

**Washington Chapter / ACRL
Business Meeting Minutes**

**October 24, 19976
Menucha, OR**

1. Introduction of Board Members

Carolyn introduced herself as ACRL WA President, Janet Chisman as Newsletter Editor, and Kelley McHenry, as Member-at_Large. The members then introduced themselves.

2. Treasurer's Report (distributed in the September newsletter)

Carolyn invited questions or comments.

3. Nominating Committee for Spring Election

Nominations are needed for Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Member at Large. Mary Wise, Nancy Huling and Jennifer Wu agreed to serve on the nominating committee. Nominees for board positions must be ALA ACRL members.

4. Newsletter

The newsletter editor is required to serve only a two-year term but Janet Chisman has agreed to do it for one more year and work with someone who is willing to take it over. She asked people to think about it. She said it is the kind of job that would be good for someone who likes to design things. Whoever takes over will be free to change the format any way they wish. If anyone has an interest they should contact Janet.

The newsletter costs about \$200 per issue to distribute, which adds up to \$400 a year. We discussed whether it could be distributed by email. The question is: Do we still have members who do not receive e-mail? Janet said she would put out one more paper mailing and pose the question. Janet mentioned the ACRL Northwest listserv as a distribution possibility.

5. 1996 Dues

Carolyn reminded us to pay our 1996 dues and asked the group to encourage our colleagues to join.

6. ACRL National's Probable New Requirements

Lori Ricigliano received a document stipulating that we either join WLA or incorporate with Washington State. Henry Stewart, John Collins, and others are working on a committee to look at how the chapters relate to ACRL National. National is concerned about liability issues and how they can keep themselves from being sued.

In the past, members decided not to become part of WLA because of the extra dues required. If we incorporate with the State, it will cost \$180 and we will have to purchase liability insurance. Carolyn suggested that because of the extra administrative duties such a plan would entail, we may have to change the way our board is organized and lengthen terms. One of the board members, serving as a registered agent would have to file an annual report and take care of the \$10 filing fees. The organization would have

to have an address. To get money from ACRL National we have to have a certain percentage of ALA ACRL members. They will tell us how many members they have in the Washington Chapter but will not give us their names unless we pay a fee.

Participants in the meeting felt that, as dues-paying ALA ACRL members, we should have access to the membership list. It was suggested that we have a vote of the membership as to whether we should incorporate with the State or become part of the WLA and be subject to WLA dues. We need more information on what our costs and liabilities are to make this decision.

There was a brief discussion about collaborating more with CLAMS. Someone wondered what the status of the academic group in WLA is. The Oregon chapter is affiliated with OLA. It was reiterated that cost and autonomy are the issues. Carolyn agreed to poll the membership and ask if they want to join WLA and retain national affiliation, incorporate, disband completely, or approach CLAMS to see if they will incorporate with us. Such a poll could be a wake-up call to people to get more involved. On the other hand, it could let us know that the impetus is not there to continue as a chapter.

7. Spring Conference on Outsourcing Held Jointly with OR/ACRL and OLA/WLA.

Typically, WA/ACRL has planned the spring conference on its own. We have an opportunity this year to do something jointly with OR/ACRL. The preconference will probably cost between \$35 and \$40.

8. State and Federal Legislative Issues Coordination

National is encouraging the chapters to do more work locally with state legislation. According to the bylaws, the chapter president is responsible for this but there is no transportation budget and the current president finds it difficult to get to the February legislative session. A volunteer from the membership is needed to take on this responsibility.

9. Other

The president is also supposed to be representing the chapter at Midwinter but it costs a lot of money for someone to go. This year's meeting is in Washington, DC. Carolyn will ask the executive committee whether they agree that funds be allocated to pay for a portion of the travel expenses for the president (or representative) to attend the Midwinter meeting.

Jennifer Wu, President of CLAMS, reported that, as part of the Strategic Technology Initiative Plan, an integrated library network proposal was submitted by the Washington State Library Media Directors Council (LMDC) to the State Board for Higher Education.

Minutes submitted by Kelley McHenry

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