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Message From the President

Marilyn Rosenthal

Welcome back to another fall semester. As we are busy preparing for the annual symposium this December, I have an opportunity to report on national and chapter events of interest from this past summer.

ACRL Chapters Council met in June during the ALA Conference in San Francisco. Chapters Council provides an active forum to exchange information among chapters, to promote excellence and best practices, to support a network for legislative advocacy, to share successes, to further ACRL goals, and to inform on the actions of the national organization.

Evelyn Minick, the Chair, introduced the current Chapters Council officers: incoming Chair Linda Kopecky; outgoing editor of the newsletter, *Chapters Topics*, Heather Ward; and incoming editor Debbie Malone. [*Chapter Topics*, it was pointed out, will be moving to the ACRL website: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/ct/>.] Sherri Edwards from the University of Notre Dame and Tim Dodge from Auburn University were elected to the offices of Vice Chair / Chair-Elect and Secretary.

Other ACRL officers and staff members in attendance were: President Betsy Wilson; incoming President Mary Reichel; incoming Vice President/President-Elect Helen Spaulding; outgoing Executive Director Althea Jenkins; and

Director of Member Services Melissa Cast. Althea Jenkins is leaving to join the Florida State University staff as Director of the University Libraries, and Mary Ellen Davis will be the new Executive Director. Of course, our own ACRL/NY Board member, Lois Cherepon, was present as a member of the ACRL Board and a past president of Chapters Council.

The ACRL officers each had a few words to say to Council members. Betsy Wilson thanked everyone for her enjoyable year. She traveled extensively to various chapter events, and mentioned her trip to speak at our Symposium as among the most enjoyable. Mary Habstritt, a past ACRL/NY Board Member, had generously offered her apartment to the visiting speaker, and her hospitality was especially appreciated. Betsy also complimented the Council on producing an excellent brochure, *Chapters Council & Chapter Affiliates*.

Mary Reichel discussed the theme of her upcoming tenure: the ACRL Learning Community for Excellence in Academic Libraries. She will focus on promoting information literacy, emphasizing publishing, sharing information, and encouraging diversity.

Larry Hardesty, Past President, will chair the Program Committee for the ACRL 11th

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Symposium 2001: *Learning Outcomes Assessment: A Step Forward*

This year's ACRL/NY Symposium will take place from 8:30 AM to 4 PM on December 7, 2001 in the Celeste Bartos Forum of the New York Public Library. The title is *Learning Outcomes Assessment: A Step Forward*, and the theme is related to information literacy - the topic of last year's Symposium. Beyond developing the tools of outcomes assessment, the emphasis will be on how librarians must build partnerships

with faculty in order to integrate information literacy into every area of the curriculum.

Oswald Ratteray, Assistant Director for Constituent Services at the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, will provide introductory remarks. Since the Middle States Commission is revising *Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education*, its standards for accreditation and, in the process, has linked these standards with student learning and assessment, Mr. Ratteray's remarks should be of particular significance.

Keynote speakers are Trudy W. Banta, Vice Chancellor for Planning and Institutional Improvement, and Professor of Higher Education at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and Thomas G. Kirk, Library Director and Coordinator of Information Services at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. Dr. Banta is considered a leading authority on assessing quality in higher education and has presented on this topic at numerous conferences throughout the country and abroad. Thomas Kirk originally served on the ACRL Task Force on Academic Library Outcomes Assessment and is currently Chair of ACRL's Best Practices in Information Literacy Programming Project as well as on the ACRL's Advisory Committee for the Institute for Information Literacy.

In the afternoon, the panelists include Hannelore Rader, University Librarian and Dean at the Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville in Kentucky who is also serving as panel moderator; Carla List, a member of the Instruction Services Unit at Plattsburgh State University of New

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<http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/acrlny/acrlny.html>

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Annual Conference in North Carolina in 2003.

Melissa Cast was pleased to report that all chapters are now incorporated. It was necessary for all chapters to incorporate or to become affiliated with an organization that is incorporated in order to resolve liability concerns for ACRL.

During this past year, ACRL/NY undertook the arduous process of incorporating and obtaining tax-exempt status as a non-profit organization. Thanks are due to the hard work of Treasurer Bellinda Wise and Past President Tian Zhang.

Two other influential ACRL members were introduced: Pat Walker, outgoing Head of the ACRL Legislative Network, and Carol Ashworth, UCITA Coordinator. As many are aware, UCITA is a proposed state contract law designed to standardize the licensing of software and other forms of digital information. A coalition, AFFECT (Americans for Fair Electronic Commerce Transactions), consisting of industry leaders, libraries, and consumer organizations has been formed to educate the public and policy makers about the dangers of UCITA. Carol reported on the current status in the states. The law, so far, has only passed in Maryland and Virginia, but proponents intend to have it introduced in all states. In New York, anti-UCITA legislation is being discussed. The ABA is considering taking a stand, while the FTC continues to monitor the situation.

Database protection was another legislative issue under discussion, as a threat to the free flow of information in the public domain. Congress is trying to pass legislation to address this concern. ALA is working with the House Energy and Commerce and Judiciary Committees to propose suitable legislation.

Other issues discussed included the proposal to close NTIS, proposed exemption for

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distance learning from the requirements of the Digital Copyright Act of 1998 (DMCA), and reauthorization in 2002 of the Library and Technology Act (LSTA). Regarding the DMCA, the Senate recently passed a bill entitled the Technology Education and Copyright Harmonization Act (TEACH).

To learn more about these and other legislative issues, consult the website:
<http://www.ala.org/washoff/conferenceindex.html>.

The Chapters Council meeting proved to be enjoyable and informative. It was an opportunity to exchange ideas and to network with colleagues from all parts of the country. I thank the ACRL/NY Board for affording me the opportunity to represent the Chapter.

Marilyn Rosenthal
ACRL/NY President

ACRLNY-L Update: No More Spam!

We've heard your concerns about the ACRLNY-L Email discussion list, and have heeded your requests. ACRLNY-L is now a moderated discussion list. And I am happy to introduce myself as the first list moderator.

A moderated email list assures that all posted messages are relevant to the mission of the list. That means no more spam! No more advertisements for printer cartridges! No more off-color emails or remarks! No more repetitive requests to unsubscribe will clog your inbox!

Instead, the email list will do what it was meant to do: provide you with timely and informative postings about jobs, events, and legislative issues of concern to the library community in the New York Metro Area.

With a moderator, the list can continue to accept job postings and event notices from

individuals and institutions who may not be members of ACRLNY, but will distribute them with greater selectivity.

So, if you have unsubscribed in frustration, you are welcome and encouraged to come back. Or, if you've been hesitant about joining at all, now's the time to subscribe and become informed.

Instructions for subscribing are available on the website:
<http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/acrlny/acrlny.html>

ACRL/NY will continue to provide you with the important information you want, without the excess!

Jennifer Schwartz
Newsletter Editor & Email List Moderator

ACRL/NY LOGO CONTEST

Have a hankering for design?

Artistic aspirations?

A desire to show your creative side?

Then enter our logo contest!

ACRL/NY is updating its image on our website, brochures, and newsletter — and we want you to design the new look. Send your inquiry or submission with name, address, email, and phone number to:

Jennifer Schwartz
Re: ACRL/NY Logo Contest
70 Washington Sq. South — Mezzanine.
New York, NY 10012

The winner will receive one year's free membership to ACRL/NY. Entries will be accepted through January 31, 2002.

Announcement of the winner will appear on the ACRL/NY Email list.

Membership Update

Hello and welcome back!

With the fall semester underway, I am pleased to report that our membership this year has exceeded 150. Your support allows us to continue our outstanding programs on topics of great concern to the academic and research library community.

You will soon receive the brochure for our upcoming Annual Symposium on December 7 entitled, *Learning Outcomes Assessment: A Step Forward*. That mailing will also include a membership form for the year 2002. I urge you to renew at the same time that you submit your registration form.

As membership secretary and symposium registrar, I can accept both forms at once and simplify the process. We do ask that you please send two separate checks for bookkeeping purposes.

For those of you who have either not yet joined or who have let your membership lapse, this would be an ideal time to become a member. Not only will you be supporting ACRL/NY, but you will be able to attend the symposium at the member price.

Thank you for your interest in our organization. I look forward to hearing from everyone as your membership applications fill my mailbox!

Marsha Spiegelman
Membership Secretary

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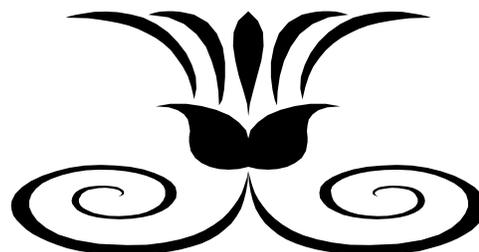
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York ; Carole Ann Fabian, Applied Arts Librarian at the Architecture and Planning Library at the University at Buffalo; and Kyzyl Fenno-Smith, an Information Services Librarian at Baruch College's Newman Library.

Hannelore Rader is renowned for her work in the field of information literacy including working with the committee that updated the *Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education*. Carla List, in addition to teaching and coordinating a required course in information literacy has served as Chair of the Task Force on the Revision of the Model Statement of Objectives for the Instruction Section of ACRL. Carole Ann Fabian has been very involved in forming partnerships with faculty and administration across the disciplines in the teaching of information literacy. And Kyzyl Fenno-Smith has been active in faculty development and information competency programs.

For more information on the upcoming Symposium, be sure to check the ACRL/NY website: <http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/acrlny/acrlny.html>; or go to the Symposium website directly: <http://library.nyctc.cuny.edu/acrlny2001/>.

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