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**ACRL AFAS**

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes, ALA Midwinter, Los Angeles  
Saturday, February 5, 1994**

Meeting was called to order by William Welburn, Chair, AFAS at 11:45 a.m.

Everyone introduced themselves. Those present: William Welburn, Rochelle Ballard, Gladys Smiley Bell, Stanton Biddle, Michael Walker, Sylvia Curtis, Doris Clack, Mary Wrighten, Mark McManus, Cassandra Allen, Audrey Taylor, and Sandra Ready, visitor, ACRL.

- 1. Five Year Review.** All sections of ACRL are required to submit a five year review/evaluation. AFAS has asked for a one-year extension to prepare and submit this report. Sandra Ready, ACRL Planning Committee representative, did not see any problem with the request, however, the decision is ACRL's. William committed himself to the completion of the evaluation through the Spring '95. The Policy and Research Committee were charged to do this evaluation, but for some reason failed to follow through. The review is to support the goals and objectives set forth by ACRL. This is done every five years. It provides a documentation of AFAS's activities. A committee was formed of volunteers to follow through on this project. Charged were: Stanton Biddle, Rochelle Ballard, William Welburn, Doris Clack, and Mary Wrighten. (Sandra Ready left after this report was given and discussed. Report was given by William Welburn with others input.)
- 2. Miami.** The Chairperson, for the Miami Conference Committee, is Itibari Zulu, and the program he is working on is for the membership. ACRL would like to encourage sections to work together on ACRL program, therefore AFAS will cooperate with other sections, i.e. Political Science, on a Miami program. The proposed keynote for a program with other ACRL sections will be Shelton Hackney, NEH. Mr. Hackney has a commitment to African American history and will focus his talk on AFAS's or African American concerns about public support (funding). Discussion could occur internally (within the AFAS membership program, no funding requirement) that would feed off of Hackney's speech. This would probably give a more productive program for AFAS membership. Itibari could arrange a panel discussion on "Information Apartheid." Providing a forum for definition and discussion. FYI: Information Apartheid may be defined as a society that is divided by access to information; who's interconnected, who's not. (Reported by William Welburn with input by others; definition of IA, Stanton Biddle.)

3. Gladys Smiley Bell proposed that AFAS join in a venture with BCALA in publishing an electronic journal. After some discussion it was decided that because AFAS is a section of ACRL, any publication would have to be approved by ACRL and ownership may be relinquished to ACRL. Proposal was withdrawn by Gladys Smiley Bell.
4. **Indexing Project**. Mary Wrighten, the Chair, proposed that this committee maintain constant membership in order to ensure continuity until the completion of the project. In other words, membership on this committee should be expected to remain and be committed to being active on this committee until the project has been completed. No action was formally taken on the proposal, but acknowledged that the proposal was a good one and should be considered by AFAS.
5. Sylvia Curtis proposed that AFAS play a proactive role in lobbying for the republication of significant references works and creating more bibliographic electronic resources in the area of African American Studies. After some discussion there was no action taken or decision on what AFAS's role would be. Tabled for further discussion.

William Welburn called for a Executive Board meeting to follow the Membership meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 7, 1994 at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gladys Smiley Bell  
ACRL AFAS Secretary