Minutes of the ACRL College Libraries Section
Conference Planning 2004
Midwinter Meeting, 2004

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Things continue to move along well regarding next year’s program, A LIBRARY BALANCING ACT—PATRON RIGHTS VS. NATIONAL SECURITY. Due to the nature of our task, we have been making progress on an ongoing basis, and did not have a formal midwinter meeting.

The program will have two main components. Jim Neal of Columbia, Gene Weimers of Bates, and Deborah Stone (Deputy Director of ALA’s Office of Intellectual Freedom) will provide brief presentations dealing with issues such as the impact of FERPA and the USA Patriot Act on academic libraries, collaboration between academic libraries and their IT counterparts to address issues of privacy and security, and how one college library has handled these issues. We will then have break-out group activities in which participants will begin to develop a product or prepare to take action in the following areas: a library confidentiality policy statement or privacy audit, compliance with the USA Patriot act, technology and network security issues, educating users about privacy issues, and privacy and security in the consortial setting.

We will publicize the program via discussion lists, ALA’s publications, and, as a new twist, by mailing a reminder postcard to section members. The card will, in turn, serve as a ticket for a prize drawing at the program (we will also have forms available for those who aren’t section members). Regarding prizes, while the committee hasn’t yet determined what they might be, we’re looking at between 5 and 10 in number with a projected total cost between $100 and $200. EARLY NEXT YEAR, WE WILL SEEK YOUR APPROVAL FOR THE MAILING WHEN COST ESTIMATES BECOME AVAILABLE (While ALA will provide the mailing labels, we need to cover the costs for the card and postage). Probably in late winter, we will SEEK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE PRIZES. Our program budget of $750 should be able to cover these expenses.

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