



ACRL *Chapters Council*

CHAPTER LEADERS ORIENTATION

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



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OBJECTIVES

- To introduce chapter leaders to the purpose and activities of Chapters Council
- To assist in the promotion and strengthening of the relationship between chapters and 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.”

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/acr-cco>



CHAPTERS COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

- Elected officers are the Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Past Chair, and Secretary
- Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and the Secretary are elected by the Chapters Council at its meetings during Annual Conference
- ACRL's Guide to Policies and Procedures
Chapter 5: Chapters
 - <http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5>



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



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 within their geographic region
 - <http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#57two>



WHY ATTEND CHAPTERS COUNCIL MEETINGS?

- Network with other ACRL Chapter leaders
- Share and 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 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



COMMUNICATION

- ACRL Chapters Listserv
 - acrchptr@lists.ala.org
- Toolkit for new leaders
 - at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters>
- Manual for Chapters Council officers
 - at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters>
- ACRL Chapters Council Roster
 - <http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/roster>
- ACRL Staff Liaison
 - Chase Ollis | collis@ala.org | 312-280-2521



ACRL E-LEARNING WEBCASTS

- Chapters receive complimentary access to two ACRL e-Learning webcast group registrations per fiscal year (Sept 1 – Aug 31)
- Meant to expose members to new ideas and trends, foster discussion, and encourage networking among chapter members
- Contact Margot Conahan, mconahan@ala.org, for more information and to request your group registration.
- Current webcasts available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/webcasts>, with more added throughout the year



COMING SOON: LIBGUIDES

- acrlchapters.libguides.com
- Sponsored by SpringShare
- Meant to host resources that advance the profession (toolkits, standards, etc.)
 - Should not be used to replace Chapter websites
- Freely available to chapters upon request
- Will be overseen by Chapters Council



CHAPTERS SPEAKERS BUREAU

- Chapters may apply to have ACRL leadership appear as speakers at local/regional programs
- The purpose of these visits 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-served basis
- Travel costs are underwritten by ACRL

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/officersspeakers>



ACRL FUNDING

- ACRL allocates chapters \$1 per ACRL member living in the chapter's geographic region per fiscal year (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31)
 - ACRL will provide each chapter with one mailing list per year of the national ACRL members residing in its geographic area. This list will include those ALA/ACRL members who have opted to be included in their ALA communication preferences. Chapter chairs must request the mailing list by emailing collis@ala.org.
- Chapter leaders receive their chapter's budget memo at the beginning of each fiscal year. Chapters must submit expense receipts and a Reimbursement Request form to ACRL to receive allocated funds.
 - at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/forms>
- 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>
- Each chapter submits an annual report detailing its activities (due mid-July)
 - <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
- Bring back to your chapter and region priority issues of concern as to pending legislation
- Chapters Council Legislative Network Representative:
 - Kathryn Frederick, kfrederi@skidmore.edu
- <http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues>



QUESTIONS?

- Feel free to type into the chat!
- Contact Chase Ollis at collis@ala.org or Nancy Weiner at weinern@wpunj.edu.

