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From the President

It is hard to believe that my term as president is already coming to an end. It has been my honor to serve as AACRL president this year. Many thanks to all of the executive board for their hard work this year, and special thanks to our outgoing officers, Stephanie Rollins (secretary), Jennifer Long (past-president), and Rickey Best (member-at-large/chapter liaison).

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24th, coinciding with the American Library Association (ALLA) convention in Huntsville at Terranova's Restaurant. The speaker will be Amanda Power of Mitchell Library at Mississippi State University, who will speak about creating professional online presences. More information about the meeting and a registration form are enclosed in this newsletter.

Items on the agenda for the business meeting will include a vote on by-laws changes related to membership categories within AACRL, presentation of the Sue O. Medina Significant Contribution Award, and installation of incoming officers. Information about the proposed bylaws changes is included in this newsletter.

AACRL is co-sponsoring several programs with the College, University and Special Libraries (CUS) division of ALLA as part of the annual convention, including three full-session best practices programs and one mini-sessions program.

I look forward to seeing you at the April business meeting and dinner. It has been a privilege to serve as president this year.

Ellen K. Wilson, AACRL President

AACRL Annual Meeting

Join AACRL for our annual business meeting and dinner on Thursday, April 24th, 2014! We'll be meeting at Terranova's Italian Restaurant at 1420 Paramount Drive Number 1. Head on over after the last ALLA session of the day – dinner will be served at 7pm, but feel free to gather a bit earlier for friendly conversation.

Our speaker will be Amanda Power, Interim Coordinator for the Reference Department at the Mitchell Memorial Library at Mississippi State University. She is also the Chair of the MSU Libraries Social Media Management Committee; as such, she leads the Libraries efforts in implementing, maintaining, training, and research in social media. Her presentation for the meeting is entitled "Who's Googling You?: Creating a Professional Online Presence." We hope you join us!

AACRL Treasurer's Report: February 6, 2014

As of November 2, 2013, our account balance was \$3812.75. Since that date deposits totaling \$170 have been made. The account balance as of January 31, 2014 was \$3982.75.

It's time to renew membership. Membership renewal form has been placed on the AACRL webpage (<http://www.aacrl.org/index.html>). Anyone with questions about the status of their membership can email me at tang@jsu.edu.

*Yingqi Tang
AACRL Treasurer*

Proposed By-laws Revisions

The purpose of the revisions proposed is to establish new membership categories in order to encourage library paraprofessionals and library/information science/archivists students to join and maintain membership in the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries (AACRL).

Currently, Article V reads:

- (a) Eligibility for Membership: All current and retired librarians; library and information science faculty; library paraprofessionals, information specialists and archivists who are associated with college, university or research libraries; and library/information science/archivist students are eligible for membership in AACRL.
- (b) Term of Membership: The membership year shall be the calendar year.
- (c) Institutions: Membership is not open to institutions.

Section 2. Dues

- (a) Annual dues rates shall be set by the chapter at its annual meeting as required.
- (b) Annual dues shall be due and payable upon the first day of January.

Section 3. Maintenance and Loss of Good Standing

- (a) All members of the chapter shall remain in good standing as long as they shall be current in payment of dues.
- (b) Any member who shall not have paid current chapter dues on or before the first day of the year shall be automatically suspended from membership. Upon payment of chapter dues for the current year, membership shall be reinstated and the rights and privileges of membership restored.

Proposed change to Article V, Section 1(a): "Eligibility for Membership: All current and retired librarians, library and information science faculty, information specialists and archivists who are associated with college, university or research libraries (library/information professional category); library paraprofessionals/staff (paraprofessional category); and library/information science students and students interested in the information disciplines (student category) are eligible for membership in AACRL."

Proposed change to Article V, Section 2(a): "Annual dues rates for three membership categories (library/information professional, library paraprofessional/staff, and student) shall be set by the chapter at its annual meeting as required."

Should this proposed change to by-laws be ratified by the membership, an additional vote will be held to establish the dues levels for the different categories.

Proposal:

Dues for the library/information professional category remain at \$10/year.

Dues for library paraprofessionals/staff set at \$7/year.

Dues for students set at \$5/year.

Legislative Report

Declaration for the Right to Libraries

You may have heard about the new Declaration for the Right To Libraries that ALA is promoting. The Alabama Library Association Legislative Development Committee integrated a promotion of the Declaration into this year's (2014) state legislative day. If you aren't familiar with the Declaration, here is where you can go for further information: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/declaration-right-libraries>.

The Declaration for the Right to Libraries is the cornerstone document of ALA President Barbara Stripling's presidential initiative, Libraries Change Lives, which is designed to build the public will and sustained support for America's right to libraries of all types – academic, special, school and public.

In the next year, libraries of all types will hold signing ceremonies, during which community members can visibly declare their right to have vibrant libraries in their community. The signing ceremony is intended to serve as the launching point for continued and vibrant community engagement to:

- *Increase public and media awareness about the critical role of libraries in communities around the country*
- *Inspire ongoing conversations about the role of the library in the community*
- *Cultivate a network of community allies and advocates for the library*
- *Position the library as a trusted convener to help in the response to community issues*

You can organize your own signing event at your library, and if you do, please let AACRL (ekidwell@huntingdon.edu) know about your event. The AACRL Government Relations Committee and the ALLA Legislative Development Committee worked closely on the 2014 Alabama Legislative Day.

Federal Legislation

To learn about current federal legislation that ALA is asking membership involvement with, go to <http://capwiz.com/ala/home/>. Two pieces of legislation of concern are:

The Fair Access to Science and Technology Research (FASTR) Act, which addresses the issue of open access to federally funded research.

Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program to be included in the re-authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). *IAL funds a grant program for underserved school libraries. This program is important because school libraries, and the librarians who work in them, are the primary source in K-12 schools for reading, digital literacy training and the related education needed for students to gain the skills to function in careers and higher education in the digital age.*

Eric Kidwell
AACRL Legislative Liaison

Sue O. Medina Significant Contribution Award

The 2014 Sue O. Medina Significant Contribution Award will be presented at the annual business meeting and dinner on April 24 in Huntsville to Dr. Robert Burkhardt, Director of the Athens State University Library.

Jennifer Long
AACRL Past President

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Annual Business Meeting & Dinner Registration

Terranova's Italian Restaurant 1420 Paramount Drive Number 1 Huntsville, Alabama 35606
Thursday, April 24th - Meet and Mingle at 6:30 p.m. / Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

To register, please complete this form and return it with a check for \$25 made out to AACRL to:

Yingqi Tang, AACRL Treasurer
 Houston Cole Library, Jacksonville State University
 700 Pelham Road North
 Jacksonville, Alabama 36265

Checks must be received no later than April 11th.

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Email:

Entrees (select one):

Lasagna Pasta layered with meat sauce and generous portion of mozzarella, ricotta, Parmesan and Romano cheese.
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce (Vegetarian Adaptable) An Italian classic served with traditional meat sauce or marinara sauce seasoned with Italian herbs.
Eggplant Parmigiana (Vegetarian) Fresh eggplant gently breaded and topped with marinara and mozzarella cheese.
Fettuccine Alfredo (Vegetarian Adaptable) Creamy alfredo sauce served over fettuccine pasta. Add chicken or shrimp.
Venetian Grilled Chicken (Gluten-Free) Fire grilled marinated chicken breast, brushed with Italian herbs. Served with garlic mashed potatoes and steamed broccoli.
Chicken Marsala Sweet savory sauce of roasted garlic, mushrooms and Marsala wine. Served with garlic mashed potatoes.
Ribeye Bistecca Grilled 12 oz. ribeye steak seasoned perfectly with an Italian marinade. Served with broccoli and garlic mashed potatoes.

Salad (select one):

House Salad
Caesar Salad

Desserts (select one):

New York Cheesecake
Brownie Sundae
Strawberry Tiramisu

Beverages: Soft drinks, coffee, and tea included.