Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
06 March 2007

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: 1:30 p.m. in Room 308 of the Drug Information Center, Ingalls Hall, Samford Unversity

PRESENT: Bob Schrimsher (President); Rosemary Arneson (Vice President/President-Elect); Alyssa Martin (Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison); Bethany Latham (Treasurer); Jill Grogg (Newsletter Editor); Beth Ashmore (Webmaster); Jennifer Long (Past President); Eric Kidwell (Legislative Liaison); and Lori Northrup (Secretary)
ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Bob Schrimsher at 1:30 p.m. with all in attendance.

MINUTES from the September 25, 2006, meeting were approved as submitted.

OFFICER REPORTS:
President's Report: Bob reported that the final paperwork had been processed making Auburn the repository for AACRL documents. That paperwork was delivered to the undersigned. Tim Dodge was reimbursed for the fees necessary to this transaction.

Past President's Report: Jennifer reported that a slate of officer candidates exists for the upcoming election and that a winner of the AACRL Significant Contribution Award has been chosen. Jennifer will announce this winner at the annual meeting on April 18, 2007.

President Elect's Report: Rosemary submitted to the committee the form that members will use to sign up for the dinner on April 18. The dinner and annual meeting will be held at Wintzell's Oyster House in downtown Mobile. Dinner will be buffet style. Following the business meeting and dinner, Kate Nevins will speak on "Emerging Ideas: The Academic Library of the Future." Reservations for the dinner will be due by April 10. An online version of the form will be created as well. The print version will appear in the upcoming newsletter.

There was some discussion of the cost of the dinner, with Beth suggesting that a lower price might allow some to attend who otherwise might not. There will be no charge for the room or the speaker, so profit will be based on the actual cost of $19.99 (including non-alcoholic drinks) per person. It was agreed that the cost of the dinner should be set at $30.00 per person. This price will be enough to cover taxes and gratuity.

Rosemary also reported on the Chapters Council meeting in Seattle at ALA Midwinter (report attached). The structure of the ACRL Board is under discussion; proposals on the table would create a nominating committee to nominate board directors, rather than allowing direct nomination from within ACRL units (sections and councils). These

proposed changes are still under discussion. Resolution was reached in an issue regarding membership lists; now, users will be able to indicate on their ACRL membership forms whether they want their state chapters to be able to see their information and contact them with information about the chapters. Up until now, state chapters (which are not ACRL divisions) had been considered third parties, to whom ACRL promised not to give membership information. The change will make it easier for some states to find out who belongs to their chapter rolls.

Treasurer's Report: Bethany submitted the Treasurer's report (attached), and noted that the annual reimbursement request had been approved under ACRL's new guidelines. That check has been received and deposited. There are two new members.

Secretary's Report: No report

Newsletter Editor's Report: Jill has received all newsletter items and will deliver them to Beth by Friday.

Webmaster's Report: Beth added hit counters to all the AACRL web pages. There was no discussion, though Beth said she would remove them if so desired. Beth also reported on the line-up of "Best Practices" programs for this year's ALLA convention. AACRL will be co-sponsoring the CUS Breakfast program there also.

Beth also initiated discussion of online voting. She will check with Jodi Poe at JSU about the procedures in place for ALLA online voting. Lori will check the AACRL bylaws to make sure there is no prohibition on online voting. Beth will report back at the next meeting.

Legislative Liaison's Report: Eric is seeking an academic librarian for National Legislative Day representation. He has sent information to Jill for the newsletter, and will send a notice to the listserv as well. If more than one nominee is named, the board will vote on who is to be sent.

Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison's Report: No report.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS
Bob will put together the agenda for the meeting on April 18. Rosemary will send speaker information to Bob for that agenda.

There was some discussion of the nominee for the Significant Contribution Award. Jill asked if money had ever been associated with the award. It has not.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Northrup, AACRL Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

Treasurer's Report
On 31 August 2006, the AACRL bank account balance was $5,350.82. Since that time, deposits of $54.00 (dues) and $472.26 (dues and annual reimbursement from ACRL) have been made, for a total of $526.26. Disbursements of $15.00 (reimbursement to Tim Dodge), $76.91 (newsletter), $71.40 (reimbursement to Beth Ashmore for site hosting), $76.91 (newsletter), and $23.40 (postage) have been made, for a total of $263.62. $5.49 in interest has accrued. As of 15 February 2007, the balance in the AACRL bank account was $5,618.95. The annual reimbursement request was re-submitted to ACRL, was approved under the new guidelines, and the reimbursement check was received and deposited.

New Members
Peggy Kain, Electronic Resources Librarian, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Elizabeth C. Suther, Fine Arts Librarian, Jacksonville State University

Submitted by Bethany Latham
6 March 2007

AACRL ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATION FORM 2007

Wednesday, April 18, 2007
Wintzell's Oyster House
607 Dauphin Street
Mobile, AL. 36602
http://wintzellsoysterhouse.com/index.php

Meet/Mingle at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration Fee: $40

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please return reservation form and check for $40.00 payable to AACRL by April 10, 2007, to:

Bethany Skaggs, Houston Cole Library, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL 36265-1602

Annual Dinner Meeting and Program

   The AACRL 2007 annual business meeting and guest speaker will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 6:30 p.m. at Wintzell's Oyster House, 605 Dauphin St., Mobile, and in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association Convention. Attendees will be able to select their own dinners from Wintzell's famous seafood buffet. Visit Wintzell's web site for more information: http://wintzellsoysterhouse.com/index.php.

   There will be a brief business meeting followed by Kate Nevins, Executive Director of SOLINET. Ms. Nevins will be speaking on Emerging Ideas: The Academic Library of the Future. We're all working to create the academic library of the future. There are lots of ideas about the future of library buildings, services and resources. There is even debate about the role of the library itself within the academic institution. We'll discuss some emerging models and think creatively about the future.

   Those interested in attending the annual dinner meeting should return the enclosed reservation form by **April 10, 2007**. One does not have to be a member of AACRL to attend.

ACRL Chapters Council Report

The Midwinter meeting of the ACRL Chapters Council was held on Sunday, January 21. Rosemary Arneson represented AACRL. The Council heard reports from Mary Ellen Davis, ACRL Executive Director and Pamela Snelson, ACRL President. Snelson discussed the changes that are being proposed in the composition of the ACRL Board. The most significant change from the Chapters' point of view would be that ACRL Board Directors would be nominated by a nominating committee which would be composed of representatives from the sections and councils within ACRL. The current procedure has those nominations coming from within the ACRL units. These changes are still under discussion and will possibly be revised several times before they are submitted to the membership for a vote.

Working with Mary Ellen Davis, the Chapters have resolved a long-standing issue regarding membership lists. Until now, when an individual joined or renewed membership in ALA/ACRL, the member could elect not to have his/her information given to third parties. Because the Chapters are not divisions of ACRL, Chapters fell under the heading of third parties, and they did not get all of their members' information when they requested member lists from ACRL. After much discussion of this issue over several Chapters Council meetings, we agreed to ask Mary Ellen Davis to work with the ALA membership office on changing the wording on the membership form so that members can indicate they want to receive information from their state chapters. Ms. Davis has reported back to the Chapters list that ALA has agreed to these changes.

Chapters Council will meet again during the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC, this summer.

AACRL/CUS Best Practices Programs – Mobile, AL 2007

Wednesday, April 18, 2007 12:30-1:30

Best Practices #1: Using LibQual+[tm] data to direct change and assess success
Rickey Best, Dean of the Library, Auburn University - Montgomery Library
Presider: Jill Grogg, Electronic Resources Librarian, University of Alabama

The AUM Library first conducted the LibQual+[tm] survey in 2003. During that survey, the library received a number   of comments and the scores indicating dissatisfaction with the library as a physical place. In late   2003 and early 2004, the library began a project to improve the quality of seating and the appearance of the library. In 2006, the   library measured the success of this project by re-doing the LibQual+[tm] survey and saw an improvement in the   scores relating to the library as a place.

Wednesday, April 18, 2007 2:00-3:00

Best Practices #2: A Harvest of New Ideas – The Mini-Sessions!
Presider: Beth Ashmore, Cataloging Librarian, Samford University

- **Blogs and RSS Feeds: Keeping Current in Academe**
  Paula Barnett-Ellis, Reference Librarian, Jacksonville State University
  How to find, subscribe to and read RSS feeds to help you stay current in the library field, subject areas,   professional journals and more.
- **Hands On! From Library Lecture to Library Workshop**
  Lucy I. Farrow, Documents Librarian, Auburn University-Montgomery Library
  This presentation will focus on the revision of the library instruction portion of an introduction to business class.   The instruction method was changed from a lecture format to a hands-on workshop. The presentation will include   examples of the in-class assignments and the out of class assignment as well as a discussion of the processes   involved in making the change.
- **GPO Access Awareness Update**
  Phyllis Tanner, Reference/Government Documents Librarian, Enterprise-Ozark Community College
  A brief intro/update for the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications OPAC and resources for educators and the   general public...a bit for all age groups.

Wednesday, April 18, 2007 3:30-4:30

Best Practices #3: Are Students Reaping What You Sow? Student Comments on Preferred Library Instruction Delivery Methods
Jodi Poe, Distance Education Librarian and Electronic Resources Manager &
John-Bauer Graham, Head of Public Services, Jacksonville State University
Presider: Jennifer Long, Reference Librarian for Natural Sciences and Mathematics, UAB

A comparison of library instruction delivery methods used at a medium-size, academic library. Types   included are CD-ROMs, face-to-face, and online via the University's course management system   (Blackboard).

Thursday, April 19, 2007 1:00-2:00

Best Practices #4: Making Space for Art
Dr. Richard Wood, Dean of University Libraries, University of South Alabama
Presider: Rosemary Arneson, Library Director, University of Montevallo

The presenter will show how art shows in the library can enhance the library's mission. Art shows can enhance the library environment and attract people to visit the library whether it is a school, public or academic institution. Learn how to develop a space for art shows, write public relations material, and develop a policy.