

**TO:** ALA Executive Board

**RE:** ACRL 2019 Conference Site Recommendation - Minneapolis

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:**

At their first meeting during 2012 ALA Annual Conference, the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Board of Directors approved Minneapolis, Minnesota as the official location for the ACRL 2019 Conference, April 10-13, 2019.

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 Minneapolis, Minnesota as the official location for the ACRL 2019 Conference on the dates of April 10-13, 2019.

**DATE:** May 22, 2012

**BACKGROUND:**

ACRL has a strong 34-year history of successful ACRL Conferences, beginning with our first conference in Boston in 1978 and most recently with the ACRL 2011 in Philadelphia, March 30 – April 2, 2011.

More than 9 out of 10 of ACRL 2011 Conference attendees (92.4%) characterized their experience at ACRL 2011 as either "very" (42.2%) or "somewhat positive" (50.2%). The majority of respondents (94.9%) would be "very" or "somewhat likely" to recommend the ACRL Conference to a colleague. The top three factors most important to respondents in their decision to attend ACRL 2011 were: keeping up with the profession (74.8%), program content (50.4%), and network with colleagues (42.2%).

ACRL staff began the ACRL 2019 conference site selection process in spring 2012. As described in the ACRL Guide to Policies and Procedures, staff researched sites that have the appropriate meeting and exhibit space, adequate hotel rooms close to the convention center, accessibility for air and ground transportation, reasonable rates for meeting space and hotel rooms, and date availability. The location of the ACRL Conference rotates throughout regions of the US (west, central, east); the rotation calls for the 2019 conference to be held in the central region. Minneapolis, Minnesota emerged as the top candidate for the ACRL 2019 host city. ACRL held a very successful conference in Minneapolis in 2005, with more than 4,000 academic and research librarians and related professionals in attendance.

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 while avoiding scheduling too closely ALA (Midwinter and Annual) and other major division's conference locations. ACRL staff work closely with ALA Conference Services and the other division staff to ensure a balanced rotation. As demonstrated by the chart below, this motion meets those requirements.

Site Comparison per year with ALA & major divisions

<b>ALA</b>	<b>AASL</b>	<b>ACRL</b>	<b>PLA</b>
2013 Midwinter, Seattle 2013 Annual, Chicago	2013 Hartford, CT (E)	2013 Indianapolis (C)	
2014 Midwinter, Philadelphia 2014 Annual, Las Vegas			2014 Indianapolis (C)
2015 Midwinter, Chicago 2015 Annual, San Francisco	2015 Columbus, OH (C)	2015 Portland (W)	
2016 Midwinter, Boston 2016 Annual, Orlando			2016 Denver (W)
2017 Midwinter, Atlanta 2017 Annual, Chicago		2017 Nashville (E)	
2018 Midwinter, Denver 2018 Annual, New Orleans			2018 Philadelphia (E)
2019 Midwinter, Seattle 2019 Annual, D.C.		2019 Minneapolis (C) April 10 – 13, 2019 on hold	
2020 Midwinter, Philadelphia 2020 Annual, Chicago			Going to look West/California (per Barb M.)
2021 Midwinter, Indianapolis 2021 Annual, San Francisco		2021 Seattle (W) April 14-17, 2021 on hold	

		or Denver, March 15-20	
2022 Midwinter, TBD 2022 Annual, Philadelphia			
2023 Midwinter, TBD Boston, or San Antonio or Austin or New Orleans? 2023 Annual, Chicago		2023 Philly (E) March 27-April 1, 2023 on hold or Boston	
2024 Midwinter, TBD, Boston? 2024 Annual, San Diego			
2025 Midwinter, TBD 2025 Annual, DC		2025 Indy or Minneapolis or (C)	
2026 Midwinter, TBD 2026 Annual: Chicago			

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 2019

State	ALA Chapters	ACRL Chapters
MINNESOTA	Minnesota Library Association	Minnesota Library Association, Academic and Research Library Division
WISCONSIN	Wisconsin Library Association	Wisconsin Library Association, Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians
IOWA	Iowa Library Association	Iowa Library Association Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries
NORTH DAKOTA/ MANITOBA	North Dakota Library Association	North Dakota/Manitoba Chapter
SOUTH DAKOTA	South Dakota Library Association	Academic Section of the South Dakota Library Association

We look forward to the ALA Executive Board's approval of the proposed 2019 date and location so that ACRL can continue to deliver this important professional development program to academic and research librarians and staff.

Attachments:

Chapter letters of support

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## Chapter Letters of Support

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May 25, 2012

Margot S. Conahan  
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Dear Ms. Conahan:

On behalf of the Minnesota Library Association, it is with great pleasure that we write this letter in support of ACRL holding their ACRL 2019 Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Minneapolis was ranked the 3<sup>rd</sup> most literate city in the U.S. in 2012 and the Twin Cities are home to dozens of academic institutions. The ACRL conference will be a perfect fit.

The ACRL 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 Minneapolis as the ACRL 2019 Conference host city will strengthen members' interest and contribute to a successful conference. Minneapolis is a vibrant community, filled with a wide variety of cultural activities and resources to engage conference attendees, many within walking distance of the Minneapolis Convention Center. From the Walker Art Museum, the Guthrie Theater, and Orchestra Hall, to a robust local music scene with world class restaurants in close proximity to the historic and scenic Mississippi River – there will be something to entertain everyone.

Minnesota enjoyed hosting the ACRL 2005 conference and looks forward to another successful and engaging conference in 2019!

Sincerely,

Carla Urban  
2012 MLA President

Cindy Gruwell  
Chair, MLA Academic and Research Libraries Division

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*Twin Cities Campus*

*University Libraries*

*Walter Library  
117 Pleasant Street S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55455*

Kate Peterson  
Past Chair, Academic and Research Library Division of the Minnesota Library Association and Minnesota Chapter of ACRL  
University of Minnesota Libraries  
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Dear Ms. Conahan:

The Minnesota Chapter of ACRL/Academic and Research Library Division of the Minnesota Library Association would like to whole heartedly support ACRL in holding the ACRL 2019 Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We have an active and large community of academic librarians from the public, private, community and career colleges in the Twin Cities and throughout the state. Our librarians are involved in building innovative collections, services and programs and hence would be a great resource to the Conference. Also as we continue to work closely with public, school, special libraries and archives we can take advantage of our ongoing collaborations with these talented colleagues. Beyond this amazing community of library staff, Minneapolis is great a place for a conference!

As we demonstrated in 2005, downtown Minneapolis is connected, by way of the Nicolette Avenue pedestrian mall, with restaurants, shopping and entertainment within an easy walk of hotels and the Convention Center. In addition to having a strong reputation for being a vibrant urban cultural hub for music, visual art, theater, and dance, Minneapolis offers easy access to numerous lakes, parks and trail systems for walking, biking, running and other outdoor activities. Our Minnehaha Light Rail easily connects downtown to the Airport and Mall of America. Ongoing expansion of this line will bring new opportunities to connect with the University of Minnesota, St. Paul and other parts of the Twin Cities by 2019.

The ACRL Conference is a valuable opportunity for academic library staff and for our community to learn about current and emerging trends in librarianship, establish a network of peers, and promote current research and collaborations in libraries. Selecting Minneapolis as the ACRL 2019 Conference host city will contribute to a successful conference due to its accessibility, affordability, and places of interest.

Sincerely,

Kate Peterson (Minnesota Chapter)  
ARLD, Past Chair

April 24, 2012

Margot S. Conahan  
Manager, Professional Development  
Association of College and Research Libraries  
50 E. Huron St.  
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Dear Ms. Conahan:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians and the Wisconsin Library Association, it is with great pleasure that we write this letter in support of ACRL holding their ACRL 2019 Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Minneapolis is a superb location to promote attendance from Wisconsin Academic Librarians. It is easily reached from nearly every part of the state and a favorite destination of many with fine food, multiple attractions and wonderful hotels. In addition, Wisconsin's two library schools have many students who would be able to attend their first national conference in their own backyard. WAAL and WLA very excited to support this conference location.

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Sincerely,

Ane Carriveau  
Chair, Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians

Ron McCabe  
President, Wisconsin Library Association

# ILA

Iowa Library Association

April 3, 2012

Margot S. Conahan  
Manager, Professional Development  
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50 E. Huron St.  
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Ms. Conahan:

On behalf of the Iowa Library Association it is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of ACRL holding their ACRL 2019 Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The ACRL 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 Minneapolis as the ACRL 2019 Conference host city will strengthen our members' interest and contribute to a successful conference due to its accessibility, affordability, and places of interest.

Respectfully,



Lorraine Borowski, President  
Iowa Library Association



**From:** Funke, Rebecca S. [mailto:rsfunke@dmacc.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012 4:42 PM  
**To:** Margot Conahan  
**Subject:** ACRL 2019 (Minneapolis) Letter of Support

Margot S. Conahan  
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Association of College and Research Libraries  
50 E. Huron St.  
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Dear Ms. Conahan:

On behalf of the Iowa Library Association Chapter of ACRL, it is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of ACRL holding their ACRL 2019 Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The close proximity to Iowa means that more Iowa librarians will be able to attend the conference. Some academic libraries here have dramatically reduced funding for out of state travel given the negative economic effects of the past few years and those reductions remain in effect to date. Minneapolis, as the host city, will allow many Iowa ACRL members, and those from other surrounding states, to attend the national conference without the cost of air travel. This is a terrific savings for our institutions or ourselves. Academic librarians in Iowa need access to the tremendous opportunities the conference brings and attending the 2019 conference in Minneapolis allows us to do so while on a very real budget.

Minneapolis has wonderful access to other attractions as well (Mall of America, zoo, museums, baseball, restaurants, etc.) that will be a strong pull for conference attendees who wish to explore more of this great Midwestern city! Of course, these attractions will be a benefit to all who attend, not just those of us from the states around Minnesota. Great access to air and ground transportation, exciting attractions, and wonderful conference venues makes Minneapolis an easy pick as a host city for the 2019.

The ACRL 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 Minneapolis as the ACRL 2019 Conference host city will strengthen members' interest and contribute to a successful conference due to its accessibility, affordability, and places of interest. I would gladly support this initiative.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Funke  
Chair, Iowa Chapter of ACRL



**North Dakota Library Association**  
Established 1976

March 15, 2012

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

On behalf of the North Dakota Library Association, it is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of ACRL holding their ACRL 2019 Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Librarians in the Midwest would be proud to take a turn as host of this annual ACRL event. The Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) airport serves as a key hub for air travel. This fact and the central location of Minneapolis will not only reduce travel times for Midwest libraries, but also those on the far coasts. The MSP area is also a cultural mecca, offering excellent options for those interested in the arts. Sporting venues, shopping, plus a variety of restaurants, hotels, and an active downtown nightlife would extend our days for networking and exploration.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aubrey Madler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aubrey Madler  
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May 10, 2012

Margot Conahan, ACRL  
50 E. Huron St.  
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Dear Ms. Conahan:

**Recommending Minneapolis, Minnesota as host city for the ACRL 2019 conference**

The North Dakota/Manitoba Chapter of ACRL members would like to take this opportunity to offer their support for having the 2019 ACRL conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The opportunity to attend a conference of the caliber of that offered by the national ACRL is often denied because of lack of funding at the local level. Having it in Minneapolis, Minnesota would allow many of the members of our international chapter to attend.

As an item announced at our recent chapter annual meeting and workshop it generated an enthusiastic discussion. Members recall the quality of the sessions and the networking that happens because of the number of participants attending from many locations around the world. Those able to attend the last conference held in Minneapolis were also impressed with the atmosphere, local opportunities, and the many academic and other libraries that welcomed them.

Thank you for the chance to provide our support of the ACRL 2019 conference and for considering Minneapolis, Minnesota as the host city. We are already looking forward to attending!

Sincerely,

James Kominowski, Chair  
North Dakota/Manitoba Chapter  
University of Manitoba  
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**From:** Jan Brue Enright [mailto:jenright@augie.edu]  
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**To:** Margot Conahan  
**Cc:** Deb Hagemeyer; Kay Christensen; Annie Brunskill  
**Subject:** Support for ACRL in Minneapolis in 2019

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing as the Vice-President of the South Dakota Library Association in full support of the proposal to host the 2019 ACRL conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

There are a number of state and private colleges and universities within 5 hours' drive of Minneapolis, and this alone would guarantee high participation from South Dakota academic libraries. In addition, our Academic Section of SDLA supports the ACRL mission to promote emerging trends in academic librarianship, to engender leadership, and to support networking among colleagues.

We would be delighted to have ACRL return to Minneapolis and anticipate a high level of participation.

Best wishes,  
Jan Brue Enright

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**From:** Annie Brunskill [<mailto:library@gwtc.net>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2012 5:28 PM

**To:** Margot Conahan

**Subject:** RE: ACRL 2019 (Minneapolis) Letter of Support - May 11 deadline

Hi Margot,

I've turned your request over to SDLA's VP/President Elect who is an academic librarian. She will be getting back to you soon. Minneapolis would be a great place to hold your conference and would give the academic librarians in the plains states easier access to the conference. Good luck on your bid for the Minneapolis location.

Sincerely,

Annie Brunskill

Annie Brunskill

Academic Section of the South Dakota Library Association