

**Washington Chapter / ACRL  
Business Meeting Minutes October 23, 1997  
Pack Forest Washington**

1. Chapter President, Karen Oberst, introduced the members of the Board who were present.
2. Treasurer's report. Since the bills for Pack Forest won't be paid until after the conference there was no financial update. Andrea Kueter, secretary/treasurer, did point out however that the bulk of our expenditures go to printing and mailing the newsletters, and that that cost keeps rising. This led to a discussion of other ways to communicate amongst members.
3. CLAMS has a web page where they post information for members. They also e-mail a newsletter to all members, and send one printed copy to each member institution. There was a discussion of WA/ACRL following this model which seems to work for CLAMS. There also is a ACRL/NW listserv that could be used to 'officially' communicate with members. Currently WA/ACRL does not have a web page. No conclusions were reached, but the Board will continue to explore this issue.
4. There was a discussion of what type of programming to do in the spring. Traditionally, ACRL/WA has sponsored, or co-sponsored, a pre-conference at the WLA spring conference, but is not tied into doing this. Some suggestions for pre-conference topics or workshop topics were:

-Web Based Instruction

-Web as a source of information.

-Critical Thinking & Evaluation

-Web Based Reserves

-Copyright & Licensing Agreements

-How to incorporate the library in distance learning/education?

No consensus was reached on a topic of choice for the spring.

5. Karen Oberst asked for volunteers for the next nominating committee. Ella Melik (Heritage College) and Kelley McHenry (Seattle Central Community College) volunteered. Two Board positions will be open, vice-president/president elect and member-at-large. New terms begin July 1, 1998.
6. Karen Michaelsen (Seattle Central Community College) brought up the issue of encouraging local accrediting agencies to include information literacy as one of the competencies required for accreditation. There is a national move towards this and she is interested in working locally on it. Some people indicated that they think that "new" local guidelines do include information literacy as a competency, and those should be looked at first to determine if the library community thinks the new standards are adequate.

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