

ALA CONFERENCE MEETING
AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES LIBRARIANS SECTION/ACRL
JULY 1, 1991
MINUTES

Clarence Chisolm, Chairperson, presided over the meeting of the Afro-American Studies Librarians Section (AFAS) Monday, July 1, 1991, at the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta. Committee chairs should request ALA rooms for meetings before the Executive Board and Business meetings. Room assignments should be requested from Stanton Biddle.

William Welburn (University of Iowa) was appointed Acting Newsletter Editor. The new chairperson will appoint an editor in June to serve a 2-year appointment. It is anticipated that the newsletter will be published twice a year. Please submit any information you wish included to William Welburn.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - Michael Walker

Michael Walker discussed revisions and cosmetic changes to the Bylaws. The Bylaws could be approved if submitted to the ACRL Board by 12:00 noon, July 1. Copies of the revised Bylaws will be distributed at this afternoon's program. The Section must approve any changes before the Bylaws are submitted to ACRL. The Executive Board has approved all corrections.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Rochelle Ballard

A discussion group will be established for non-academic librarians.

The design for a logo (rainbow with quote) was approved by the membership. Letterhead, flyers, and brochures will be printed.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

ACRL CONFERENCE - Clarence Chisolm

1992 ACRL Conference will be held in Salt Lake City. This change from St. Louis is due to conflicts with state conferences. Chisolm has met with the Local Arrangements Committee. Michael Walker (Chair, Program Committee) is working on a program and is currently trying to identify presenters. He has a list of about 16 names. AFAS may get Henry L. Gates at no charge if the program is hosted by Chadwyck-Healy. The program could start with a brief presentation by Dr. Gates followed by reactionary discussion by the presenters. A possible topic is 'Diversity of Library Collections'. AFAS must submit the program title and topic to ACRL. The Conference will be divided into four segments. Julian Bond is the scheduled keynote speaker.

ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1992, SAN FRANCISCO) - Clarence Chisolm

Vivian Sykes is the Chair for the San Francisco Program. AFAS will center its program around minority librarian recruitment and mentoring. Dr. Trejo has been suggested as a speaker.

FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARIANS - Clarence Chisolm
AFAS will present a program at the Black Caucus/ALA conference in Columbus, Ohio. Preconference programs will concentrate on children's librarianship and services. Elaine Hughes and Alice Smith are working on the program. They propose a 3 member panel discussion on the use of different resources instructing users at all levels. Honorariums are needed for two of the panel members. A budget proposal will be presented to the National Committee.

INDEXING PROJECT

Dr. Doris Clack (Chair, Indexing Project Committee) has prepared an outline for evaluating indexes. She will meet with the Committee to establish guidelines for reporting results. A committee meeting will be planned for Midwinter. Completed reports should be sent to Diana Brice. AFAS may present a session on the project's results.

NEWSLETTER - William Welburn

William Welburn spoke about the deadlines that have been proposed for newsletter submission. There is an effort to be more cost effective with mailings, etc. by the Association. The window of time proposed for receipt of materials to the Association is October 15th to November 1st and March 15th to April 1st. In order to provide adequate time for editing and mailing, Welburn has set a deadline of October 1st to receive materials for the newsletter. Materials should be sent to him at the University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA or faxed to him at (319) 335-5830. Clarence Chisolm said that a letter will be sent to the membership to announce deadlines.

NEW BUSINESS

Clarence Chisolm asked for volunteers to review a document that lists deadlines and prepare one for the Afro-American Studies Librarians Section. This document will explain when forms are due to ACRL. Gladys Bell will work on this project.

William Welburn recently represented AFAS at a meeting with the Racial Coalition.

Gladys Bell will work on the set-up of electronic communications for the Section.