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ULS ELECTION RESULTS

Vice-chair/Chair-elect:

Frank D'Andraia - 398
Louise Sherby - 507 **ELECTED**

Secretary:

(2-year term)
Mary Munroe - 358
Barbara Kemp - 470 **ELECTED**

Member-at-Large:

(3-year term, 2 to be elected)
Betsy Baker - 535 **ELECTED**
Phelix Hanible - 297
Doris Ann Sweet - 381 **ELECTED**
Linda TerHaar - 372

Adoption of Proposed Bylaws (Article IV)

Yes - 911 **ADOPTED**
No - 28

Adoption of Proposed Bylaws (Article V)

Yes - 846 **ADOPTED**
No - 32

The complete results of the ALA election are available at:

http://www.ala.org/alaorg/2001_election.html

STANDARDS/GUIDELINES SURVEY- YOUR FEEDBACK NEEDED

The ACRL/ULS Standards/Guidelines Review Committee (Lori Goetsch, University of Maryland, Chair) was appointed to review and update the "Standards for University Libraries" and "Guidelines for Branch Libraries in Colleges and Universities." In order to evaluate these documents, the committee needs to know how/if they are used and how they could be made more up-to-date and valuable to university libraries. There is still time to provide your feedback by the June 6th deadline. You may review the documents and take the survey electronically at <http://www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/PUB/acrlserv.html>.

At the upcoming ALA Conference in San Francisco, the committee will hold an open discussion of the Standards and Guidelines and report on the responses to the survey. Please mark this date on your calendars: Saturday, June 16th, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Cathedral Hill Hotel/Embarcadero.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ULS ACTIVITIES FROM ELAINE DIDIER, ULS CHAIR

- ULS initiated a collaborative project with the College Libraries Section (CLS) and the Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS) to develop a web-based "toolkit" to promote academic libraries on campus and beyond. The groups met at ALA Midwinter 2001 and at the ACRL X conference to plan the project. Work is proceeding currently via conference call and email, and will continue into the next fiscal year.
- At Midwinter, the Current Topics Discussion Group presented "Technology and Libraries: Evolution of New Roles," featuring Mary Jane Petrowsky and Karen Williams, to a lively group of 50 participants.
- Also at Midwinter, the newly re-named Campus Administration and Leadership Discussion Group presented a session on librarians and information technology to a group of 30 participants.
- During the past year, ULS has created a discussion list to enhance communication with and among its members, updated its web site, and has re-activated communications with new members of the section. It has also recommended changes in its Bylaws to reflect evolving practices.

For the future, ULS seeks to create a webcast of its annual conference program for the benefit of ULS members unable to attend the conference session. The ULS Executive Committee has also discussed planning a social function to follow its annual program to provide a means for ULS members to become better acquainted.

JOIN THE NEW ULS DISCUSSION LIST!!

Looking for a low-traffic way to stay up-to-date on ULS news and issues of interest to university libraries? Then join **uls-l**, the new, unmoderated email list maintained by ACRL and the ULS Communications Committee. To subscribe, send an email to listproc@ala1.ala.org with "subscribe uls-l your first and last name" in the message field.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHAIR/CHAIR ELECT

The University Libraries Section is all about member involvement. Its vitality is directly proportional to member activity and creativity. As a ULS member, its value to you depends on your taking advantage of the opportunities it offers.

For that reason, as I made committee appointments this spring, I was particularly pleased to appoint a number of people who have never previously participated in ULS work, and to re-appoint many experienced members as well. For me, and no doubt for these veteran ULS participants, the network of colleagues and friends acquired through ULS activities has been a major benefit of membership. And the work we accomplish – a stimulating program successfully presented, an informative newsletter going online, a promising promotional campaign initiated – benefits our 6,000 plus members and many other ALA members, as well.

I want to thank all of you who are willing to serve ULS in this way, and encourage other ULS members to consider joining a committee. [C&RL News](#) issues a call for committee members each fall, with appointments made each spring. ULS members can contact the Chair Elect at any point to discuss opportunities.

Because of the good work of our committees, exciting things are happening in ULS. This inaugural issue of the [ULS Universe](#) is a big step forward for our section, and will, for the first time, provide a distinctive communication link to members. The ULS program planned for the Annual Conference in San Francisco, “Outside/In: Seeing Ourselves as Others See Us,” promises to be outstanding, and another great program — on generational differences in the workplace — is in the works for 2002.

I look forward to seeing many of you in San Francisco.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee meeting at ALA Midwinter focused on five major topics: the new ULS discussion list, writing a committee charge, revising the ULS brochure, creating a section newsletter, and sending welcome letters to new ULS members.

Because the ULS discussion list is fairly new, membership and activity on the list have been low. The committee discussed making the list more visible by featuring it on the ULS homepage and linking it to ALA’s list of discussion lists. We also discussed the possibility of inviting ULS members to post monthly discussion questions and whether or not boundaries, such as the types of items that may be posted, should be outlined. The committee will continue to discuss these issues as the list evolves.

Several members have also been working on a formal charge for the committee. This will be presented to the ULS Executive Board for a vote at the ALA Annual meeting.

Additionally, members have been working on revising the section brochure to make it more timely and usable, and drafting a letter to send to new ULS members. Finally, at Midwinter, the Committee voted to create this section newsletter as a means of sharing and disseminating information among the various ULS committees and members.

—Leslie Madden, Co-Chair

Librarians in Higher Education and Campus Administration DG

The Librarians in Higher Education and Campus Administration Discussion Group presented a one-hour session entitled, “Organizational Opportunities: Let’s Talk about IT.”

The session focused on dynamic institutional efforts to implement organization changes, leading to more fluid and streamlined service, particularly with regard to technology and information systems and resources. The discussion, led by Aline Soules, University of Michigan, and Susan Scheiberg, University of Southern California, highlighted their experiences and observations working within shifting environments, and using concepts of relationship management to facilitate change and reshape challenges into opportunities.

At the close of the program, the attending group was polled for approval of a possible name change. Approval was unanimous. At the business meeting of the ULS Executive Committee, the group formerly known as Librarians in Higher Education and Campus Administration Discussion Group adopted the name Campus Administration and Leadership Discussion Group. The group functions mainly as a planning committee for recommendation of discussion topics to be organized and presented at the midwinter session.

—Mem Stahley, Chair

Nominating Committee

At the Nominating Committee’s Midwinter meeting, members drew up the following slate of candidates for the 2001 election:

For Chair-Elect:

- Frank D’Andraia (U. of Montana)
- Louise Sherby (CCNY)

For Secretary (2-year term):

- Barbara Kemp (U. of Houston)
- Mary Munroe (Northern Illinois University)

For Member-at-Large (3-year term, 2 to be elected):

- Betsy Baker (Northwestern University)
- Phelix Hanible (U. of Mass.)
- Doris Ann Sweet (Harvard University)
- Linda TerHaar (Michigan State U.)

—Don Frank, Chair

Organization & Bylaws

The Organization & Bylaws Committee met on Saturday, January 13, 2001. The committee addressed proposed changes to Article IV, Sections I and 2, and Article V, Sections I and 2, of the ULS Bylaws. The changes were submitted to the ACRL Board.

—Cheryl Middleton, Chair

[Note: The changes were overwhelmingly approved. The new text appears below.]

Article IV

- Sec. I. *Officers.* The officers of this section shall be a chair, a vice chair/chair-elect, a past chair and a secretary.

- Sec. 2. *Terms of Office.* The chair shall serve one year. The chair-elect shall serve for one year as vice chair; at its expiration, or upon the occurrence of a vacancy, the vice chair shall become chair. The past chair shall serve for one year. The secretary shall serve for 2 years.

Article V

- Sec. I. *Composition.* There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the section, the past chair, and six elected members-at-large. The chairs of two of the standing committees, the Organization and Bylaws Committee, and Policy and Planning Committee shall serve as ex-officio voting members. The chairs of the Communications Committee, Current Topics Committee, and the Program Planning Committee shall serve as non-voting, ex-officio members. The chair of the Section shall serve as chair of the Executive Committee.
- Sec. 2. *Terms of Office.* The elected members-at-large serve for three years with two new members elected each year. Chairs of the Organization and Bylaws Committee and the Policy and Planning Committee shall serve for the term of their appointments as chairs. Chairs of other ULS standing committees shall serve as members of the Executive Committee for the term of their appointments.

Policy & Planning Committee

The Policy & Planning Committee met at Midwinter on Sunday, January 14, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Overseeing the meeting were co-chairs Don Frank (Portland State University) and Tom Fisher (Georgia Institute of Technology). Committee members included Sharon Bonk (Queens College), Beau David Case (Ohio State University), Mary George (Princeton University), Diane Perushak (Northwestern University), Doris Ann Sweet (Harvard Medical School) and Laurene Zaporozhetz (University of Toledo).

The focus of the meeting was to discuss specific ways to use a \$1500 allocation from ACRL in support of activities reflecting ALA’s “@ your library” campaign, but with a focus on academic libraries. The group worked up and proposed a 4-step program to that end, including (1) the development of an icon specific to academic libraries; (2) the development of a prototype web page listing standardized categories of information about participating university libraries; (3) the creation of an on-line, printable brochure listing information about academic libraries in general; and, (4) the production of a polished, sellable ALA-type poster with an emphasis on academics.

The proposal was presented to the ULS Executive Board on January 15, who approved the concept and proposed the joint development of this project to promote academic libraries with the Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS) and College Libraries Section (CLS).

—Tom Fisher, Co-Chair

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES SECTION

By Bruce Henson, Co-Chair, Communications Committee

The University Libraries Section (ULS) is the largest, and one of the oldest, of the 17 sections in ALA’s ACRL Division.¹ Approximately ten college librarians participated in ALA’s first Conference in Philadelphia in 1876, where the total attendance was 103.² On May 10, 1889, as a result of ALA’s focus on public libraries, a meeting of 13 librarians was held at the St. Louis Conference to organize a College Library Section, shortened to College Section.³ Fifteen librarians attended the first meeting of the College Section on September 12, 1890 at the White Mountains, New

Hampshire ALA Conference, which had a total attendance of 267. Colleges represented at the Section’s first meeting were prestigious institutions including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, Yale, Brown, and Columbia.⁴

In 1897, the College Section expanded to include reference librarians in public libraries and became the College and Reference Library Work Section, later shortened to the College and Reference Section. An ongoing issue after the merger was the “desirability of separate organizations for college and reference librarians,” an issue not entirely resolved until 1938.⁵ Section membership dues were \$.50. On April 25, 1923, at the ALA Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas the College and Reference Section, with 90 librarians present, approved a constitution that provided a more formal structure and increased operational committees for the Section. Section meetings included a General Session, a Roundtable for College Librarians, and a Roundtable for Reference Librarians. In 1930, ALA’s first Activities Committee recommended the Association undertake “greater activity in scholarly fields as a partial solution” for the discontent of the College and Reference Section, which seriously considered withdrawing from ALA due to its emphasis on public libraries and its neglect of scholarship.⁶

In 1937, an ALA Reorganization Committee recommended separating the Association into divisions. The College and Reference Section was renamed the Association of College and Reference Libraries (ACRL) in 1938 and was divided into 5 subsections: College Libraries Section, University Libraries Section, Reference Librarians Section, Junior College Section, and the Libraries in Teacher-Training Institutions Section. The first issue of ACRL’s official journal, *College and Library News*, was published in December 1939 and ACRL became ALA’s first division on May 31, 1940. During a reorganization of ALA in 1956, ACRL’s Reference Libraries Section became the Library Reference Services Division and “Research” supplanted “Reference” in the ACRL title, now the Association of College and Research Libraries. Before the 1937 reorganization, the College and Reference Section had a proportionately low membership of 117 to the total ALA membership of 14,000.⁷ ACRL has grown from 737 members in 1939 to 11, 524 in 2000. ULS membership grew to 4060 in 1976 and 5281 in 2000.⁸

The first meeting of the ACRL University Libraries Subsection was at 2:30pm on June 14, 1938 at the ALA Conference in Kansas City. The first ULS Chair was A.F. Kuhlman, who was also the first editor of *College and Library News*, and the first ULS Secretary was Irene M. Doyle. The initial ULS Program was “Some Unsolved Problems of University Libraries,” which was “designed to present a view of the university library situation as it exists in America in 1938,” a goal ULS continues to strive for today.⁹

¹ The University Libraries Section, the College Libraries Section, and the Community and Junior College Libraries Section were established in 1937.

² Dennis Thomison, *A History of the American Library Association: 1876-1972* (Chicago: ALA, 1978), 6.

Charles Edward Hale, *The Origin and Development of the Association of College and Research Libraries, 1889-1960* (Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Microfilms, 1976), 25.

³ “ALA College Library Section,” *Library Journal* 14 (May-June 1889): 285.

⁴ Charles Edward Hale, *The Origin and Development of the Association of College and Research Libraries, 1889-1960* (Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Microfilms, 1976), 33-36.

⁵ “College and Reference Section,” *Library Journal* 31 (June 1906): 233.

⁶ Dennis Thomison, *A History of the American Library Association: 1876-1972* (Chicago: ALA, 1978), 166.

⁷ “Reorganization of the College and Reference Section,” *ALA Bulletin* 31 (September 1937): 594.

⁸ Before 1976, membership numbers from ACRL Sections are not available.

⁹ “University Library Subsection,” *ALA Bulletin* 32 (October 1938): 842.

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ULS IN SAN FRANCISCO

JOIN US FOR A STIMULATING DISCUSSION AT ALA IN SAN FRANCISCO

“Outside/In: Seeing Ourselves as Others See Us”

University Libraries Section
Sponsored by Blackwell’s Book Services
Saturday June 16
2pm-4pm
Marriott Salon 9

Professionals outside librarianship can offer much needed insight into information services required for success in academic libraries today. Stephanie Bangert, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, John Seely Brown, co-author of *The Social Life of Information*, and Kathryn Reeves, Questia Media, will discuss how “outsiders” to the world of librarianship perceive the changing world of academic information. Their perspectives on user needs will provide a thought-provoking context for the assessment of information services in higher education.

Speakers:
Stephanie Bangert, Assistant Director, Western Association of Schools and Colleges

John Seely Brown, Chief Scientist, Xerox, and Chief Innovation Officer of 12 Entrepreneurship

Kathryn Reeves, Vice President of Product Marketing, Questia Media, Inc.

Program Committee members:
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SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OF ULS MEETINGS

Saturday, June 16, 2001

Executive Comm.	8:30 - 11:00 am — CAT, Telegraph Hill B
Communication Comm.	11:30 - 12:30 pm — PAN, Sutter
Campus Administration and Leadership DG	11:30 - 12:30 pm — HIL, Union Sq, 12
Conference Program 2002	11:30 - 12:30 pm — HIL, Union Sq 19/20
Standards and Guidelines	11:30 - 12:30 pm — CAT, Embarcadero
ULS 2001 Program “Outside/In: Seeing Ourselves as Others See Us”	2:00 - 4:00 pm — MAR, Salon 9

Sunday, June 17, 2001

Organization and Bylaws Comm.	9:30 - 11:00 am — WEST, Mayfair
Policy and Planning Comm.	9:30 - 11:00 am - HIL Union Square 18
Standards and Guidelines	9:30 - 11:00 am — REG, Grand Ballroom C
Current Topics DG	11:30 - 12:30 pm — WEST, Mayfair
Organization and Bylaws	2:00 - 4:00 pm — WEST, Mayfair
Public Services Directors DG	2:00 - 4:00 pm — MAR, Salon 4

Monday, June 18, 2001

Exec. Comm.	8:30 - 11:00 am — MAR, Salon 6
Conference Program 2002	11:30 - 12:30 pm - MAR, Pacific F

Guide to hotels:

CAT - Cathedral Hill	PAN - Pan Pacific
HIL - Hilton and Towers	REG - Hyatt Regency
MAR - Marriott	WEST - Westin St. Francis