ACRL Leader Orientation

Division-level Committees

Wednesday, July 28, 2021
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Central
Orientation Outcomes

● About ACRL
  ○ Introduce ACRL’s strategic plan

● About Your Committee
  ○ Understand who comprises your committee and your roles as a committee leader.

● Communication
  ○ Know how to communicate with your committee and other committee leaders.
  ○ Understand the role of the ACRL Board and external communication policies.

● Work Plans & Reports
  ○ Overview of the timeline and process for annual work plans and reports.

● ALA Policies
  ○ Overview of pertinent ALA policies.
ACRL Strategic Plan

- ACRL Plan for Excellence
  - Core Commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
  - Value of Academic Libraries
  - Student Learning
  - Research and Scholarly Environment
  - New Roles and Changing Landscapes
ACRL Membership Groups

**ACRL Directory of Leadership**
- Division-level Committees
  - Editorial Boards
- Task Forces
- Communities of Practice:
  - Sections
  - Interest Groups

**Discussion Groups**
- Chapters Council
- Representatives Assembly
Committee Leaders

- ALA Connect Committee Leaders Community
- ACRL Leadership Council
Your Committee

● Chair, Vice-Chair (Editor for some Editorial Boards)
● Members
● Ex-officio members
● Board Liaison
● Staff Liaison
Communicating with Committee Members: ALA Connect

- **ALA Connect**
  - Discussion
  - Events
    - Meeting announcements (10 days prior)
  - Library
    - Agendas
    - Minutes
    - Documents
Communicating with Committee Members: Meetings

- Meetings
  - In-person (not required for committee service)
  - Virtual Meetings
Work Plans & Reports

2020-21 Report
2021-22 Work Plan
Template & info coming later this summer
The ACRL Board & Your Committee

● ACRL Board Requests
  ○ Discussion and Action forms can be found on the ACRL Forms page.

● Only the Board of Directors may speak for ACRL. You are free to communicate as an individual, but not with your ACRL title
Surveys, Research & Publications

• Surveys beyond your unit’s membership must be reviewed/approved by the office. Encourage all surveys to be reviewed.

• ACRL/ALA has the right of first refusal on all membership group work
• ALA is one legal entity of which ACRL is a part
• ALA is a 501(c)3; limits political activity but needs your advocacy
• ACRL self-sustaining: no direct financial support from ALA
• Divisions pay ALA an indirect cost on non-dues revenues generated
• Advocate at ala.org/fundlibraries
Additional Resources

- ACRL Guide to Policies and Procedures
- ACRL LibGuides
- Contact ACRL Staff
Thank you!