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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

On our campuses, throughout our professional organizations, and within the University Libraries Section, we are committed to diversity. Individually and as organizations we are working to create work environments that embrace and appreciate differences – country of origin, race and ethnicity, gender and sexual preference, and many other factors that add richness to our professional and personal lives.

At the June ALA conference in Atlanta, the ULS 2002 program will be devoted to the exploration of another kind of diversity: generational differences, especially as we experience them in the workplace.

We're all familiar with the demographics: librarianship is a graying profession. Many of us will retire within five, ten, or fifteen years, and there are relatively few young librarians coming along to take our places. Recruiting and retaining talented younger people is a top priority for university libraries. But to do this effectively, we must develop a better understanding of what attracts and motivates Gen X and Y'ers. Understanding these differences will enable today's library leaders to better utilize the ideas and energies of a younger generation, and ultimately to create more dynamic, vital libraries.

The ULS program at the ALA Annual Conference is called "Minding the Generation Gap: Learn How To Communicate and Work Together Across Generations." The program will be held on Saturday, June 15th, from 1:30-3:30 in the Hyatt's Regency Ballroom. It's bound to be one of the most relevant, lively and useful programs of the conference.

Following the program will be our first-ever section-wide reception. Program attendees are invited to remain in the meeting room to enjoy light refreshments and good conversation with other ULS'ers.

I hope to see you there!

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHAIR/ CHAIR-ELECT

New Orleans was a busy conference for ULS and its members. The Executive Committee engaged in some serious strategic planning activities that will provide direction and suggestions for the next few years for the largest ACRL section. It was a most fruitful session.

I have been making committee appointments over the last few weeks and am delighted with all the volunteers who expressed interest in working on a ULS committee. It is not too late to submit your committee volunteer form as there are a few slots still available. Joining a committee in ULS is one of the best ways to learn what we are about and to help your colleagues grow and learn as we all face challenges in our libraries back home.

The 2003 Conference Program Planning Committee was very busy in New Orleans, and we have a program that is unique and exciting planned for Toronto. As I mentioned in the Fall issue, we are working with the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries in planning a joint program. Pamela Wonsek, Hunter College, and Kathleen DeLong, University of Alberta, co-chair the Program Planning Committee, and we are borrowing the formal debate format used by the CACUL at their annual meeting. It should be fun, informative, and interactive and we hope that you will plan to join us north of the border in beautiful Toronto in June 2003. More information will follow as the program details are completed.

Please keep in touch and let me know how ULS can best serve your needs and interests in the future. I hope to see many of you in Atlanta.

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ULS ELECTION RESULTS

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ULS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECEIVE HONORS

Two ULS leaders have been chosen to receive ACRL awards for 2002. Barbara Kemp, ULS Secretary, has been named Education and Behavioral Science Section Distinguished Librarian. Betsy Baker, Chair of the Current Topics Discussion Group, has been selected to receive the Instruction Section's Publication Award. Congratulations to Barbara and Betsy!

ULS PROGRAM IN ATLANTA

Minding the Generation Gap: Learn How To Communicate and Work Together Across Generations

Saturday, June 15, 2002
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Ballroom

ACRL University Libraries Section Conference Program
Co-sponsored by LAMA Library Organization and Management Section

Do baby boomers, Gen Xers, and Gen Yers bring different communication styles, expectations and ethics to the workplace? Or is this just an elaborate fiction? The 2002 ACRL ULS Conference program addresses these questions and much more at ALA's Annual Conference in Atlanta. Stanley Wilder will open the program with a demographic snapshot of the library profession, to be followed by Crit Stuart's lively, no-nonsense discussion of generational differences in the workplace, including his own observations as an experienced administrator. The program also features Faye C. Backie, Patricia Stenstrom, and Jody Condit Fagan as the multi-generational experts offering first-hand perspectives. Audience questions and insights will round out what's sure to be a provocative — and practical — look at library demographics. The program will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Hyatt Regency's Ballroom, and will be immediately followed by a reception.

Presentation by:
Stanley Wilder, Assistant Dean for Information Management Services, University of Rochester

Crit Stuart, Associate Director for Public Services, Georgia Tech Library, Georgia Institute of Technology

Panelists:
Faye C. Backie, Assistant Director - Public Services, University Libraries, Michigan State University

Patricia Stenstrom, Library Emeritus, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Jody Condit Fagan, Assistant Professor and Social Sciences Librarian, Library Affairs, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

For the latest information, please check out the program's web site at http://www.ala.org/acrl/uls/uls_conf02.html.

Campus Administration & Leadership Discussion Group

The Campus Administration and Leadership Discussion Group will convene the group's regular session on Saturday, June 15 at 11:30 a.m. **This is an important meeting.** At Midwinter 2002, the group met in a less formal discussion session with minimal attendance. Questions have arisen relative to the necessity of continuing a discussion group with a seemingly limited interest base. Should we attempt to continue with our intimate group forum, or should we re-structure into a more formalized committee-type group? Are we duplicating the work of other ACRL groups? If you have an opinion or an interest in our group, whose purpose is, according to our ACRL-ULS Section Manual, to "address the issues of librarians who are increasingly involved in all aspects of higher education...and university-level campus administration," please join us.

Mem Stahley, CAL Discussion Group, Chair

Current Topics Discussion Group Planning Meeting

The Current Topics Discussion Planning Committee will meet in Atlanta on Sunday, June 16, from 11:30 - 12:30. The committee devotes its summer meeting time to planning a discussion forum for the upcoming Midwinter Meeting. Our most recent discussion forum in New Orleans last January was titled *Reaching our users doesn't always mean "out:" a discussion of "in-reach" programs in academic libraries*. Our discussion leaders, Lynn Sutton (Wayne State University), Ruth Kifer (George Mason University), and Richard Meyer (Georgia Institute of Technology), did a wonderful job describing how their institutions are establishing facilities and services that draw library users back into the physical place of the library. They were all excellent presenters, and we very much appreciate their thoughtful and stimulating remarks. A very nice review and write-up of the session appeared in the April issue of *College and Research Libraries News*, thanks to the work of John Lehner. The feedback we received from the session was extremely positive, confirming our belief that this was a timely topic, indeed. In fact, some of the feedback forms suggested that we continue this look at "library as place" in future discussions. The idea of "in-reach" really seemed to strike a chord with the nearly one hundred people who attended this session. Anyone who has an idea about a cutting edge issue that might usefully serve as a discussion topic for next midwinter is welcome to join us at the meeting or correspond with me via e-mail. My e-mail address is bbaker@northwestern.edu.

Betsy Baker, Chair

At its ALA Midwinter meeting, the committee discussed the process of sending letters to new ULS members, of which 383 have gone out; updates to the ULS web site; and positive feedback about the *ULS Universe* newsletter. There are 484 ULS members subscribed to the ULS discussion list, ULS-L, which is almost 10% of the ULS membership. The committee discussed the policy concerning relevant topics and posting to the listserv, and it was suggested that the policy be sent as part of the new subscriber's message. The group also discussed the amount of traffic on the listserv and the possible need to stimulate activity on the list.

The ULS brochure, which has been approved for funding, is being redesigned by the committee, and the group agreed to some modifications in the content and language of the brochure. Discussion followed about publicizing the 2002 ULS conference program by announcements to a number of listservs and a news story in *C&RL News*.

Bruce Henson, Co-Chair

Organization & Bylaws

The ACRL-Organization & Bylaws Committee met once at Mid-winter ALA in New Orleans. The Committee worked on planning for updates and revisions to the ACRL-ULS Section Manual http://www.ala.org/acrl/uls/sect_manual.html. In addition, the committee spent time determining how to make the manual more useful and how to publicize it to new ULS section committee chairs.

Throughout year between ALA Mid-winter and ALA Annual 2002, members of the Organization & Bylaws committee will be contacting ACRL-ULS committee chairs to ask them to review portions of the section manual that pertain to their committee and to expand on the section that describes the operational duties of their committees.

Concurrently, members of the Organization and Bylaws Committee will be contacting the chairs of discussion groups that have been in existence for more than 3 years, per the ULS Bylaws http://www.ala.org/acrl/uls/sect_manual.html#interest, to ask them to re-petition the membership and submit their petition to the Executive Council for continued establishment of the discussion group.

Cheryl Middleton, Chair

Policy and Planning Committee

The Policy and Planning Committee met at Midwinter on Sunday, January 20, with instructions to react to the points that arose from the ULS Executive Committee meeting the day before. The Executive Committee meeting had included a facilitated discussion, led by Sue Baughman of the University of Maryland, to look at possible future directions for ULS. Policy and Planning was tasked to consider and translate the ideas from Saturday's discussion into action plans. The recommendations of the committee which were presented to the Executive Committee were:

- (1) Form a new committee on assessment;
- (2) Form a new committee on membership, and develop ways to increase member involvement and to improve membership recruitment, involvement, and retention;
- (3) Consider review of ULS mission;
- (4) Consider forming a new roundtable discussion for members on professional issues such as publishing, tenure and ALA involvement;
- (5) Create a library school liaison volunteer group, possibly partnering with NMRT;
- (6) Create a web directory (internal document only) of ULS membership;
- (7) Form an *ad hoc* committee on the potential role for ULS in the scholarly communication crisis;
- (8) Form an accreditation discussion group;
- (9) Encourage more librarian-authors to publish in the higher education press;
- (10) Post local library innovation information on the web site to encourage sharing of best practices.

The Executive Committee is taking these recommendations under consideration.

Tom Fisher, Co-Chair

ACRL'S FIRST E-PUB: *InPrint: Publishing Opportunities for College Librarians*

If you're looking for relevant information about what journals might be interested in an idea you have, or you want to encourage your staff to publish more, the Research for College Librarianship Committee (RCLC) of the College Libraries Section of ACRL has just what you need: *InPrint: Publishing Opportunities for College Librarians*.

The benefit of *InPrint* is that it allows great flexibility in reviewing and selecting journals in which to publish. Not only do the descriptions of titles include e-mail links to editors, but a searcher can specify that s/he wants only titles that are refereed, that have an acceptance rate of better than 50 percent, that require fewer than 20 pages, and that have editors who will respond to writers in less than two months.

Launched in early January 2001, *InPrint* is available at <http://acrl.telusys.net/epubs/> for \$35 (\$25 for ACRL members). The cost includes access to data for two years, and RCLC members will be reviewing and updating entries every six months. Titles included will interest all academic librarians and cover the fields of library and information science, higher education, computer technology, and college teaching in specific disciplines.

By publicizing editors who are willing to discuss ideas and, in some cases, to mentor writers and researchers, and by targeting useful publications, RCLC members hope to make it easier for academic librarians to contribute to the literature.

Learning Communities for Excellence ACRL President's Program

Transformational Learning Communities: Claiming Our Future

Monday, June 17, 2002, from 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Marriott Marquis Hotel - Imperial Ballroom Salon B

ACRL President Mary Reichel's yearlong theme of learning communities for excellence in academic libraries will culminate with a program featuring a nationally renowned educator involved with learning communities in higher education and a reactor panel of library leaders.

- ◆ Theresa S. Byrd, Director of Libraries, Ohio Wesleyan University and ACRL Board member
- ◆ Randy Burke Hensley, Head, Public Services, University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) and the Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian for 2002
- ◆ Joan Lippincott, Associate Executive Director of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI)

Keynote Speaker:

Barbara Leigh Smith, co-director of the National Learning Community Project, funded by the Pew Charitable Trust. Smith was formerly the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Evergreen State College.

Poster Session:

Following the program there will be a poster session featuring learning community projects. Here's an opportunity to connect with others working in learning communities. For details, see: http://www.ala.org/acrl/annual_posters.html.

Visit the ACRL President's Program website for more details and background information on libraries and learning communities:

http://www.ala.org/acrl/2002_presidentsprogram.html

CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF LIBRARY INSTRUCTION WITH LIRT & IS

In 2002 the Library Instruction Round Table and the ACRL Instruction Section celebrate their 25th Anniversary in Atlanta. These two units of ALA have fostered and supported instruction librarians and encouraged creativity and innovation in teaching and learning in all types of libraries since 1977. We have a day of festivities planned for Sunday, June 16th. We hope you'll spend the day and celebrate with us.

Emerging Visions: Libraries and Education in the 21st Century

LIRT Annual Conference Program, Georgia World Congress Center, 9:30 a.m.-Noon.

In the past 25 years, the field of education has experienced sweeping changes, particularly due to the increasing incorporation of technology into the classroom. This program will look to the future and examine directions in the field of education and how they apply to libraries. The keynote speaker will be from **Turner Learning**, the Educational Division of Turner Broadcasting. **Tim Grimes**, Director of the Ann Arbor District Library, Michigan, and a former President of LIRT, will speak on the increasing need for and direction of instruction for users in public libraries. **Jean Donham**, College Librarian, Cornell College, Iowa, and a former middle school teacher, will discuss the implications of educational changes for school libraries.

25th Anniversary Party

Georgia World Congress Center, Noon-1:30 p.m.

Join LIRT and IS as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary with a birthday cake, prizes, and recognition of those individuals who have been important in these two organizations during the past 25 years.

Building Premier Learning Communities: Strategies for Successful Library Involvement

IS Annual Conference Program, Georgia World Congress Center, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Learning communities have been described as "an intentional process of redesigning curriculum and bringing faculty and students together to create more coherent and collaborative learning environments." This program will investigate the components of successful learning communities and suggest specific strategies for library involvement. Keynote speaker **Nancy Shapiro**, founding director of the College Park Scholars Program, University of Maryland, will provide an overview of the development of learning communities and future directions. Librarian panelists will explore components of successful library involvement.

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ULS MEETINGS AT ALA IN ATLANTA

Friday, June 14th

2002 Program Planning	4:30-5:30	Marriott-CALGARY
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Saturday, June 15th

Executive Committee I	8:30-11	Hyatt-CAIRO
Campus Admin. & Leadership DG	11:30-12:30	Hyatt-HANOVER G
Communications Committee	11:30-12:30	Hyatt-HONG KONG
Standards and Guidelines	11:30-12:30	Hyatt-SINGAPORE
PROGRAM: "Minding the Generation Gap"	1:30-3:30	Hyatt-REGENCY BALLROOM
Reception to follow program	3:30 - 5:30	Hyatt-REGENCY BALLROOM

Sunday, June 16th

Current Topics DG Planning Comm.	11:30-12:30	Wyndham-APOLLO
Organization & Bylaws	9:30-11:30	Wyndham-ARCADIA
Policy & Planning	9:30-11:30	Ritz-Carlton-BOARDROOM
2003 Program Planning	9:30-12:30	Wyndham-SPARTA
2002 Program Planning	12:00-1:00	Ritz-Carlton-BOARDROOM
Pub. Svcs. Dirs. of Large Research Libs.	2:00-4:00	Georgia World Congress Center-A312

Monday, June 17th

Executive Committee II	8:30-11	Georgia World Congress Center-A315
Standards and Guidelines	2:00-4:00	Marriott-CHARDONNAY