

TO: ALA Executive Board

RE: ACRL 2015 Conference Site Recommendation - Portland
ACRL 2017 Conference Site Recommendation - Nashville

ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:

At the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Board of Directors approved Portland, Oregon, as the official location for the ACRL 2015 Conference on the dates of March 25-28, 2015. The ACRL Board also approved Nashville, Tennessee, as the official location for the ACRL 2017 Conference on the dates of March 29-April 1, 2017.

Per the ALA Policy Manual section 6.4.1 Policies of the American Library Association in Relation to its Membership Divisions the ACRL Executive Director and President are submitting these decisions to the ALA Executive Board for approval.

Policy 6.4.1: "Proposals for Division National Conferences should be made to the ALA Executive Board at least two years in advance of the anticipated meeting date following a prescribed proposal outline. ALA state and regional chapters in the geographical area of a proposed conference shall be notified in writing of a desired conference prior to submitting the request to the Executive Board."

ACTION REQUESTED BY:

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DRAFT OF MOTION:

The ALA Executive Board approve Portland, Oregon, Philadelphia as the official location for the ACRL 2015 Conference on the dates of March 25-28, 2015, and Nashville, Tennessee, as the official location for the ACRL 2017 Conference on the dates of March 29 – April 1, 2017.

DATE: February 3, 2010

BACKGROUND:

ACRL has a strong 32-year history of successful National Conferences, beginning with our first conference in Boston in 1978 and most recently with our 14th National Conference in Seattle in March 2009. More than 9 out of 10 attendees (91.6%) characterized their experience at the 2009 ACRL National Conference as either "very" or "somewhat positive." Nearly all respondents (94.9%) would be "very" or "somewhat likely" to recommend the ACRL National Conference to a colleague. The factors most important to respondents in their decision to attend the 2009 ACRL National Conference were: keeping up with the profession (86.8%),

program content (75.8%), share ideas/best practices with colleagues (58.0%), network with colleagues (56.5%) and convenience of location (44.2%).

Selected comments from the ACRL 2009 Conference evaluation are below:

- It was the best conference experience I've had. Very useful and enjoyable on many levels. I'm already saving for 2011!
- This is always a quality conference where I come away feeling I learned and I've contributed.
- This was an excellent conference and as a first-time ACRL attendee I was very impressed. The content was consistently very good, the scheduling to avoid session conflicts was a real blessing, and the fact that almost everything was contained within the Conference Center made it very easy to get to the programs and sessions I found important.

Requests for proposals to host the ACRL 2015 and 2017 Conferences were issued in August 2009. Per ACRL's policy on site selection criteria, ACRL is committed to a geographic rotation of its conference location to afford more members the opportunity to attend. Staff researched sites that have the appropriate meeting and exhibit space, adequate hotel rooms close to the convention center, easy accessibility for air and ground transportation, reasonable rates for meeting space and hotel rooms, and date availability.

Based on each city's proposal, site visits by ACRL staff, availability, and costs, Portland, Oregon, was recommended to the ACRL Board of Directors as the official location for the ACRL 2015 Conference and Nashville, Tennessee, was recommended to the ACRL board as the official location for the ACRL 2017 Conference. The ACRL Board of Directors approved these recommendations during their meeting at the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

After identifying suitable sites based on an appropriate geographic rotation of its conference location, ACRL looks for conference dates in March or April that avoid all major holidays and similar conferences while avoiding scheduling too closely ALA and other major division's conference locations. As demonstrated by the chart below, this motion meets those requirements.

ALA	ACRL	PLA	AASL
2009 Midwinter, Denver 2009 Annual, Chicago	2009 Seattle (W)		2009 Charlotte (E)
2010 Midwinter, Boston 2010 Annual, Washington, D.C.		2010 Portland (W)	
2011 Midwinter, San Diego 2011 Annual, New Orleans	2011 Philadelphia (E)		2013 Minneapolis (C)
2012 Midwinter, Dallas 2012 Annual, Anaheim		2012 Philadelphia (E)	
2013 Midwinter, Seattle 2013 Annual, Chicago	2013 Indianapolis (C)		2013 TBD
2014 Midwinter, Philadelphia 2014 Annual, Las Vegas		2014 Indianapolis (C)	
2015 Midwinter, Chicago 2015 Annual, San Francisco	2015 Portland (W) (proposed)		2015 TBD
2016 Midwinter, Boston 2016 Annual, Orlando		2016 Denver (W)	
2017 Midwinter, Atlanta 2017 Annual, Chicago	2017 Nashville (E) (proposed)		2017 TBD

In accordance with ALA's "Organizational and Operational Practices," Policy 6.4.1, Section VIII, ACRL contacted in writing ALA state and regional chapters in the geographical areas of the proposed conferences and sought the cooperation of these chapters in respect to programming and scheduling. All chapters in the geographic regions responded positively to ACRL holding a conference in their region (see table below) and provided letters of support (*see attachments*).

Letters of Support received for ACRL 2015 in Portland

State	ALA Chapters	ACRL Chapters
OREGON	Oregon Library Association	Association of College and Research Libraries, Oregon Chapter
CALIFORNIA	California Library Association	California Academic and Research Libraries (CARL)
IDAHO	Idaho Library Association	No ACRL Chapter
NEVADA	Nevada Library Association	Nevada Association of College and Research Libraries
WASHINGTON	Washington Library Association	Washington State Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries

Letters of Support received for ACRL 2017 in Nashville

State	ALA Chapters	ACRL Chapters
ALABAMA	Alabama Library Association	Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries

ARKANSAS	Arkansas Library Association	Arkansas Library Association, College and University Division
GEORGIA	Georgia Library Association	Academic Library Division (ALD) of the Georgia Library Association
KENTUCKY	Kentucky Library Association	Kentucky Library Association, Academic Section
MISSISSIPPI	Mississippi Library Association	Association of College and Research Libraries Chapter of the Mississippi Library Association
MISSOURI	Missouri Library Association	Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries
NORTH CAROLINA	North Carolina Library Association	College and University Section of the North Carolina Library Association
TENNESSEE	Tennessee Library Association	Tennessee Library Association, College and University Section
VIRGINIA	Virginia Library Association	College and University Section of the Virginia Library Association

ACRL members value ACRL's National Conference and we look forward to the ALA Executive Board's approval of the proposed 2015 and 2017 locations and dates so that ACRL can continue to deliver this important program.

Attachments:

- Chapter letters of support for Portland
- Chapter letters of support for Nashville



California Academic & Research Libraries

Margot S. Conahan
Manager, Professional Development
Association of College and Research Libraries
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Dear Margot,

I would like to write a brief letter of support in of the selection of Portland, Oregon as the destination for the 2015 ACRL National Conference.

As Past-President of the California chapter of ACRL (CARL), I can attest to the strong desire of California academic and research librarians to be able to participate in our preeminent association's conference.

With the current economic crisis, travel budgets to most California Universities has been drastically cut and having the conference nearby would allow more California Academic Librarians to attend.

Therefore, I enthusiastically support Portland, Oregon as the site for the 2015 ACRL National Conference.

If you have any questions, or if I can clarify any of my statements, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tracey Mayfield
CARL Past President
Associate Dean, CSULB University Library



March 19, 2010

Dear ACRL Board of Directors:

Holding the 2015 ACRL conference in Portland OR is a terrific idea and has the support of the Idaho Library Association. Portland is a great city for a conference (as evidenced by the Public Library Association conference being held there later this month).

More importantly for Idaho academic librarians, Portland is an accessible city for us. Like all librarians, we watch our travel dollars carefully and choose meetings and training sessions that are economical. Portland as a site will work well.

It's my understanding that the ACRL conference is an excellent opportunity for academic librarians for professional development. Please do select Portland for the 2015 conference – Idaho librarians will be there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bette Ammon'. The signature is written in black ink and has a long, thin horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Bette Ammon
President, Idaho Library Association

From: Joan E. Vaughan [mailto:jevaughan@hdpl.org]
Sent: Wed 3/10/2010 12:37 PM
To: Margot Conahan
Subject: RE: March 22 response requested RE: ACRL 2015 Conference: Nevada Library Association Letter of Support

Dear Margot,

As President of the Nevada Library Association, I would like to express my support on behalf of the Nevada Library Association for having the ACRL 2015 National Conference in Portland, Oregon in 2015.

Please let me know if I can do anything else to assist the process.

- Joan

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January 8, 2010



Washington Chapter
ACRL

Margot Conahan
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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Washington Chapter of ACRL I am pleased to write a letter of support for the city of Portland, Oregon as the site of the 2015 ACRL Conference.

This location will be an exciting opportunity for academic librarians in the Pacific Northwest to host our academic librarian colleagues and once again show off what we believe is the most beautiful corner of the country. The success of the 2009 Seattle ACRL conference, in the midst of an economic crisis, demonstrates that this region is a desirable destination for conference attendees.

The city of Portland is a perfect choice for a conference of this size and caliber. The city is easily accessible by car, plane, or train and includes plenty of affordable accommodations. The MAX light rail (which includes stops at the Oregon Convention Center, train station, and airport) will assist attendees to get to various destinations throughout the city. Similar to Seattle, downtown Portland still has a vibrant shopping, arts, and restaurant scene, including the legendary Pearl District, and Powell's Books. Restaurant offerings in the city are diverse and attendees would have a wide range of prices to choose from. The Portland area also includes opportunities for additional side trips such as skiing at Mt. Hood, seal watching on the Oregon Coast, and wine tasting in the Willamette Valley.

The Washington Chapters' support for the city of Portland and to our Oregon academic librarian colleagues is an extension of our already close ties. The Washington and Oregon ACRL Chapters have for many years alternated the hosting of the Joint Annual Chapters conference and we share our membership listserv to better reach all librarians in the Pacific Northwest. Thirty-six academic institutions in Washington and Oregon are also members of the Orbis Cascade Alliance consortium. If Portland is selected for the 2015 conference site, I am confident that the academic librarians of Washington would do what it takes (attend, volunteer, etc.,) to help make this conference a success, just as many Oregon academic librarians did for the Seattle ACRL Conference.

I encourage the committee to choose Portland for the 2015 ACRL Conference. As an attendee of many past ACRL conferences, and a recent volunteer for the Local Arrangements Committee for the Seattle Conference, I know that Portland is just the type of city that ACRL members would find both exciting and rewarding to visit.

Sincerely,



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RE: 2015 Conference Site Selection

To whom it may concern:

Portland would be a wonderful site for the 2015 ACRL annual conference!

The Washington Library Association strongly endorses Portland as a choice. We have a joint conference with the Oregon Library Association every 4 years, and our meetings in the Portland metro area are always very popular, well attended, and very satisfying to the participants.

Portland is one of those fortunate cities that have a variety of hotel accommodations, downtown and on the urban perimeter, that are not only well set up for conference activities, but also experienced in the needs of attendees. We have used the conference center downtown, met at the airport hotels, and met just across the river in Vancouver, to occasionally be on the Washington side of the border. In all cases, we are well served by both public transportation and excellent highway connections.

The restaurant, cultural, and recreational amenities available in Portland are truly world-class. Every neighborhood has its own cultural mix, and all seem to be available just short distances from the conference venues. One cannot help but feel they are in a college town due to the many colleges and universities found in the city. One of the top independent booksellers in the nation, Powell's Books, has its main store filling an entire block downtown and specialized topical branches nearby and even in the airport.

The many recreational activities available always lead attendees to spend more days in Portland than in many other conference cities. Hiking, skiing, biking, and surfing are easily accessible, as are the more relaxed recreations found in wineries, gardens, and art galleries.

I strongly urge ACRL to choose Portland for the conference location. There will be little reluctance from the members of the Washington library community to make the extra jaunt to Portland, as we regularly do for our own conferences. We welcome the world to always come to the Pacific Northwest, and we consider Portland one of the gems of our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Mallory', written over a printed name.

Tim Mallory
President, Washington Library Association



California Library Association

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Ms. Margot Conahan
Association of College and Research Libraries
50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611
January 11, 2010

Dear Ms. Conahan,

As 2010 President of the California Library Association (CLA), a chapter of the American Library Association, I am delighted to write a letter of support for the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) holding its 2015 conference in Portland, Oregon.

Whenever a professional library conference of this stature and magnitude is held in a state contiguous to California, our members benefit considerably in several critical ways. Proximity to the location of a national conference equals easier and less costly attendance opportunities for California libraries and librarians. Les Kong, current CLA Board member, ALA Chapter Councilor and ACRL California Academic and Research Libraries (CARL) Councilor Delegate, shared with me that academic librarians in California would welcome Portland as a site for the 2015 national conference, and that many Californians attended the conference held in Seattle of April last year.

Additionally, a western regional location for a national library conference raises the visibility of librarians and libraries across the western states, through a direct and positive economic impact on the hospitality and meeting industries of that area and through enhanced media outreach and marketing opportunities. I'll never forget visiting New Orleans with First Lady Laura Bush's National Preserve America Summit in 2006, and hearing a local resident exclaim (after hearing that I was a librarian, not a tourism professional) "We love all you librarians – you were the first to come back after Katrina." The impact of nearly 4,000 librarian and related professional attendees on a region, and on the visibility of our profession, cannot be underestimated.

Portland, Oregon, is an attractive and conference-friendly location that will certainly attract great and enthusiastic attendance. I am looking forward to attending the Public Library Association in Portland in March of this year. And I hope to be able to visit Portland again in 2015 to attend the ACRL conference!

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information you may require.

Wishing you all the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Bui-Burton'.

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Cc: Holly Macriass, CLA Executive Director
Les Kong, CSU San Bernadino Head of Public Services
Amy Wallace, CARL President

Margot Conahan
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8 January 2010

Dear Ms. Conahan:

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries to express our enthusiastic support of Portland, Oregon as the host city for ACRL National 2015.

Portland is a wonderful city for visitors, especially for book-lovers! Portland offers the rich cultural life of a bigger city while maintaining the friendliness and ease of a small city. In Portland, we pride ourselves on our independence. Visitors have access to an impressive array of independent bookstores, local breweries, craft coffee roasters, diverse, delicious dining options (from vegan restaurants to top-notch steakhouses), small theatres, and stores selling locally made goods. Visitors to Portland will discover a vibrant small city with a strong local culture. And with Powell's City of Books in town, librarians are sure to leave with heavier bags! Downtown is an easy (and free) ride on public transit from the Convention Center. In addition to great public transit, Portland is terrifically walkable. In March, our weather - though rainy - is mild enough for nice walks by the river and in some of our famous parks. March is also a good time to explore the amazing scenery and recreation opportunities within an hour or two of Portland (Mt. Hood, the scenic coast, wine country, and stunning Columbia Gorge waterfalls).

Portland deserves its reputation as a leader in sustainability and stewardship of the environment. As such, it is an ideal city to help ACRL continue its impressive "green conference" efforts. The Convention Center provides excellent facilities and has hosted other national library conferences such as PLA.

Portland is well-situated on the "I-5 corridor" making it a convenient drive for academic librarians from as far away as Vancouver, BC . The major land-grant institutions in eastern Washington and Oregon regularly use Portland as a convenient locale for meetings. Portland is a commuter flight away for librarians from all over the West. We have an excellent airport (rated the best airport in the US for three of the last four years by Conde Nast and the best airport in the US in the 2009 Zagat Airline Survey) and non-stop flights are available from many major East coast cities. From the airport, the Convention Center is an easy 30-minute, direct train ride on public transportation.

Finally, I can confidently state that the Oregon chapter will provide enthusiastic local support for the conference. We have an active and engaged chapter with librarians from around the state eager for volunteer opportunities within our organization. We would be proud and delighted to show Portland off to our colleagues from around the country!

Sincerely,

Rachel Bridgewater
President, Oregon Chapter, Association of College and Research Libraries

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Rachel Bridgewater
President, Oregon Chapter, Association of College and Research Libraries

Kate Hahn
Nevada Library Association
Nevada College and Research Libraries

March 30, 2010

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Dear Ms. Conahan:

On behalf of the Nevada Association of College and Research Libraries (NCRL), it is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of ACRL holding their 17th National Conference in Portland, Oregon. The ACRL National Conference is a valuable opportunity for academic librarians to learn about current and emerging trends in librarianship, establish a network of peers, and promote current research and collaborations in libraries. Selecting Portland as the 2015 National Conference host city will strengthen members' interest and contribute to a successful conference due to its accessibility, affordability, and places of interest.

Sincerely,

Kate Hahn
Chair, NCRL

Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries

January 4, 2010

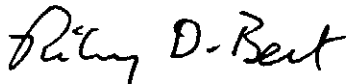
Margott Conahan
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Dear Ms. Conahan: I am sending this letter in support of the consideration of Nashville, TN, as a potential site for the ACRL convention in 2017. Nashville is centrally located, and with the eight states contiguous to Tennessee contains a potential attendance population of more than 1,600 ACRL members.

The members of the Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries executive board are all in favor of supporting the consideration of Nashville as the 2017 convention site. The association is willing to offer any support that we can in terms of program planning and/or local arrangement assistance.

While the current board can make no commitments for financial support, as Dean of the Auburn University at Montgomery Library I would be willing to work towards providing some small amount of fiscal support towards the 2017 convention.

Sincerely,



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Ms. Margot Conahan
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February 19, 2010

Dear Ms. Conahan:

As President of the Alabama Library Association, I am well aware of the role that college and research librarians play within our own association. We have three divisions, and the college, university, and special librarians are extremely active and serve in many different capacities. Many of them are active within ALA's Association of College and Research Libraries.

If the 2017 ACRL National Conference were to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, members who live in Alabama would fully support that conference. Nashville is located within two to six hours from any point in Alabama. In these current tough economic times, it is hard to come up with funds for travel and the closer a destination is, the greater the number of members who would be able to attend. No one knows at this time what 2017 holds financially, but, no matter what it holds, Nashville, Tennessee, would be a desirable location for not only Alabama, but also for all of the Southeastern states.

Nashville is a thriving metropolitan area that offers everything a conference such as yours could need or want. There are superior meeting facilities and nice hotels covering a wide range of rates. Of course there is good ol' Southern cooking and hospitality. Away from the meetings, there are entertainment opportunities galore. After all, Nashville is widely known as Music City USA.

I encourage you to give Nashville, Tennessee, serious consideration as host city to the 2017 ACRL National Conference. The South will welcome you with open arms and gracious smiles.

Sincerely,

Dennis Nichols, President
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5 February 2010

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Dear Ms. Conahan:

The Academic Library Division (ALD) of the Georgia Library Association affirms its enthusiastic support for holding the 2017 national ACRL conference in Nashville, Tennessee. This location would offer convenience for our members, and would be particularly welcomed by those whose schedules and budgets sometimes preclude attendance at ACRL conferences due to time and distance.

The Academic Library Division will be happy to encourage its members to submit program and other proposals and to attend the conference.

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February 18, 2010

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Manager, Professional Development
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Dear Ms. Conahan:

As current Chair of the Kentucky Library Association's Academic Library Section, I am writing on behalf of the ALS to express support for holding the ACRL 2017 National Conference in Nashville, TN.

Nashville's statistics alone make an excellent case for selection as ACRL's 2017 conference site:

- Population of well over half a million in Nashville proper as of 2004;
- More than a million and a half residents in the ten-county metropolitan area;
- Geographically located within 600 miles of 50% of the U.S. population;
- Airport accommodates 16 major airlines serving 86 markets, with over 400 daily flights;
- Intersected by three major interstate corridors (I-65, I-40, and I-24).

But beyond its favorable location and accessibility, Music City's amenities rival those of a much larger city. Besides being a state-of-the-art mecca for the recording industry, Nashville boasts award-winning hotels and restaurants, haute cuisine as well as authentic Southern comfort food, world-class museums, outstanding academic institutions, numerous historical and cultural sites, and of course, endless entertainment possibilities.

Nashville is uniquely capable of accommodating a conference of ACRL's size while still maintaining the sense of small-town warmth and hospitality for which the South has a reputation. For Kentucky Library Association Academic Section members whose dwindling professional development allowances have made long-distance travel unfeasible, even to a conference as significant to academic librarians as ACRL, having the ACRL 2017 National Conference hosted in such close proximity will be a tremendous benefit.

Sincerely,

Lesley Jackson, M.L.I.S.

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Dennis Nichols, President
Alabama Library Association

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ACRL
50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

February 19, 2010

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Dennis Nichols, President
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Dear Margot Conaham,

This letter is to inform you of the Missouri Association of College & Research Libraries' enthusiastic support for Nashville's bid to host the 2017 ACRL Conference. ACRL and this conference are important to our membership and we believe our neighbor in this region, Nashville, Tennessee, will serve as an excellent host city for this event.

Sincerely,
Brent Husher
Chair, Missouri Association of College & Research Libraries

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From: McCaslin, Sharon [SMcCaslin@Fontbonne.edu]
To: Margot Conahan
Cc:
Subject: Missouri Library Association support of ACRL in Nashville
Attachments:

Sent: Thu 1/7/2010 4:10 PM

Dear Margot Conahan,

Thank you for informing us of the possibility of the ACRL Conference being held in Nashville on March 29 – April 1, 2017. The Missouri Library Association Board of Directors received this information in their packet in preparation for their most recent board meeting. On January 7, 2010, the Missouri Library Association Executive Board voted unanimously in favor of supporting Nashville, Tennessee, as the site for the 2017 ACRL Conference. We look forward to having this educational and networking opportunity in our region to better support our members.

Sincerely,

Sharon McCaslin, PhD.
President, Missouri Library Association

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From: Joe Barkley [mailto:jbarkley@ala.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2009 9:26 AM
To: McCaslin, Sharon
Subject: ACRL National Conference site recommendation

Sharon McCaslin
President
Missouri Library Association
Fontbonne University

Dear Sharon,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). ACRL is seeking a city to serve as host of its 18th National Conference, which will be held in the spring of 2017. One of the cities under consideration is Nashville, Tennessee, and the purpose of my message is to request a letter from the Missouri Library Association in support for ACRL holding its 2017 conference in Nashville.

Process

ALA policy requires ACRL to provide evidence of support for holding a National Conference from the state chapter in which the city is located, as well as from all state chapters contiguous to the state under

consideration. Your support of our proposed destination of Nashville, Tennessee, would mean a great deal to this process and the final selection of Nashville as the ACRL 2017 National Conference host city.

Action Requested

I am asking you to please send a letter that describes the Missouri Library Association's support for ACRL holding its 2017 conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The tentative dates of the conference are March 29 – April 1, 2017. If possible, it would be helpful if we can receive your letter by January 11, 2010, so we can include it as part of the approval package to the ACRL Board of Directors at the upcoming ALA Midwinter Meeting. We can also accept your letter after the Midwinter Meeting if the January deadline is too tight. The letter can be submitted via e-mail to mconahan@ala.org, or by regular mail to Margot Conahan, ACRL, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL, 60611.

About the ACRL National Conference

The ACRL National Conference currently attracts nearly 4,000 academic and research librarians and related professionals from all over the country. The conference is held every other year, and the conference site rotates throughout the country. The ACRL 2011 National Conference will be held in Philadelphia, March 30 – April 2, 2011 (visit www.ala.org/acrl/nationalconference for more details) and the ACRL 2013 National Conference will be held in Indianapolis, April 10-13, 2013.

A few comments from the 2009 National Conference illustrate the popularity of the ACRL conference:

- This is always a quality conference where I come away feeling I learned and I've contributed.
- It was the best conference experience I've had. Very useful and enjoyable on many levels. I'm already saving for 2011!
- This was an excellent conference and as a first-time ACRL attendee I was very impressed. The content was consistently very good, the scheduling to avoid session conflicts was a real blessing, and the fact that almost everything was contained within the Conference Center made it very easy to get to the programs and sessions I found important.

About the ACRL National Conference Site Selection Process

Last fall, ACRL issued a request for proposals to select cities in the eastern region of the United States and invited them to submit a proposal to host the ACRL 2017 National Conference. Upon review of proposals and site visits, we are strongly considering Nashville, Tennessee, as our ACRL 2017 National Conference host city. The new Music City Convention Center would serve as our conference venue and the dates we are considering for the conference are March 29 – April 1, 2017.

Our final site selection is based on a number of factors including the right mix of meeting, exhibit, and hotel facilities; a location easily accessible to a large number of academic librarians; affordability; places of interest in the city; and the support of the state library chapters in the region.

If you have any questions about our National Conference please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope I can count on your support of Nashville, Tennessee, as a site for the ACRL 2017 National Conference. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Margot Conahan
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328-4353

Teaching Resources Center
328-6076

March 20, 2010

Margot S. Conahan
Manager, Professional Development
Association of College and Research Libraries
50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. Conahan,

As requested, on behalf of the College & University Section of the North Carolina Library Association, this letter is in support of holding an ACRL National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

I wish you the very best in your endeavor.

Sincerely,

Carolyn N. Willis, Chair
College & University Section
North Carolina Library Association



TO: MARGOT CONAHAN
FROM: SHERWIN RICE,
NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT ACRL 2017 CONFERENCE
DATE: MARCH 24, 2010
CC: FILE

The officers and members of the North Carolina Library Association wholeheartedly support your efforts to hold the 2017 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Please feel free to contact me at 910-879-5641 if I can be of further assistance.

February 17, 2010

Margot S. Conahan
Manager, Professional Development
Association of College and Research Libraries
50 E. Huron St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. Conahan,

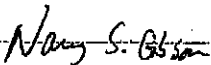
Thank you very much for contacting the College and University Libraries Section (CULS) of the Tennessee Library Association (TLA) to seek our support of the prospect of ACRL holding its national conference in Nashville in 2017.

Since the President of the TLA has also written in support of holding the national conference in Nashville in 2017, I will just add a few comments.

This will be a great opportunity for many colleagues in the state to attend an ACRL national conference who previously have not been able to due to limited travel budgets. My fellow Tennesseans working in academic libraries will also have a chance to network with other colleagues from across the country and make new connections for research and growth. Lastly, academic librarians in the state can be proud hosts in showing Nashville and Tennessee to visiting colleagues.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to support ACRL. We look forward to the prospect of hosting the 2017 ACRL national conference in Nashville!

Sincerely,



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January 11, 2010

Margot S. Conahan
Manager, Professional Development
Association of College and Research Libraries
50 E. Huron St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. Conahan,

Thank you very much for contacting the Tennessee Library Association (TLA) to seek our comments concerning the prospect of ACRL holding its national conference in Nashville in 2017. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to participate in this important decision.

TLA holds its annual conference in Nashville every other year. Without fail, Nashville is always the best attended venue for our conferences. While the TLA annual conference is, of course, a smaller conference than the ACRL conference, we believe ACRL and the ACRL conference attendees will find Nashville to be an optimum conference location just as TLA conference attendees do. For conference planning and hosting logistics, Nashville offers a wide array of lodging, meeting, and dining options. As you are aware, the new convention center will be an especially attractive venue for the ACRL conference.

The geographic location of Nashville is such that many individuals will find it to be within comfortable driving distance thanks to the fact that 3 major interstates run through the city. Further, for those who have to fly to Nashville, the rates should be reasonable and the airport is well-operated and easy to navigate, even more so thanks to recent renovations.

In addition to the aforementioned logistical attributes that make Nashville a stellar option for a conference, there are a broad range of academic (and other) libraries within the city and in the surrounding area. It is possible that a whole host of beneficial tours, workshops, pre-conferences, and the like could be hosted at some of these institutions. At the least, conference attendees could likely visit any of these institutions on their own time to learn about practices, architecture, use of space, and more, as well as to make valuable connections with colleagues at other academic libraries. It is worth noting, also, that TLA's College and University Library Section (CULS) is one of the largest and most active units in TLA.

Of course, an important feature of a good conference location is a menu of cultural, historical, and other entertainment options for attendees after conference hours, or if they elect to arrive before the conference begins or remain after it is over. Nashville truly

boasts an incredible array of options, where nearly everyone can easily find a venue or event that suits even the most particular tastes. And speaking of taste, the Nashville area offers dining options that run the gamut of nearly any type of cuisine or price range that an individual might seek.

As I mentioned above, TLA holds its annual conference in Nashville every other year. 2017 happens to be a year in which we would also hold our conference in Nashville. Our conference is always in the spring as well. Because we would not want to have ACRL and TLA competing for conference attendees, if you do select Nashville, we would ask that you alert us as to the dates (tentatively March 29 – April 1, 2017) as soon as you can so that we can schedule our conference for dates that will be as convenient as possible for those who want to attend both the ACRL and the TLA conferences.

In closing, we are excited about the prospect of ACRL selecting Nashville as the site for its 2017 annual conference. The geographic location, the affordability, the meeting and lodging facilities, and the number of libraries and other cultural institutions in the area all make Nashville an ideal location for your conference. Further, the Tennessee Library Association will, I am sure, be eager to assist or partner with ACRL in any way that we can in order to help make your conference a success.

Again, we appreciate that you have consulted with TLA concerning your 2017 annual conference. We wish you all the best as you work toward a decision. Should you have any additional questions or would like any other information, please do hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kevin Reynolds
Tennessee Library Association President
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3/10/2010

To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I am writing to endorse Nashville, Tennessee as the location for the ACRL 2017 National Conference. The College and University Section of the Virginia Library Association supports the selection of this site as a location that meets the criteria established by ALA for the conference.

The Music City Convention Center seems ideally suited as a venue with plenty of space and new facilities. Nashville is a central and accessible city in the southeast region with millions of visitors per year. Nashville International Airport and 3 interstate highways make it easy to reach. Accommodations are affordable and spring is a beautiful time of year to be in Nashville.

On behalf of the College and University Section of the Virginia Library Association, I urge you to consider Nashville as the ACRL 2017 National Conference host city.

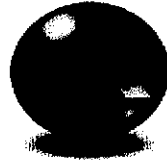
Sincerely,

Craig Amos

Chair

College and University Section of the Virginia Library Association

Thomas Nelson Community College



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March 16, 2010

Ms. Margot Conahan
Manager, Professional Development
Association of College and Research Libraries
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60600

Dear Margot:

I am writing in response to your request for the support of the Virginia Library Association in the selection of Nashville, Tennessee as the host city for the 2017 ACRL National Conference.

It is with pleasure that I convey to you the support of the Virginia Library Association for selecting Nashville, Tennessee as the host city for the 2017 ACRL National Conference. This selection will enable many of our members who are also ACRL members easy access to the meeting and networking opportunities available during this important conference. Our members look forward to the presence of the 2017 ACRL National Conference in our part of the country.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Moorman
President