Agenda Item: Liaison Committee Chair

for: Liaison Committee Chair

(Section, Committee, Chapter, Staff, other)

Background: The Committee has struggled in recent years to find an appropriate way in which to achieve its goals. In consultation with Patricia Breivik, we have reconsidered our role and make-up, and present the following proposal for the Board to consider for conceptual approval. If the concept is approved, we will formalize the proposal for the annual conference for Board approval.

Recommendation: The Committee should be reconstituted as a "Council" of liaisons who have been appointed to various other professional associations. There should be a clear tie between the Committee and the Board, as liaison activities are central to ACRL's emerging priorities. The Committee of Liaisons should be chaired by the ACRL Executive Director to allow for continuity, and it should report regularly to the Board.

There needs to be a "job description" and a clear set of expectations for the duties involved with long-term liaison work with another association. Part of their responsibilities should include holding open forms at ALA conferences to share ongoing information about the liaison organization and opportunities for involvement by other ACRL members.

There needs to be clear accountability on the part of liaisons for performing and reporting on their work; and evaluation of their performance would be critical, so that those who do not perform can be quickly replaced. Further, there should be some reimbursement for costs associated with liaisons' active involvement within their assigned organization, and/or the liaisons should be acknowledged in some appropriate manner by ACRL.

Motion: Above recommendation moved No motion made

Other motion (include report date):

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken: Motion Approved Motion Defeated Other:

Minority Vote (list names):

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