appropriate that I serve as the registered agent.

For incorporation purposes, AACRL's office is currently located in my house in rural Waverly, Alabama. It is possible to change the registered agent for

a modest fee to the Secretary of State. Perhaps the AACRL Bylaws now need a provision allowing for the periodic changing of the registered agent. In addition to serving as registered agent, I am also the official incorporator of AACRL and one of three directors. President-Elect Jean Thomason and Treasurer Susan Herring are also listed as directors.

AACRL has met the December 31 deadline for incorporation or merging with state library associations mandated by ACRL. Still to be determined is the need for a financial audit for federal and state income tax purposes.

—Tim Dodge

## AACRL Bylaws

As last year's AACRL election approached, the Executive Board began preparing to distribute the ballots and tally the votes. At that time we discovered an apparent conflict in the Bylaws regarding the timing of the membership's voting for new officers. According to Article VI, Section 2, the officers "shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association." However, Article IX, Section 3 says "Election of officers shall be by mail ballot prior to the annual chapter meeting." Since the beginning of my involvement with AACRL, the election has been conducted according to Article IX, Section 3. That has made it possible for the new officers to be presented at the annual business meeting. Thus, by our practice we have established this as an effective and efficient procedure.

In order that the Bylaws

might accurately reflect the established practice of the association, President Tim Dodge appointed a committee composed of Jennifer Long (Sterne Library, UAB) and me to investigate the conflict and, if necessary, propose a solution. What follows in the next two paragraphs is the substance of our report to the Board.

Two observations: First, Article IX, Section 3 makes more sense in terms of timing of the election, because it allows us to have a list of newly-elected officers to announce at the annual business meeting. Second, the first sentence in Article VI, Section 2, which includes the statement about electing officers at the meeting, actually adds nothing to the Bylaws. That's because Section 1 says the officers must be members of ACRL, and because Section 2 later states that the Newsletter Editor

is an appointed position.

Our conclusion is that the first sentence of Article VI, Section 2 is redundant and unnecessary, and that removing it will resolve the conflict and will not adversely affect the Bylaws. Therefore, our recommendation is that we remove the aforementioned sentence. [For reference, the sentence reads "The officers, with the exception of the Newsletter Editor, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association from the membership of the chapter who are members of ACRL."]

Now the Board must review and vote on the recommended change to the Bylaws before presenting it to the membership for final approval. Their vote will likely take place at the next meeting of the Executive Board in January 2001.

—Craig W. Beard

## Elections

This spring we will hold our annual elections. Nominations are being sought for the positions of president-elect and treasurer. This is a wonderful opportunity to become more involved in AACRL. Please send nominations (self-nominations are welcome, also) by **January 25, 2001** to:

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 University Libraries  
 Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0266

## New Members

Rebecca Knight  
 Director  
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 Librarian II  
 Ralph Brown Draughon Library  
 Auburn University

## AACRL Needs Volunteers!

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 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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\_\_\_\_\_ AACRL committee member

**Send application and check to:**

Susan D. Herring  
 M. Louis Salmon Library  
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 P.O. Box 2600  
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Look at the upper right hand corner of the mailing label on this newsletter -- if it reads EX: 12/99 or EX: 12/00, 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, before the holiday rush. Use the enclosed membership form to update your membership data. To save time and effort, renew for three years! Send your check to:

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