

MIDWINTER MEETING AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES LIBRARIANS SECTION/ACRL MINUTES

Clarence Chisolm, Chairperson, presided over the Midwinter meeting of the Afro-American Studies Librarians Section (AFAS) Monday, January 14, 1991, at the Congress Hotel, Chicago.

William Welburn (University of Iowa) was appointed Acting Newsletter Editor. The new chairperson will appoint an editor in June to serve a 2-year appointment. It is anticipated that the newsletter will be published twice a year. Please submit any information you wish included to William Welburn.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Rochelle Ballard

AFAS currently has 117 members. A discussion group for special members (public, private, and special librarians) will be formed to allow participation by nonmembers.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - Michael Walker

Michael Walker discussed revisions and cosmetic changes to the Bylaws. Members will vote on changes by mail so the Constitution can be reprinted. New committee members are needed. Anyone interested should contact Michael Walker.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

ACRL CONFERENCE - Michael Walker

1992 ACRL Conference will be held in St. Louis, MO, March 25-28. The theme will be "Academic Libraries Achieving Excellence in Higher Education". AFAS will focus on multicultural diversity in Afro-American collections. July 31, 1991 is the deadline for submitting planned programs.

ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Clarence Chisolm

Theme for ALA Annual Conference is "Information Literacy". C. Chisolm has requested the following dates and times:

Executive Board Meeting - July 1, 9-11

Program - July 2, 2-4

He is also working to get Andrew Young or Mrs. Young to speak. Program will center on how Afro-American information literacy affects the black family.

ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1992, SAN FRANCISCO) - Clarence Chisolm

Working with Vivian Sykes to development program. Theme will be "Your Right to Know and Whatever Makes it Happen".

FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARIANS - Clarence Chisolm

The Black Caucus/ALA will hold its' first conference in Columbus, Ohio, Labor Day weekend, 1992. Theme will be "Culture Keepers: Enlightening & Empowering Our Communities".

NOMINATION COMMITTEE - Curtis Kendricks

The following slate of candidates was offered by the Nomination Committee:

Vice Chair/Chair Elect

Doris Clack
Barney Sims

Secretary

Joyce Jelks
Doris Horn

Member At Large

Louella Davis
Elaine Hughes

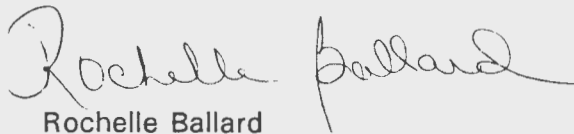
OLD BUSINESS

Indexing Project - AFAS members are evaluating commercial indexes to determine the treatment and coverage of Afro-Americans. Such features as terminology, headings, subject areas, differences between formats and time periods will be examined. Results will be compiled and possibly published. A committee was formed to coordinate the results (Diana Brice, Chair, Karen McDaniel, Leta Hendricks, Doris Clack, and William Wilburn). Completed reports should be sent to the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the new term 'multicultural diversity'. What does it mean and which group does it represent (women, gays, ethnic groups)? Could it possibly mean a watering down of funds for Black Studies collections? The definition and effects of multicultural diversity should be examined by the Section.

Respectfully submitted,


Rochelle Ballard