MINUTES

Present: Chris Millson-Martula, Chair, Anne Ciliberti, Inga Barnello, Alice Bahr, Michael McLane, Ravil Veli, Hugh Thompson (ACRL Publications Office), Rick Hart (guest), Norman Desmarais (guest)

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am, and introductions made by Chair Chris Millson-Martula. Michael McLane agreed to serve as Secretary pro tem.

2. Chris has submitted a proposal for a roundtable discussion at the ACRL Conference, entitled "In the Pits and Over the Peaks: On The Road To Publication". He will contact Committee members not present to secure a volunteer to coordinate the discussion.

3. The Committee meeting at the annual conference in San Francisco will be held on Monday, June 18, 2001, at 9:30 am.

4. InPrint discussion: Alice Bahr brought the Committee up to date on the progress to produce the new, improved, revised (ELECTRONIC!) second edition of "InPrint: Publishing Opportunities for College Librarians". Currently, there are 116 entries for the new edition: 34 are new, 7 from the first edition have been dropped. Coverage has been expanded to cover related journals of interest to college librarians. Data is current as of the last six months. An established process for updating information is needed: Alice will review new information before it is entered into the database. Committee members can be provided with a restricted url to enable them to update the database. This points up the need for virtual members who can help with the work even if they cannot attend meetings. There are two new tables in the database: (1) Titles to Consider (input information pending) and (2) Titles Never To Be Considered (inappropriate or dead titles which have already been reviewed). We need Committee volunteers for a number of duties: to update the bibliography; to enter information on new titles; to update existing entries. We need to finalize a method for inputting and maintaining the information. The database needs to be moved from the server where it presently resides (at Spring Hill College) to the ACRLserver. Alice Bahr will remain Editor-in-Chief.

Discussion ensued! It was decided that entries would be updated on a six month schedule beginning June 2001. The current list would be divided and each volunteer committee member would take about 25 titles each. They will need to contact journal editors for update information. Alice should be notified when an entry is being updated. The Chair (Chris) should be contacted with suggestions of new journal titles to be included. The following volunteered to participate in updating the database: Ravil Veli, Anne Ciliberti, Chris Millson-Martula, Rich Hart and Dave Lesniaski. Mike McLane volunteered to update the bibliography. New titles to be included in the database will be sent by Chris to whomever has responsibility for that section of the database. Committee members who work on updating and maintaining the database
information will be listed as Assistant Editors of InPrint. Publication date is scheduled for June. All information will have been reviewed by the editors of the journals listed.

Hugh Thompson from ACRL Publications Office then spoke to the Committee. InPrint will be ACRL’s first electronic publication. It can be accessed through the ACRL homepage, where you will find a sample of the database and information on how to subscribe. Subscriptions will be for two years: price will be $35 ($25 for ALA Members). One can pay by credit card or be invoiced. You will receive a password to access the whole database, which can be shared with patrons and staff. A press release will be issued to American Libraries and other publications. It was suggested that we highlight this venture in the CLS Newsletter, and publish it on listservs as broadly as possible. Hugh provided information to the Committee on how to access the database without subscribing. Hugh will be able to provide information in the future on the number of subscribers and the number of times the database is accessed.

5. ALA Research Database: Alice reported on this project, which would list research projects and people interested in participating. Another publisher has a similar project (MCB Research Register). It lists current and recently completed research projects, but not potential or prospective ones. Let Chris know whether we consider this project worth the effort. He will raise the question at the ALA Research Assembly.

6. College Library Section meeting: CLS Manual (accidentally) does not list InPrint in its list of publications. This will be corrected in the future.

7. ACRL Strategic Plan: The Committee endorsed the Strategic Plan for the period through 2005, particularly Goal 5, which gives prominent attention to research.

8. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 and was followed by an excellent program sponsored by the Committee: "1-800-PUBLISH: Helplines for Advancing Yourself and the Profession."

Michael J. McLane, Secretary Pro Tem