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From the Chair: Kathy O'Gorman

Welcome to the Fall 1999 issue of the CJCLS Newsletter. Before I bring you up-to-date on the activities of CJCLS, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to Cary Sowell, Chair of the section this past year. As you may remember, Cary was Chair-elect 1997-98 and Chair 1998-99. During her year as Chair she had the added burden to do the work of Chair-elect due to a flaw in the sections bylaws. But Cary worked hard and prevailed, even when things didn't go according to plan. Cary, the grateful members of section and I thank you for your diligence, leadership, perseverance and dedication as Chair. Your many years of service, now and in the future, to community college librarians will always be greatly appreciated.

As Cary and previous chairs have reported, CJCLS committee members are hard at work all year long. The working committees have made tremendous progress on bylaws, the section's web page, publications, conference planning, and addressing the issues facing training library technicians. A report from each committee is included in this newsletter. If you are interested in being a member of any of these working committees now or in the future please contact Gregg Atkins or myself. Our addresses are listed at the end of this article.

In the Spring 1999 issue of this newsletter, Cary reported that the section's bylaws have been revised to bring them more inline with ACRL's revised bylaws. The revision also includes wording to prevent the current Chair from having to do the work of vice chair/chair-elect in the same year. Susan Maltese, chair of the Planning and Procedures Committee, has done a wonderful job of revising and re-revising the bylaws to give the section a very strong framework within which to conduct business. However, the new bylaws are not yet official. According to ALA policy, two liaisons from the ACRL Bylaws committee will review the current version this fall. Then the bylaws will be considered by the ACRL Bylaws committee and approved by the ACRL Board at the ALA Midwinter meeting in San Antonio in January. If these hurdles are met, you will be asked to vote on them as part of annual ALA Ballot, which is issued in the spring of 2000.

At the meetings in New Orleans, the CJCLS Board learned that the ACRL Standards committee has asked for the community college standards to be reviewed and revised, if necessary, by 2001. The current standards were revised in 1994 and can be found on the web at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/guides/jrcoll.html>. A committee will be appointed by the Midwinter January 2000 meeting. People serving on this committee must commit to attending to Midwinter and the Annual Conference for the next two years being in January 2000 and should have experience working with/or knowledge of standards in libraries. If you have any interest in working on a committee to review the current standards and can fulfill the requirements, please contact me at the address listed at the end of this article.

As a reminder, the ALA Midwinter Meeting is scheduled for January 14-19, 2000. A list of meetings and activities for your San Antonio planning are listed later in this newsletter. The Annual ALA Conference will be in Chicago, July 6-11, 2000. Planning for the CLCLS conference program, meeting and activities are well under way. The traditional Friday night dinner in Chicago promises to be an extra special event. Thanks to the hard work of Bernie Fradkin, the dinner will be held at the Midway Club, a private club with an incredible view of Chicago.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. I hope to see you at meetings in San Antonio.

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ALA Midwinter Meeting 2000

ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio Meeting Schedule (as of October 15, 1999)

Saturday, January 15, 2000

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Membership Forum sponsored by Melissa Cast, ACRL Director of Member Services

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. All CJCLS Committee Meetings (except closed meetings and conference planning meetings)

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CJCLS Executive Committee, Meeting I

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CJCLS-NCLS Joint Discussion Group

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Discussion Group on Learning Communities co-sponsored with the University Library Section

Sunday, January 16, 2000

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Chicago 2000 / San Francisco 2001 Conference Planning Committees

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CJCLS Awards Committee (closed)

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Nominating Committee (closed)

Monday, January 17, 2000

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CJCLS Executive Committee II



Call for Community College Librarians' Participation

As part of ACRL's continuing efforts to learn more about what its members are thinking and are concerned with, ACRL holds focus group discussions during the Midwinter and Annual Conference. This year at Midwinter, ACRL would like to meet with community college librarians to learn more about the special issues they face. The focus group will meet on Saturday morning, January 15, 1999 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Coffee, tea and baked goods will be provided. If you are interested in participating, please contact Melissa Cast at mcast@ala.org by December 20, 1999.



Wanda Johnston Bahde and Carole Johnson receiving their respective awards at the 1999 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.



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1999 New Orleans Annual Conference committee notes at a glance

ACRL LIAISON TO AACC REPORT: Lynnette Anderson reported on many aspects of American Association of Community College (AACC) activities. She announced that she was re-appointed to serve as a member of the AACC Commission on Learning and Communication Technologies. Richard Shaw, National Council for Learning Resources (NCLR) Chair, served on the Commission on Academic, Student, and Community Development. The NCLR web page is now part of the AACC web site and provides links to the web pages for CJCLS and ACRL.

NCLR presented the 1999 Administrative Leadership Award to Dr. Bill Wenrich, Chancellor of the Dallas Community College District, and nominated Michael L. Tacha, President of Mohave County Community College in Arizona and a former librarian, for the AACC Board election.

NCLR sponsored a forum at the 1999 AACC Annual Convention titled "Collaborating on the Library of the Future: Cataloging the World Wide Web." The presenter was James Veatch, Nashville State Technical Institute. All NCLR members are encouraged to consider presenting a forum at the next AACC Annual Conference, as a way to increase the visibility of librarians within the AACC. The new NCLR podium banner was used at the NCLR sponsored forum.

The ACRL Council of Liaisons organized a discussion forum for college and university provosts at the American Association of Higher Education's national conference in April 1999.

AACC is interested in knowing what is being done by colleges in the area of information competencies. ACRL is also looking into this. Cary asked the Bibliographic Instruction Committee to work on this project.

Lynnette reminded everyone to pay their NCLR dues.

Research and Publications Committee: Wanda Bahde announced that the ACRL Board has approved the publication of #4 in the "Guide" series. The title is **Library and Learning Resources: Organization and Staffing.**

Guide #5 is in the planning stages. It will be compiled by Marcia Studer and will focus on library instruction.

The concept for Guide #6 has been approved by the Research and Publications Committee. It will be coordinated by Debbie Peterson and will be a technology planning handbook.

Awards Committee: Kathy O'Gorman reported for committee chair Jay Clark. The committee had a good pool of candidates this year. Applications are good for 2 years, so many from this year can be reconsidered next year. The new chair will be Marcia Ostrowski.

Bibliographic Instruction Committee: The Committee met with 4 members and 3 guests present. Suggestions for the "Best Practices" in library instruction feature on the CJCLS web site were collected. After discussion, it was decided to solicit suggestions of good web-based tutorials for use by community and junior college students and/or faculty. This will be done through a posting to CJC-L. Suggestions will be evaluated and annotated by BI Committee members and other volunteers. Also included on the web page will be a section for "Teaching Tips". September is the target date for the web page. The committee hopes to expand its web presence.

Library/Media Technician Training: Cary reported for Committee Chair Bernie Fradkin. The duties of this committee were presented at ALA Mid-Winter in Philadelphia. Imogene Book moved to accept the duties as presented. Janet Key seconded the motion. The group discussed a proposed name change for the committee, to Library Technical Assistant Educators Committee. It was suggested that the word "Educators" be change to "Education". It was also suggested that "state library associations" be added to duty #5, so that it reads: "Seeking opportunities to collaborate with other organizations, such as COLT, ALA Library Assistant Support Roundtable, or state library associations, to promote and advance the growing library assistant role." The motion was revised to accept the change to the committee name and the addition of text to duty #5. The motion carried.

Library Resources Review Committee: Cary reported for chair Steven Self. The committee met and discussed compiling a web page that directs librarians at community and junior college libraries to review journals. The intent is to provide information and a contact list for those interested in reviewing library materials.

The committee is continuing with efforts to produce a web version of Vocational and Technical Resources for Community College Libraries in conjunction with ACRL publishing. This project will be accomplished in sections, starting with industrial/technical areas, such as welding, HVAC, and building construction. The chair will use the list of bibliographers from the first edition and contact them to determine if they are interested in working with the committee again. The focus will be a snapshot of print materials available over the last five

years, including both books and journals. Steve will send the criteria used for the first edition to the current committee members for review and possible revision.

Cary noted that this committee does not have many active members, and suggested that perhaps the Research and Publications Committee can help with this project. Choice is also willing to help. IT was noted that the current CJCLS secretary, Cynthia Steinhoff, will begin a 2-year term on the Choice Editorial Board at the conclusion of this ALA Conference.

Membership/Communication Committee: Cary reported for chair Naomi Carter. The committee plans a new membership brochure and will work with ACRL to produce it. Letterhead needs to be redesigned so that it mentions both CJCLS and ACRL. Kathy O'Gorman offered her college's graphic arts department to help with the design. Kathy will budget for a new brochure. The committee is trying to obtain more CJCLS stickers. They are also considering a bookmark that will list the URL for the CJCLS web site, and are hoping to obtain a list of ACRL and ALA members who work at community or junior college libraries and are not members of CJCLS. The committee will draft a letter for Kathy's signature to be sent to CJCLS members who do not renew their membership. Members of the CJCLS Membership Committee will attend meetings of the ACRL Membership Committee.

Nominating Committee: Chair Mary Ann Affleck announced nominees for the next election. Nominees for Chair-Elect are Carolyn Norman, California Chancellor's Office, and David Voros, Lehigh Carbon Community College. Nominees for secretary are Laurie Linsley, Seminole Community College, and Linda Winters, Glendale Community College. Mary Ann noted that there was a limited amount of time to solicit candidates this year.

Planning and Procedures: Chair Susan Maltese asked that each committee review its charge and duties and forward any suggested revisions to her. The committee will review the relationship between the newsletter, web page, and handbook, in conjunction with members working on those publications. Susan noted that volunteers from the section will still be needed, regardless of the format of the publications.

Susan suggested that new members of section committees should receive a letter of welcome from the section chair, containing a brief description of the committee and its duties. Susan's committee can help develop a form for this letter. She also suggested an orientation to the section and its committees at the All-Committee Meeting.

Susan reported on bylaws revision. Copy editing can be done without another vote by the Board. ACRL will appoint 2 liaisons to review the revised bylaws and they may suggest changes, which would then have to be reviewed and voted on by the CJCLS Board. Susan is required by ACRL to write a justification for each statement in the bylaws that is to be changed. Susan moved that the Board accept the bylaws revision as presented and Imogene Book seconded. The motion carried.

Susan noted that the handbook editor, newsletter editor, parliamentarian, and webmaster positions will be addressed later. The webmaster position is being introduced in this version of the bylaws.

The next step in the process of gaining approval for the revised bylaws is for ACRL to appoint the 2 liaisons. They will review the draft and recommend any changes. The ACRL Board will vote on the revision, hopefully at Midwinter 2000. CJCLS membership would receive the bylaws with the ALA ballot next spring, if everything happens on schedule.

Technology Committee: Chair Gregg Atkins reported that the committee met with 4 members in attendance. The web site has been up for 6 weeks and Linda Winters is the current webmaster. The committee reviewed the look and feel of the site, which is hosted by Glendale Community College. Three new sections will be added to the site: upcoming events, items of interest, and committee pages. Links to state community college groups, the newsletter, job links, and library technology plans will be added to existing sections.

Gregg presented a draft of the webmaster job description. It is based on the description for the newsletter editor. Gregg moved for acceptance and Kathy O'Gorman seconded. The motion carried. Gregg recommended that Linda Winters be appointed webmaster.

ACRL has space on its server for web pages. Currently only the ACRL webmaster has access to the server. Linda prefers to keep the CJCLS page on the Glendale server so she can update, until ACRL changes this policy and allows authorized users to make changes.

The committee reviewed the proposal to create a technology planning handbook as Guide #6. This was originally intended to be a web-based publication, but now will appear in print. Debbie Peterson, College of Eastern Utah, will be the editor. It will describe approaches to library technology planning and include sample library technology plans. Debbie will prepare the proposal.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

New Orleans 1999 Program Planning: The boat trip on Friday evening broke even. More publicity for these events in ALA publications is needed. The Saturday morning program was successful and well attended. Cary Sowell moved that the Board commend Leonora Lockett for her hard work in handling local arrangements. Susan Maltese seconded and the motion carried. Imogene Book suggested that Cary send a letter of thanks to Leonora.

Chicago 2000 Program Planning: Kathy O'Gorman attended a meeting of program chairs. The CJCLS program idea – accreditation issues - overlapped with that of the Distance Learning Section – accreditation and distance learning library services. The program chair for the Distance Learning Section is Trish Del Nero at Loyola University in New Orleans and she attended the CJCLS Program Committee meeting. The groups will co-sponsor a program that will investigate trends in accreditation and how libraries are affected. There will be an overview of the accreditation process and an examination of the distance learning guidelines' relationship to accreditation. Outcomes assessment and accreditation will also be discussed. One speaker will represent an accrediting body. One goal of the program will be to encourage librarians to become part of accreditation teams. Kathy is requesting a time of 9:30 a.m. on Saturday for the program.

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GET INVOLVED

The general purpose of CJCLS Committees is to carry out the work of the Section and to provide a forum for members with similar interests to share their ideas and energy. Committee members must be members of the Section and are strongly encouraged to attend both the Midwinter and annual meetings of ALA. We need your involvement! Committee appointments are normally for two years. New appointments will be made in Spring, 2000 and will become effective at the close of the ALA Conference in Chicago in Summer, 2000.

There are eight committees from which to choose: Awards, Bibliographic Instruction, Library/Media Technician Training, Library Resources Review, Membership and Communications, Planning and Procedures, Research and Publications, and the Technology Committee.

If you are interested in joining a committee contact Gregg Atkins at the College of San Mateo Library, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd. (9-224), San Mateo, CA 94402 or email him at atkins@smcccd.cc.ca.us or you can go to our web site at <http://www.glendale.cc.ca.us/cjcls> and fill out a form online.



Visit with Friends and Colleagues at Midwinter

Join us for a casual Dutch Treat dinner in San Antonio on Friday night, January 14, 6:30 p.m. at the County Line Barbeque restaurant on the Riverwalk. This is a country style (all-you-can-eat) dinner with chicken, ribs and brisket for \$19 (tax and tip included). If you want to join in, email Cary Sowell at cary@austin.cc.tx.us to reserve a place or fax her at (512) 223-4902.

Look for information about our dinner on the CJC-L listserv in December or go to the CJCLS web site at: <http://www.glendale.cc.ca.us/cjcls>.

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