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From the President

As we start another year, it is time to reflect on past activities and prepare for future events. It is also time to make resolutions that can actually be kept such as becoming more active in professional organizations by serving as an officer and not letting the membership expire.

AACRL has been busy this fall. The government relations committee has published a library advocacy guide which provides information on becoming a library advocate as well as tools to assist with advocacy efforts. The guide is available at <http://libguides.huntingdon.edu/library-advocacy>. The bylaws committee is reviewing the bylaws for proposed changes to be approved by the membership. The awards committee is working on nominations for the significant contribution award to be presented at the annual meeting.

AACRL will hold several events this spring in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association convention in Montgomery. The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 and will feature a delicious dinner followed by an informative program and a short business meeting. The program committee will sponsor with the college, university, and special libraries division of ALLA the popular best practices programs on topics of interest to academic librarians at the convention. The government relations committee will sponsor with the legislative development committee of ALLA a library advocacy program at the convention. Some preliminary information is available in this newsletter and more information is forthcoming in the next newsletter.

AACRL will need nominees for the officer positions of Vice-President/President-Elect and Treasurer. Please consider volunteering to be a candidate in the upcoming election. Serving as a board member is a great way to become involved in professional organizations and to meet other academic librarians.

AACRL will offer stipends to help support Alabama academic librarians with attending National Legislative Day. Please consider applying for this opportunity to represent the state at the national level.

As a reminder, AACRL memberships are for the calendar year. If your membership has expired, please renew or join now and encourage your colleagues to do the same. A membership form is available at <http://www.aacrl.org/membership/index.html>.

Jennifer Long, AACRL President

National Legislative Day Stipend Announcement

National Legislative Day for 2013 will be May 7 & 8 in Washington, D.C. AACRL provides two \$500 stipends (with the option of combining into a single \$1,000 stipend) to AACRL members interested in representing academic/research libraries as part of the Alabama delegation. To apply for the stipend, send your name and brief expression of your interest in library advocacy to Eric A. Kidwell at ekidwell@huntingdon.edu by February 28.

Upon return from Legislative Day, you will be expected to write a column for an upcoming issue of the AACRL newsletter highlighting your experience, and use the experience to increase your participation as an active library advocate. You can learn more about National Legislative Day by going to <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>.

*Eric A. Kidwell
AACRL Legislative Liaison
AACRL Government Relations Committee, Chair*

Advocacy LibGuide

The Government Relations Committee of AACRL has published a Library Advocacy LibGuide. This LibGuide is divided into two main sections: Advocacy Tools and Advocacy Events. The purpose of the guide is "... to assist librarians, library workers, and those who support libraries in developing their advocacy skills." You can find the LibGuide by going to <http://libguides.huntingdon.edu/libraryadvocacy>. The LibGuide will also be linked from the AACRL web site upon the next web site update.

*Eric A. Kidwell
AACRL Legislative Liaison
AACRL Government Relations Committee, Chair*

AACRL Advocacy Program Scheduled for the 2013 ALLA Conference

The AACRL Government Relations Committee will be offering a program at the 2013 Alabama Library Association Conference to be held in Montgomery April 23-26. The program, titled "Library Advocacy: Personal Reflections from the Academy," will bring together several Alabama academic/research librarians to talk about their experiences as library advocates. Why did each choose to become an advocate? What obstacles may have prevented them from becoming involved earlier in their careers? What rewards has each found in being an advocate of libraries, particularly academic/research libraries?

*Eric A. Kidwell
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Sue O. Medina Significant Contributions Award

AACRL seeks nominations for the Sue O. Medina Significant Contributions Award. The award is open to all librarians, library faculty, paraprofessionals, other information professionals, or students enrolled in graduate library programs who work or reside in Alabama and who are associated with college, university, or research libraries. Additionally, this award may be presented to organizations, groups, vendors, or other individuals who have contributed something of significance within the state of Alabama in the area of college and research libraries. Individuals must be residents of Alabama. Accomplishments for which the person is being nominated must have occurred during residency in the state of Alabama. The award will be presented at the annual dinner and business meeting in April 2013.

Nominations should be submitted by January 31, 2013, to Lori Northrup, Past-President (lanorthr@samford.edu). Please include a description of the accomplishments of the individual(s) you wish to nominate.

Lori Northrup, AACRL Past-President

AACRL Annual Business Meeting and Dinner

Planning is underway for the annual business meeting and dinner, which will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2012, at 6:30 pm, location TBA.

Treasurer's Report

The account balance for the last Treasurer's Report was \$4,651.44. Since then I have received and deposited one renewal for \$30.00, received and deposited a reimbursement check from ALA for \$116.00, and have wrote one check for \$76.40 to cover the web maintenance. We were charged a \$2.00 service fee by the bank for receiving electronic copies of our checks but I have gotten that stopped. The account balance as of December 14, 2012 is \$4,749.04.

We currently have 66 members in good standing. Anyone with questions about the status of their membership can email me at debwest@troy.edu.

*Debbie West
AACRL Treasurer*

AACRL Holds Best Practices Program

AACRL/CUS will be presenting five Best Practices sessions at the ALLA meeting in April.

The four full sessions are:

“Asking and Answering the Right Questions... Across the Street: Educating Non-Library Administrators and Leveraging to Ensure University Library Collections are Adequate to Support Curriculum Changes,” John-Bauer Graham, Dean of Library Services, Jacksonville State University

“Liaison 2.0 - Liaisonship Work in a Web 2.0 World,” Dr. Tony Garrett, Head of Reference and Access Services, Troy University

“The Library as Partner: Improving Liaison Relationships with Other Academic Units,” Mark Robison, University of Alabama Libraries

“A Collection Development Policy for the Juvenile Collection in an Academic Library: Why Have One and What Should It Contain?” Todd Shipman, Susan Bannon, and Greg Schmidt, Auburn University Libraries

There will be one “mini sessions” section with the following presentations:

“A LibGuide Alternative to the Traditional Student Research Requirement,” Eric Kidwell, Director of the Library/Professor, Houghton Memorial Library, Huntingdon College

“Best Practices for Managing 3D Printing Services in Libraries,” Vincent F. Scalfani, Science and Engineering Librarian/Assistant Professor, Rodgers Library for Science and Engineering, University of Alabama

“Best Practices for Turning Your “Day Job” into a Presentation or Article,” Ruth Elder, Erin Boyd, and Olga Casey, Troy University Library, Troy University

Jennifer Long, AACRL President

We Need You!

Have you considered running for office in AACRL? Currently, we are seeking nominations for Vice President/President-Elect and for Treasurer.

The term as Vice President/President-Elect is a three-year commitment, as this officer serves then as President and as Past-President. This person needs to be a member of ACRL as s/he serves as a chapter representative and attends the ACRL Chapters Council meetings when possible. Also, in consultation with the President, this officer prepares and reports to the Executive Board of the local chapter proposed budgets of the upcoming year (the term as President). This officer also serves as Chair of the Program Committee and Chair of the Continuing Education and Training Committee; other duties may be assigned by the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President/President-Elect presides at all meetings of the chapter.

The term of office for Treasurer is two years. The Treasurer reports to the chapter membership at least annually on the financial status of the chapter; maintains necessary accounts with an accounting of all chapter monies; maintains an active membership list; sends membership applications and renewals to the Member-at-Large; submits end-of-year reimbursement reports to ACRL in accordance with its guidelines; files necessary non-profit organization tax forms with the IRS; and performs other duties as assigned by the President.

You may read more about each position and committee responsibilities in the bylaws, which are posted on the AACRL web site: <http://www.aacrl.org> .

If you are interested in serving, please contact Lori Northrup at lanorthr@samford.edu . If you would like to nominate someone for an office, please confer with that person before you submit his/her name to lanorthr@samford.edu .

Lori Northrup, AACRL Nominating Committee Chair

Proposed By-Laws Revisions

The Bylaws Committee worked hard last year to update the bylaws so that they match our current practices, especially regarding committees and terms. In the process, of course, we found a few other areas to tweak. Most changes were approved at the annual business meeting in April 2012; however, we did leave some conflicting language in two sections.

Currently, Article VI, Section 1 reads: “The officers shall be a President, a Vice President/President-Elect, a Past President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Member-at-Large, a Newsletter Editor, a Legislative Liaison, and a Webmaster. Officers must be professional librarians, members of the chapter, and members of ACRL.”

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You will have an opportunity to approve all these bylaws changes in the spring. E-mail Lori Northrup before February 15, 2013, at lanorthr@samford.edu to suggest changes or to express your concerns.

Lori Northrup, AACRL Bylaws Committee Chair

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