

# ACRL Board of Directors' actions, June 2021

## Highlights of the Board's Annual Conference meetings

**F**or the second year in a row, in lieu of meetings that would have been held face-to-face, the ACRL Board of Directors met virtually on June 23 and June 30. The Board also held a virtual priority setting meeting on June 3 and an informal Board Update on June 10. The Board met with the leaders of the ACRL Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, as well as its four goal-area committees: Value of Academic Libraries, Student Learning and Information Literacy, Research and Scholarly Environment, and New Roles and Changing Landscapes to assess progress on ACRL's strategic plan, the Plan for Excellence. With feedback from the Board, these committees will finalize their reports and develop their work plans for 2021–22.

The Board also received updates from the ALA Executive Director, liaison from the ALA Executive Board and ALA Treasurer, and ACRL Division Councilor. The Board heard an interim update from the ACRL Budget and Finance Chair on a

Joint Board and Budget & Finance Committee Working Group that is examining with a financial lens ACRL's Core Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

The Board reviewed the FY22 budget for ACRL and Choice, and, for the second year in a row, chose to postpone action to later in the summer. This postponement will allow the Board to fully consider actuals from delayed financial reports and to consider its directives to steadily move, in the coming fiscal years, from a planned, spend-down budget that invested ACRL's net asset balance in strategic programs and services to a two-year, net-positive budget as directed by the ALA Executive Board.

Board members, whose service ended on June 30, 2021—Karen Munro, Jeanne R. Davidson, and Kelly Gordon Jacobsma—were recognized and thanked for their service.

The ACRL Board of Directors took the following actions:

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### Enabling Programs and Services

Strategic goal areas will be supported by financial and operational planning, and will guide the

development and implementation of programs and services that target education, advocacy, and member engagement.

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### Advocacy

- Approved the 2021 ACRL Legislative Agenda.

- Withdrew a Statement on Library Leadership Positions.

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## Publications

- Approved the appointments of Mark E. Shelton as editor of Publications in Librarianship with an initial term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, and Kristen Totleben as editor-designate of College & Research Libraries for the term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, and then as editor with an initial term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

- Approved three companion documents to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education with the amended names to ensure a common naming convention:

- Companion Document to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education: Politics, Policy and International Relations

- Companion Document to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education: Social Work

- Companion Document to the ACRL Frame-

work for Information Literacy for Higher Education: Women's and Gender Studies

- Approved through a virtual vote the revisions of A Standard for the Appointment, Promotion and Tenure of Academic Librarians; ACRL Standards for Academic Librarians without Faculty Status; and ACRL Standards for Faculty for Academic Librarians. The Board also approved the Standards Committee recommendation that these three documents be put into the same review timeline with the three that were reaffirmed by the Board of Directors in 2018 (Joint Statement on Faculty Status of College and University Librarians, Statement on the Certification and Licensing of Academic Librarians, and Statement on the Terminal Professional Degree for Academic Librarians), so that all six are again considered together, as a task force will need to be appointed by the Board for the next round of scheduled review in 2023.

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## Member engagement

- Renewed for three years through June 30, 2024, the Academic Library Services to International Students Interest Group, Health Sciences Interest Group, Image Resource Interest Group, Residency Interest Group, and Universal Accessibility Interest Group.

- Renewed with a new name and charge for three years, through June 30, 2024, the Evidence Synthesis Methods Interest Group (previously Systematic Reviews and Related Methods Interest Group). The new charge is, "To promote and develop competencies around evidence synthesis including systematic reviews, meta-analyses, scoping reviews, and other related methods of research synthesis, through activities such as: [f]acilitating discussion and peer-support; [c]reating and managing a resource page; [e]ncouraging programming and publications around systematic reviews through ACRL."

- Renewed with a new charge for three years, through June 30, 2024, the Virtual Worlds Interest Group. The new charge is, "The Virtual Worlds Interest Group provides an opportunity for academic librarians with virtual environment interests and responsibilities to have a place in ACRL to network, share information, ask questions, and work on special projects, promote accessibility and provide programs relevant to academic libraries. The VW Interest Group also works to promote the various uses of virtual reality in all formats (desktop, mobile, and headset) to potential and current academic librarians and to improve information literacy (metaliteracy) specifically in virtual spaces. The ACRL VWIG sponsors events, programs, and meetings held mainly within the virtual world of Second Life and explores other developing Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality platforms." *zz*