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President's Letter to ACRL Members

Spring greetings, ACRL Members! The daffodils are blooming, rain is falling and Mt. Ashland has a pretty good snow pack this year. Looks like we'll be showering in August after all!

This is the first time I've written to all of you as ACRL President since the ACRL Board decided to suspend publication of the ACRL Newsletter last fall. The board wanted to see how successful OLA Hotline and OLA Quarterly would be at getting news out to our members. A final decision about ceasing publication or changing frequency from quarterly to twice a year has yet to be made. The board will use the results of the enclosed survey to help us make our decision. Please take a moment to fill it out so your opinion is heard.

The ACRL Board is also considering other Oregon locations for our annual joint conference with the ACRL Washington Chapter. We have been hosting (Continued p. 2 President's)

Watch for ACRL-NW! New Regional Listserv

A new ACRL regional listserv will be unveiled at OLA. It is called ACRL-NW and is now in testing mode. The intent is that it serve the NW region and be a moderated list for regional ACRL chapter business and professional discussion.

The list originates from Washington State University in Pullman and its co-owners are Janet Chisman and David Pappas. ACRL Newsletter editors Barbara Valentine and Ruth Vondracek will co-moderate.

The details are still being worked out and we anticipate this list will evolve with time depending on membership and interests. We really want it to be more than just another listserv that no one uses. Subscription information will be available at OLA so stay tuned.



ACRL-OR Current Membership

We know you're out there...

This is just a reminder to renew your membership in ACRL. According to the OLA membership office the current membership is 124. That means that 75 members did not renew this year. We decided to mail out this newsletter to all members from **last year's** membership list, in order to encourage non-renewing members to reconsider. If you are one of the 75 non-renewing members we urge you to renew.

Survey of Membership

Please take a few minutes and fill out the survey inserted in the newsletter. Your opinions aid the Board in making programming decisions. The deadline for returning the survey is April 17, 1995.

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OLA Conference - ACRL Programs

ACRL is sponsoring the following programs at the OLA Conference, April 26-29, 1995. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, April 26, 1995

1:00 - 5:00 pm

ACRL Preconference:

Developing the Electronic Library: Issues and Decisions
Guest speaker, Peggy Johnson
Discussion topics following Peggy Johnson's talk will include: Electronic Collection Development Policies; Evaluating Electronic Products; Print vs Electronic; Reference and Instruction Issues; Staff and Training Issues; Processing Electronic Material; Selecting Multi-Media Equipment.

Thursday, April 27, 1995

7-8:30 am ACRL Breakfast:

Gazing at the Acropolis: A Librarian in Athens

Speaker: Paul Frantz

8:30-10 am The Technology

Connection: Developing the Electronic Library Panelists:

John Creech, Jeanne Davidson, Paul Frantz, Deborah Carver, Peggy Johnson

11 am-12:30 pm The Publishing

Connection: From Idea to Article Panelists: Anne Christie, Tim Klases, Larry Oberg

Friday, April 28, 1995

7:15 am ACRL Board Meeting

8:30-10:15 am Connecting the Unconnected: Orbis, PORTALS and the Oregon Information Highway Project Panelists: Alice Allen, Jim Schepke, Johanna Scherrer



March 29 - April 1, 1995

President's Letter continued the conference at the Menucha Conference Center for several years. Board members have heard many positive as well as negative comments about the "rustic" accommodations. Again, take a moment to complete the survey so we can make an informed decision about changing locations.

There have been many changes to the ACRL Board since last fall. Barbara Jenkins (U of O) was elected Vice President/Pres. Elect opening the door for a new OSSHE representative, Mary Ellen Kenreich (PSU). Susan Whyte moved into the past president's chair with a sigh of relief. Susan did an incredible amount of work last year as our President. She certainly has my admiration and thanks. Loretta Rielly (OSU), Roxanne Dimyan, Secretary (Univ. of Portland) and Jan

Tudor (Willamette) are serving their second year on the board. Johannah Sherrer (Lewis & Clark) and Jim Rible were elected to our at-large positions. Charles Piquette (Oregon Coast Community College) is our new community college representative and Deanna Iltis joined us as the new Oregon State Library representative. Last, but by no means least, are co-newsletter editors Ruth Vondracek (WOSC) and Barbara Valentine (Linfield). Ruth and Barbara are keeping us on the technological cutting-edge by agreeing to moderate ACRL-NW a new listserv open to academic librarians in the Northwest. We hope you will take the opportunity to join once at the technological pieces are in place (see "Watch for ACRL-NW").

Thanks also to outgoing board members, Jan Fortier (Marylhurst), Karyle Butcher

(OSU), Victoria Mitchell (Reed), Don Macnaughton (Lane CC) and Janet Webster (Hatfield Marine Science Center). I appreciate all your hard work and effort on behalf of our organization. Before I say goodbye, let me extend an invitation to you to get involved in the Oregon Chapter of ACRL. We will be nominating new board members this spring, so if you would like to get involved, please contact me at 552-6820, e-mail to anderson@wpo.sosc.osshe.edu. It's been one of the best things I've done, both personally and professionally. I look forward to seeing all of you at OLA in Portland for a great slate of programs. Ciao.

Connie Anderson
ACRL Oregon Chapter President
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ACRL OREGON CHAPTER - Board Minutes

October 20, 1994, Menucha

Present: Connie Anderson (SOSC), Roxanne Dimyan (UP), Barbara Jenkins (UO), Loretta Rielly (OSU), Victoria Mitchell (Reed), Susan Whyte (Linfield), Charles Piquette (OCCC), Jim Rible (SOSC), Johannah Sherrer (L&C), Ruth Vondracek (WOSC), (plus chapter members).

OLA '95: Discussed OLA program ideas brought up at the last Oregon ACRL board meeting. The OLA conference will be April 26-28, 1995, at the Portland Hilton. We will sponsor the traditional breakfast, three sessions, and a half-day preconference. Barbara Jenkins will write up announcements for the program. Deadline for submission to the program chair is November 15. Tentative program: Thursday Breakfast: Paul Frantz, ALA Bookfellow, Greece; . Panel discussion of ORBIS, PORTALS, Oregon Information Highway Project (OIHP); Preconference: "Collection Development and Electronic Information". Names suggested: Peter Graham, Rutgers; Bart Harlow, Claremont Libraries; Michael Hart (electronic publishing); someone from Johns Hopkins Press; "... Oregon Style". Final title will depend on the decision made about the preconference; How to write/publish.

By-Laws Changes: Shall we change the ACRL year to fit other OLA division head changes? To be put up to vote by membership.

Discussed need for dues. Have not had them yet. ACRL tries to generate income at Menucha and preconference at OLA. Costs have risen on both fronts. \$5.00 per year was suggested. This will also be voted on by membership.

OLA News: The old *OLA News* has ceased publication and been replaced by two publications: *OLA Hotline* (1st and 15th of each month) and *OLA Journal* (three times a year). Barbara Valentine and Ruth Vondracek are the new co-editors of the *ACRL Newsletter*. Do we want to use the new publications, rather than publishing the ACRL newsletter. We'll hold off on a decision

until hearing from upcoming membership survey.

Menucha Survey: Roxanne Dimyan distributed a draft survey aimed at gathering information on the Menucha experience from the membership. Shall we change locations, continue joint conference, etc. Roxanne and Loretta Rielly will develop a final version by the December board meeting. Questions about the newsletter will be included. Survey results should be in by the end of April.

OLA Legislative Committee: Karyle Butcher reported that we did not have an official ACRL appointee on the OLA Legislative Committee. Sometimes it's hard to get ACRL to testify at hearings. This is a good agenda item for the next board meeting.

December 9, 1994, University of Oregon Faculty Club

Present: Connie Anderson (SOSC), Roxanne Dimyan (UP), Dee Iltis (OSL), Barbara Jenkins (UO), Mary Ellen Kenreich (PSU), Charlie Piquette (OCCC), Loretta Rielly (OSU), Jan Tudor (WU) Minutes of the last board meeting (Oct. 20, 1994) were approved. **OLA Conference (Preconference):** Discussed specifics of ACRL preconference ("Developing the Electronic Library: Issues and Decisions") at OLA conference, April 26-28, 1995. Peggy Johnson, University of Minnesota, will be the presenter. ACRL will pay her expenses, plus a small honorarium.

Plan to follow her presentation with talk "tables". Possible topics: Developing electronic collection development policy, Space allocation, Staff training issues, Evaluating products, Print vs. non-print, Licensing/vendor relations/role of librarian, Multimedia equipment issues, Accessing electronic materials, Marketing electronic products (to patrons), Reference and instruction, Ownership vs. leasing. Talk table facilitators will give mini-presentation, then questions (create

scenario). Loretta has information on how to facilitate. Each group will also have a recorder (a member of the ACRL board).

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OLA currently takes \$5.00 off each preconference attendee. Is there any documentation that this is typical fee? Connie sent a letter to OLA board regarding this issue.

ACRL should keep our issues strongly visible to OLA (i.e. ACRL representative on Legislative Committee). Perhaps we should put less effort into OLA, more into ACRL activities, such as Menucha.

ACRL breakfast will be Thursday, April 27.

ACRL Regional Listserv: Do we want to get involved? What does "regional" mean? There currently are PNLA and Washington academic listservs. Should Idaho and Montana be added?

ACRL Newsletter: Haven't decided fate of newsletter yet.

Menucha: Discussed timeline. Each board member should review Menucha "assignments", send results to Connie by Jan. 15. Made a profit of \$1,500.00. Next board meeting: brainstorm for ideas for next Menucha. Reviewed draft Menucha survey. Survey will be sent with by-laws changes vote. Results will be reported at next board meeting (April 28).

By-Law Changes: Reviewed wording of by-laws changes. When changes have been passed by ACRL members, must be sent to OLA executive board. May discuss this after OLA executive meeting at OLA conference.

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OREGON/WASHINGTON ACRL JOINT CONFERENCE SURVEY - 1995

Type of institution?: ___ 2 yr. ___ 4 yr. ___ Postgraduate ___ Public ___ Private

Position?: ___ Public services ___ Technical services ___ Automation ___ Administration

Years you've worked in Oregon _____

How often have you attended Menucha in the past 10 years?

___ Never ___ 1-2 ___ 3-5

How often have you attended Pack Forest in the past 10 years?

Never ___ 1-2 ___ 3-5

How important are the following in your decision to attend Menucha:

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Topic	_____	_____	_____
Presenters	_____	_____	_____
Location	_____	_____	_____
Facilities	_____	_____	_____
Meeting colleagues	_____	_____	_____
Cost	_____	_____	_____
Time of year	_____	_____	_____

How important are the following in your decision **NOT** attend Menucha:

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Topic	_____	_____	_____
Presenters	_____	_____	_____
Location	_____	_____	_____
Facilities	_____	_____	_____
Meeting colleagues	_____	_____	_____
Cost	_____	_____	_____
Time of year	_____	_____	_____

How important are the following in your decision to attend Pack Forest:

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Topic	_____	_____	_____
Presenters	_____	_____	_____
Location	_____	_____	_____
Facilities	_____	_____	_____
Meeting colleagues	_____	_____	_____
Cost	_____	_____	_____
Time of year	_____	_____	_____

9. How important are the following in your decision **NOT** to attend Pack Forest:

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Topic	_____	_____	_____
Presenters	_____	_____	_____
Location	_____	_____	_____
Facilities	_____	_____	_____
Meeting colleagues	_____	_____	_____
Cost	_____	_____	_____
Time of year	_____	_____	_____

10. How do you find the facilities at Menucha?

Excellent ___ Good ___ Adequate ___ Less than adequate ___ Poor

Comments:

11. Would you attend if the location were changed? ___ Yes ___ No

12. What is the maximum time you would be willing to travel (one-way)? From _____
___ 1-2 hrs. ___ 3 hrs. ___ 4 hrs. ___ 5 hrs. ___ over 5 hrs.

13. Which type of conference site would you prefer:

- ___ Hotel with meeting areas
- ___ Conference center (make own accommodations)
- ___ Menucha

Comments:

14. Should the location be rotated each year (like OLA)? ___ Yes ___ No

15. How important is it that we have a joint Oregon-Washington conference?

Very important ___ Important ___ Not important

16. Topic suggestions for future conferences:

17. Should the Oregon ACRL Newsletter be:

- ___ Eliminated in favor of OLA Hotline and OLA Journal
- ___ Published less frequently (with news also appearing in OLA Hotline & OLA Journal)
- ___ No change (4 issues per year)

18. Would you subscribe to a regional ACRL listserv? ___ Yes ___ No

DEADLINE: Please return completed survey by **April 17, 1995** to:

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