

AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES LIBRARIANS SECTION  
ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES  
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, June 25, 1993, 8:00-10:00 pm  
Hilton Hotel, Prince of Wales Room  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Doris Clack, Chair; Rodney Lee, Alma Dawson, Rochelle Ballard, Gladys Smiley Bell, Stanton Bell, Mary G. Wrighten, Ray Metz (ACRL Board Member)

The agenda was approved by Rodney Lee and seconded. Approval of the midwinter meeting minutes in Denver was delayed until executive board members receive individual copies.

Doris Clack made the following announcements:

Afro-American Studies Librarians Section are invited to a reception and open house at the Amistad Research Center. Monday, June 28, 1993 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. The Amistad Research Center (located at 6823 St. Charles Ave Tilton Hall Tulane University) is an independent minority institution and one of the nation's premier archival depositories. It presently houses over 8,000,000 documents.

Afro-American Studies Librarians executive Board is invited to attend a luncheon with the program presenters at the Commander's Palace 1403 Washington Avenue beginning at 1:15 pm promptly.

AFAS' program " Afro-American Information Resources: Assessing Three Decades of Progress 1960-1990" is being co-sponsored by the ACRL- Anthropology and Sociology Section; ACRL- Asian and African Studies Section; Black Caucus of ALA; and Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Round Table.

Stanton Biddle, past chair of AFAS, had three goals which he accomplished having the section's newsletter published on a regularly basis; producing superior programs at ALA, ACRL National Conference and BCALA National Conference; and establishing LISTSERV.

Doris Clack, current chair, accomplished her goals of developing organizational structure for getting the section's work done and involving others in committee work. Currently, there are six committees of the section. The membership of the section has increased to 238 making this section the second fastest growing in ACRL. Communicating with members was another goal Doris clack accomplished. Letters have been sent to new members, reinstated ones and to no response members. Doris has continue to produce outstanding programs. Doris Clack is concerned about the indexing project and its importance in enhancing access to African American

materials. The project needs to look at databases and how the language is changing. The project needs some dedicated committee members who will not let the project die.

#### ACTIVITIES

Wrighten represented AFAS Midwinter on the RASD open forum "Electronic Medium on Cultural Diversity".

Smiley Bell gave a workshop for AFAS at Midwinter on AFAS-L: Discussion of African American Studies and Librarianship.

Clack is working on the 2nd edition of BLACK WRITERS being published by Gale research.

Guest - Ray Metz, a member of ACRL's board. The current ACRL president has ACRL board members visiting section and committee meetings. AFAS is a four year old ACRL section which began in 1981 as a discussion group.

Program Committee (Dawson) Monday's program was funded by ACRL. certificates will be given, program printed on green paper. Every thing is ready. Brenda Mitchell-Powell will bring along handouts. Be sure to emphasize co-sponsors.

CCC Memorial Committee (Walker) everything is ready for Monday's meeting; the ribbons, plaque and resolution. No member of Clarence Chisholm's family will be present. No video tape of the program will be made. An award can not be named in his honor unless it is a money award from an outside source.

Constitution Committee (Walker) no report.

Indexing Project Committee (wrighten) met at midwinter. The committee agreed that each member would do a sample run on the index of choice covering the years 1980-1992 years in both print and electronic format of the index. The committee will meet Saturday. The committee will also begin writing a grant proposal for the project. The current chair is committed to the indexing project for two years.

Membership Committee will continue to work on PR. A top priority of incoming officers is to produce a brochure on the section to be used for recruitment.

Nominating Committee (Ballard) chair announced the 1993 election results Michael Walker, chair elect; and Gladys Smiley Bell, Secretary. 1994 will have election for chair elect, secretary and member at large.

Welburn, chair has made committee appointments. Some committee still need members. Suggestion to put volunteer form on L-SERV and newsletter. Thomas call Welburn to get this list. I know I have the committee chairs I think. Nominating Committee- Mark Mc Manus;

Membership Committee - Carol Rudnez Kim; Program Committee- Itibari M. Zulu; Constitution and Bylaws Committee- Michael walker; Membership Committee- Diane Brice; Publication Committee- Thomas Weissenger and Policy Committee- Rodney Lee.

Policy and research Committee will update ACRL FAS handbook. deadline to have 2nd draft at LA Midwinter and final document to present to membership at Miami Annual. The committee will implement strategic plan to meet September 1, 1993 deadline. Policy and research committee will look at Welburn's editorial in newsletter for ideas.

Publication Committee reported from ACRL's publication committee which is proposing to come out totally electronically. Procedures are being discussed to do this. Gladys Smiley Bell reports L\_SERV has 300 subscribers worldwide including 7 countries outside the United States. Moderators for AFAS- L- SERV had a 7 am meeting at ALA Annual. AFAS-L- SERV will looking at an electronic newsletter; electronic journal with referee articles; gateway to user news group and create file - anonymous FTP files linked to using go far. (ask Smiley Bell to explain this).

#### Old Business

Policy and Research Committee will research creating discussion groups as a component of AFAS as a way of reaching non ACRL interested people mainly public library personnel.

The need for a Section Directory. This idea started when this was a discussion group. Because AFAS is a section of ACRL, a membership list is generated by ACRL and sent to the Chair. Chairman of the nominating committee also gets list of members. Missing are the non ACRL people who were on the discussion group mailing list. A policy to get a list of attenders at section's meeting.

CLarence Chisholm ALA resolution was approved by council and will be read at membership meeting at this Annual Conference. Clarence Toomer will represent Clarence's family.

#### New Business

William Welburn's committee nominations were approved with modification. AFAS-L- SERV editor was added to the Publication Committee.

Doris Clack will write to the Underground railroad Project telling about AFAS and offering our assistance.

A program on AFAS -L- SERV will be presented at the Second Conference of BCALA, Milwaukee. Stanton Biddle and Smiley Bell are responsible for filling out program form and getting to BCALA .

The pro and cons of releasing the Marshall Papers to the public by the Library of Congress was discussed by the executive committee.

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**Membership Meeting**  
**Monday, June 28, 1993, 9:30-10:00 am**  
**Marriott, Mardi Gras D**

Doris Clack called the meeting to order and made introductions. Minutes of the executive board were read by Joyce Jelks, secretary. No action item from the board were presented . Gladys Smiley Bell asked the membership about the creation of an electronic journal. The membership approved the creation of an electronic journal. The business was adjourned.

The Tribute to Clarence Chisholm was moderated by Micheal Walker. It was very moving.

Alma Dawson presided over the program. I think the program was audio recorded. The room was full. Excellent program.