ACRL Chapters Council
Chapter Leaders Orientation

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Welcome & Introductions

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Objectives

- To introduce chapter leaders to the purpose & activities of Chapters Council
  [http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/acr-cco](http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/acr-cco)
- To assist in the promotion & strengthening of the relationship between chapters & ACRL
- To provide another avenue of assistance to chapters on common issues and challenges
Chapters Council: Mission

“… to serve as a conduit for information and communication between ACRL National and its chapters, and to promote membership of ACRL National.”
Chapters Council: Goals

- To support the goals and initiatives of ACRL National
- To facilitate communication between ACRL members and ACRL leadership
- To encourage and support ACRL Chapters goals and initiatives
- To build membership of ACRL at the National and Chapter levels
  - Chapters may request a mailing list once a year of ACRL members living in their geographic region
    - [http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#57two](http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#57two)
Why Attend Chapters Council Meetings?

- Network with other ACRL Chapter leaders
- Share & learn of Chapter “best practices”
- Connect with ACRL leaders and learn firsthand of new initiatives
- Represent your chapter and voice your concerns to ACRL leadership
Chapters Council: Who We Are

- Consists of the President (Chair) and Vice-President (Vice-Chair) of each ACRL Chapter or a delegate who is a member of the Executive Board of the chapter
- Each member shall be a member of ACRL National
- Each chapter shall have one vote
Elected officers are the Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Past Chair, and Secretary.

These officers serve as the Executive Committee.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and the Secretary are elected by the Chapters Council at its meetings during Annual Conference.

http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#5eight
Chapters Council meetings

- Typically held Sunday mornings at Midwinter and Annual
- Work group sessions held on Sundays at Midwinter and Annual for more focused discussion and planning

http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/minutes
Communication

- ACRL Chapters Listserv (ACRLCHPTR@ala.org) http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/listserv
- ACRL Chapters Council Roster http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/roster
- *Chapter Topics* Newsletter http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/topics/chaptertopics
- Chapters Council blog http://acrl.ala.org/acrlchapters/
- ACRL Staff Liaison
  - Chase Ollis: collis@ala.org
ACRL Speakers Program

- Chapters may apply to have ACRL leadership appear as speakers at local/regional programs
- Purpose is to speak about ACRL’s activities and initiatives, and to learn of members’ interests at the chapter level.
- Visits awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Apply at: https://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/officersspeakers
- Chapters may apply for an ACRL Speakers Program appearance every 4 years
- Travel costs are underwritten by ACRL
ACRL Funding

- ACRL allocates chapters $1 per ACRL member living in the chapter’s geographic region per fiscal year (September 1 – August 31).

- Chapter leaders receive their chapter’s budget memo in September each year. Chapters must submit expense receipts and a Reimbursement Request Form in order to be reimbursed.

- ACRL grants chapters $10 for each new ACRL member living in the chapter’s geographic region who joined ACRL during the previous fiscal year, if the chapter conducted membership recruitment and summarized these in an annual report [http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#5four](http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#5four)

- Each chapter submits an annual report detailing its activities (due mid-July) [http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#56one](http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#56one)
Advocacy

- Learn of issues of concern to higher education and academic libraries
- Assist in forming a legislative network in your region for effective advocacy efforts
  [http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch#advocates](http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch#advocates)
- Bring back to your chapter and region priority issues of concern as to pending legislation
  [http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch#agenda](http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch#agenda)
New Initiatives

- **Toolkit** for new leaders
- **Updated manual** for Chapters Council officers
- Mentor program for new leaders
- Virtual Orientations for new/current leaders
- Repurposing of [Chapters Council blog](#)
- Spotlight on “Best Practices” by a chapter at Midwinter and Annual meetings
Thank you for attending!

- Please fill out our Survey Monkey evaluation: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TPJC9JF