

Afro-American Studies Librarians' Section (AFAS)
Association of College and Research Libraries
American Library Association

Meeting of Executive Committee
Sunday, January 25, 1992
11:30 - 12:30

Marriott Riverwalk Hotel - Valero Room

1. Minutes of the July 1, 1991 Meeting in Atlanta - Rochelle Ballard
2. Reports of Committees - Stanton F. Biddle
 - a. ACRL National Conference Program Committee - Michael Walker
 - b. ALA San Francisco Annual Conference Program Committee - Vivian M. Sykes
 - c. National Conference of African American Librarians Program Committee - Alice Smith, Gladys Smiley Bell, and Elaine Hughes
 - d. Nominations Committee - Curtis Kendrick
 - e. African American Indexing Terminology Project - Doris Clack and Diana Brice
 - f. Section Newsletter - William Welburn
 - g. By-laws Committee - Michael C. Walker
3. Old Business
 - a. Section Procedures/Orientation Manual - Gladys Smiley Bell
 - b. Section Directory (including e-mail and FAX numbers), logo, letterhead, and flyers - Stanton F. Biddle and Rochelle Ballard
 - c. *setting up discussion groups - Stanton F. Biddle*
4. New Business
 - a. AFAS BITNET Listserv - Gladys Smiley Bell
 - b. Acquisitions Librarian article request

9:30 am Centro B Convention Center

Salt Lake City Program Summary due April 15th
to Stanton Biddle.

KCOA - AFAS-ACRL Table to be set up. *

ALA ACRL Afro-American Studies Librarian Section
Midwinter Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 1992
11:30-12:30
San Antonio, Texas

Stanton F. Biddle, Chairperson

Minutes of the membership meeting in Atlanta are to be duplicated and distributed at midwinter membership meeting scheduled Monday, January 27.

Reports from Committee Chairs:

ACRL NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - MICHAEL WALKER

Speaker: Howard Dodson, Chief, Schomburg with reaction from Jessie Carey Smith, Rodney Lee, Herman Totten

SAN FRANCISCO ANNUAL CONFERENCE Two programs - VIVIAN SYKES, CHAIR (STANTON BIDDLE REPORTING)

First program scheduled at regular membership meeting

Topic: Classification: panel discussion

panelist: Doris Clack, David Anthony, Joseph Melack and a student from University of California Santa Cruz.

Second Program: ACRL Conference within a Conference Monday

Topic: Recruitment : panel discussion

panelist: William Welburn, Edith Fisher, and Clarence Chisholm

BLACK CAUCUS NATIONAL CONFERENCE , September 4-6, 1992

Topic: Empowering Students and Academic Community

Three member panel: Yvonne Williams, Asst. Dean of Faculty , Kent State University; Gladys Smiley Bell, Instructional Services Librarian, Kent State University and Elaine Hughes, Reference Librarian , University of Cincinnati.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Presented slate of candidates: **Chair** - William Welburn, University of Iowa; Robert Miller, Vivian Harsh Collection, Chicago Public Library; **Secretary** - Joyce Jelks, Atlanta Fulton Public Library, Diane Brice, Woodson Regional, Chicago Public Library; **Members at Large** (elect two) Carol Rudisell, University of Delaware; Michael Walker, Virginia

Commonwealth University; Rochelle Ballard- University of Central Florida

This committee needs two member appointed

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INDEXING TERMINOLOGY COMMITTEE - DIANE BRICE

Doris Clack has created three page guidelines for the project. The committee will review guidelines and develop a plan of action. Additional Volunteers will be recruited at the midwinter meeting . A general description of the project will be included in the newsletter. A working meeting will be scheduled in San Francisco. Members of the committee are: Diana Brice, chair. Doris Clack, Luella B. Davis, Leta Hendricks, Carol Rudisell, William Welburn. (**volunteers from membership meeting to be added to indexing committee** Ruby C. Beel, Mary G. Wrighten and Mark McManus.)

NEWSLETTER

No Newsletter published in Fall,1991 can have double issue in Spring, 1992.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS -MICHAEL WALKER

Discussed in Atlanta. The official by-laws for the section has been accepted by ACRL. If there ARE any discrepancies contact Michael Walker or Doris Clack to make sure changes are made in accordance to ACRL.

Old Business

ACRL Women Section Procedure Manual - Gladys Smiley Bell will discuss Manual. (executive committee will review manual, make changes and present to membership in San Francisco)

Section directory - discussion on the cost of rainbow logo for promotional brochure. The color mixing for the logo made the printing cost over budget. Motion was made and carried for the executive committee to make a decision on the logo which is to be used on letterhead and flyer.

AFAS membership is approx. 180 members.

The creation of discussion groups within the section takes twenty-five names on a petition. DUES \$2.00.

New Business

AFAS BITNET Listserv - Gladys Smiley Bell

Executive Committee endorsed the idea. Gladys discussed listserv with the membership. VOLUNTEERS (Stanton Biddle, Rochelle Ballard, Mark Manus, Wanda Crenshaw, Michael Walker, Carol Ritzen Kem) to assist in formulating policies and procedures for Listserv.

Sylvia Curtis is going to respond to the request from Acquisitions Librarians for an article on library service to minorities by April 15, 1992.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOT COVERED IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

Monday, January 27, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

NEW ORLEANS CONFERENCE 1993 PROGRAM - ALMA DAWSON, Chair

"Afro-American Information Resources, 1960s through 1990s: Quality Issues"

panel discussion

panelists: Alma Dawson, Lou Helen Sauders, and Emma Perry.

Representative from ACRL Social Issues Task Force gave a brief overview of the National Conference Controversy. Arizona site was withdrawn; St. Louis local chapter ACRL did not invite conference, Salt Lake City local ACRL chapter invited conference and ACRL accepted. Women Studies Section withdrew program and Racial Ethnic Diversity also withdrew program because these groups did not agree with Utah's policy on social issues. Salt Lake City has strong census on sex education and abortion. ACRL Social Issues Task Force will have an open hearing in San Francisco on draft guidelines on How ACRL responses to social issues.

Brenda Mitchell-Powell editor of Multicultural Review is looking for reviewers (203) 221-1224 Reviews 200 words. A commitment to four reviews a year will get free subscription. Brenda has volunteered her company, Orange Ball Corporation, to assist in the printing of the rainbow brochure for AFAS.

Discussion Topic: How has the new emphasis on multiculturalism and diversity affected support for African American Studies collections? Has it given new support and visibility or has it increased the competition for limited resources allocated to an area of endeavor? What can or should the ACRL Afro-American Studies Librarians' Section do to support our members?

Response: Baruch College - Institution is not hiring enough ethnic diversity. \$63,000 is budgeted for all multiethnic groups books budget cut by \$300,000.

Kent state University - has new director uses Pan African (global approach) African Studies. Identification of level of support. A higher amount can not be spent without special authorization.

University of Florida - Cultural Diversity, second year, includes Latin american, African Studies, African American Studies and Women Studies. Board of Regents lack of support.

Indiana University - Black Cultural Center Library, opens fall 1992. Dean of Afro-American affairs appointed. Funding for library still an issue. Current position half

reference and half at new center. African American materials dispersed throughout regular collections.

Small state liberal arts college (Mary Washington College, Virginia) - No department allocation, The library make the decision. \$ 20,000 spent on Afro-American materials. Has enrollment of \$3,000.

State of Washington - coordinating Latin, Asian, Afro-American, and American-Ethnic studies \$5,000. American Indians included under Anthropology.

Announcements:

Visit booth at midwinter Softline Information Inc. **Ethnic NewsWatch** a new multicultural Database . Full Text on CD ROM. Newspapers and magazines from the ethnic and minority press in America. Brochure distributed.

Job announcement for Assistant Director for Collections and Services/ Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

Joyce E. Jelks, Secretary ACRL AFAS (March 31, 1992)