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**2018–19 Committee Work Plan**

***Note:*** Each activity/project should be reported using the below form. Copy and paste the form as many times as needed to detail each activity/project. Plans should be **Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely or SMART).**

## Activity/Project Name

ACRL Legislative Agenda

## Brief Description

The Legislative Agenda, developed and revised by this committee, provides the background information for ACRL Board, ACRL staff and ACRL members to advocate effectively around national legislative policy issues important in higher education.

## Goal Area

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3. Build on Assessment in Action to expand community of practice and professional development opportunities.

4. Support libraries in advancing issues of equity, access, diversity, and inclusion in higher education.

**Student Learning**

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4. Articulate and advocate for the role of librarians in setting, achieving, and measuring institutional student learning outcomes.

**Research and Scholarly Environment**

1. Increase the ways ACRL is an advocate and model for open dissemination and evaluation practices.

2. Enhance members’ capacity to address issues related to scholarly communication, including but not limited to data management, library publishing, open access, and digital scholarship.

3. Increase ACRL’s efforts to influence scholarly publishing policies and practices toward a more open system.

**New Roles and Changing Landscapes**

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**Demonstrating Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion within ACRL and/or the Profession.**

**Enabling Programs and Services (education, advocacy, publications, or member engagement)**

### Brief sentence connecting your project to the Plan

The ACRL Legislative Agenda is the main focus of advocacy efforts throughout the year. It supports member efforts to advocate effectively for legislation and policies which will positively impact higher education.

## Timeline

continuous project assigned in charge

short-term project that will be completed this membership year

multi-year project continuing past this membership year (expected completion date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

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## Outline the steps and intermediate deadlines planned to complete the project.

| **Specific Action** | **Due Date** | **Party Responsible** | **Resources Needed** *(e.g., financial\*, technology, staff support)* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Initial conference call to introduce members to each other and review the work of the committee | September 7, 2018 | Chair | None |
| Review 2018 Agenda and discuss what should be kept and what removed | November 9, 2018 | All-committee | None |
| Solicit and collect legislative issues from ACRL and ALA committees. | December 7, 2018 | Chair and Vice-Chair | None |
| Decide on initial emerging and ongoing legislative issues to be considered for final Agenda. | January 11, 2019 | All-committee | None |
| Create draft and begin editing final version of the Agenda. | March 1, 2019 | All-committee | Use Google Docs to compose |
| Submit penultimate draft to ACRL Staff Liaison for copy editing. | March 29, 2019 | Chair or vice-chair | None |
| Submit final agenda, with Board action form to ACRL office for virtual vote. | April 8, 2019 | Chair | None |

## Assessment: How will success be measured?

Successful completion and approval of the Agenda by the Board. Other measures would include increased numbers of website views and use of the Legislative Agenda through the coming year.

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Legislative Tool Kit

**Brief Description**

The Government Relations Committee will decide on whether or not to pursue creating a legislative tool kit targeted to academic librarians working with state and local legislators.

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The legislative toolkit would be a resource for librarians who want to learn more about advocacy for academic libraries, covering areas of interest including background information on the issues, the legislative process and communication strategies.

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*(add rows as needed)*

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| Review the report written by previous chair and current vice-chair on the feasibility of a toolkit | September 7, 2018 | All-committee | None |
| Make a decision on whether or not to pursue creating a legislative toolkit this academic year or table it for another year | September 7, 2018 | All-committee | None |
| TBD if decision to create a toolkit this year is made |  |  |  |
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**Assessment: How will success be measured?**

*Assess the impact of the entire project rather than the specific actions listed above. A sentence or brief paragraph is adequate. (e.g., what indicators will be used, what tools will be used to collect data, and what targets will indicate success)*

Success would be determined by a final decision about next steps and possible actions taken on starting the project this year.