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ACL News & Notes



This section of *The Christian Librarian* includes updates to the membership, announcements from members, and reports from various committees and groups around the Association of Christian Librarians. If you have news or notes to share in an upcoming print issue of *The Christian Librarian*, please email robbie@arbor.edu or tweet [@robbiebolton](https://twitter.com/robbiebolton).

– Robbie Bolton, News & Notes Editor

From the President

The work of any governing board consists of two seemingly contradictory goals: 1) to protect and preserve the things of value in an organization, and 2) to make sure the organization grows and develops in such a way to ensure its health and vitality going forward.

If that sounds like a juggling act – it absolutely is. Please be assured, your ACL Board of Directors works hard to find that happy medium. We take very seriously our responsibility to hold fast to the things that have helped mold and create this community of believing librarians. At the same time, we work hard to create new opportunities for service and sharing and growth, and we hope you will find these of value, as well.

We continued our strategic planning work by conducting an iterative review of the results of the SWOT analysis project, a process begun this past spring. This led us to the identification of three Core Strategic Areas – communication, assessment, and stewardship. The Board

was divided into working groups for each of these areas, with assignments to develop and explicate important themes.

The Board recognizes the important role played by the teams and individual members of ACL in suggesting new ideas and initiatives for the association to pursue. So we created a submission form to help prioritize new initiatives and expedite the decision-making and implementation processes.

Conference has always been a watershed event for ACL, but not everyone can attend every year. Not surprisingly, recent survey data showed strong support for the creation of a virtual conference. On hearing a report from Conference Manager April VanPutten, the Board agreed to approve a modest, one-day virtual conference, planned for February, 2016.

The Interest Groups project has been with us for a couple of years now, existing as an ad hoc, experimental project. We

agreed that formal processes needed to be developed and incorporated into the official documentation of the Association, so we created a working group, which was charged with developing those guidelines.

We also discussed plans for our 60th anniversary conference, happening next year at George Fox University. The Retirees Interest Group (RETIG), along with the conference planning team, will be working together to plan this celebration. In preparation for this milestone the Board also decided to use \$60,000 in seed money to create an endowment for the future of ACL/ FACL. The Treasurer and Business Manager were charged with investigating both the financial and aspirational goals

of the endowment, reporting back to the Board by October 1.

These are just a few highlights of our recent activities. I hope it gives you a sense at least of the kinds of things that occupy the Board's time and energy. These are exciting times for this Association; we covet your prayers, your encouragement, and all your good efforts on behalf of ACL.



– Frank Quinn



2015 ACL Spirit of ACL Award

Beth Arjona

Beth is the recipient of a new award for ACL: The Spirit of ACL award. Beth goes above and beyond in her role as copy editor for *The Christian Librarian*. She reads every article that is submitted and does an excellent job of doing anything from correcting a bibliographic error to making the article easier to read by working on style. Her attention to detail and joyfully accepting new responsibilities when asked has been a blessing to the team. Beth has recently accepted another responsibility: to index *TCL's* book reviews. Over 125 book reviews have been printed or will be printed by the end of this year. Beth's expertise in this area and her positive attitude make her a blessing to work alongside.

– Janelle Mazelin



2015 ACL Volunteer of the Year award

Doug Butler

Doug has been working with the index since he was a boy, watching his mother index for CPI, using “paper cut outs.” He vowed at an early age that he would never work with the index when he saw how much time it consumed. But the years rolled by and he developed an interest in assuring young researchers with the opportunity to readily find articles that discuss knowledge from a Christian perspective. Doug has been editor of the *Christian Periodical Index* since 1986. He has adjusted with the technology from an all paper index to several iterations of electronic indexing to where we are today with an all-electronic index. We cannot begin to estimate the number of hours that Doug has volunteered to the Association every year, not just this one. The volunteering is accomplished without fanfare or expectation of acknowledgement. Because of a very small dream of his mother and other volunteer librarians the index was born and perpetuated by the countless hours of volunteering by Doug Butler.

– Janelle Mazelin



2015 ACL Barbara K. Nelson CPI Indexer of the Year award

Craig Kubic

Craig first attended the *Christian Periodical Index* Indexer’s Meeting at a conference at Evangel University in 2004. He and his seminary entourage showed up at the indexers meeting. No one knew who they were! But we soon learned, as they all signed up for titles. When Craig relocated to another institution, he once again encouraged his librarians to start indexing. His greatest strength to CPI is that he has been a great recruiter of new indexers and he has recommended several titles for CPI to index. Although he has become actively involved in another ACL team, he continues to index for CPI, he continues to recruit other indexers for CPI, and he continues to recommend new titles in order to improve the quality and usefulness of CPI.

– Janelle Mazelin



2015 ACL Emily Russel Award

Nancy Olson

Nancy's participation in ACL activities began in 1978, when she became an indexer for CPI. In 1980, she began her first term on the ACL Board. In addition to her board work she also served alongside Vihari Hivali on the Commission for International Library Advancement (CILA). She participated in the Bible College Section and was its chair 1985-1990. Nancy was also the Co-Program Director for the 1988 ACL Conference. In 1994, her term as ACL President ended and she transitioned into the position of ACL Board Past President. She was the first ACL President to serve two 2-year terms as Board President. In 1995 she became ACL Executive Director, a position she retained until 2007, all this while working on and obtaining her MDiv degree. Now she is serving ACL as the ACL liaison to ABHE. She also championed the ACL publication of *Library Guidelines for ABHE Colleges and Universities*, and led in the establishment of best practices for Bible College libraries to meet ABHE Standards of Accreditation. She currently is leading the revision of that document and in the development of other policy documents for Bible College libraries.

Nancy has been busy throughout her career serving, leading, recruiting, planning, and giving to ACL and Christian librarianship. The Association is grateful for her many years of service.

– Janelle Mazelin

Update from the Christian Librarian Consortium (CLC)

The CLC exists to facilitate the sharing of resources between institutional members and help sponsor the activities of the association. If your institution is not already a member, visit <http://www.acl.org/index.cfm/christian-library-consortium> or email clc@acl.org to learn more about CLC member benefits

- 136 Current CLC Members
- Recently-drafted letter to Logos Bible Software company encouraging them to consider making their now web-based product available on a subscription basis to libraries. Next steps are being considered.
- The CLC team is working on drafting a policy for a possible ACL Reciprocal Borrowing program. More details to come soon.

– Beth Purtee/Robbie Bolton

From the Liberal Arts Section

The Liberal Arts Section of ACL had another successful business meeting at the 2015 ACL conference which include a round of LASIR talks, a poll on the desire for a research clearinghouse and input on issues that librarians are faced with in liberal arts institutions.

LASIR talks were presented by six different librarians on a variety of topics. Nate Farley demonstrated a website called StumbleUpon, Karen Gallaci showed how to set up PubMed to work with your

library resources, Rory Patterson shared how to use advanced features in Excel for Assessment, Jamie Wilkes presented on Google Scholar, Mick Williams shared his strategies for communicating and building morale with student workers, and Karen Parsons demonstrated using PowToons.

The LAS board election was held and Gail Heideman was elected Board Chair, and Eric Bradley and Amy Lorson were elected as Members-at-Large.

– Gail Heideman

International Member Scholarship

ACL strives to be an organization that is accessible to and supportive of international Christian librarians. The Commission for International Library Advancement (CILA) created 25 membership scholarships to cover dues for international librarians. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. See the ACL website for scholarship eligibility and an application.

– Robbie Bolton

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Bible College Section Update

The Bible College Section (BCS) has been working diligently to revise the *Library Guidelines for ABHE Colleges and Universities*, a library assessment document published in conjunction with the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) Liaison, Nancy Olson, has led the task force to update this publication. This document was originally published in 2006 and allows a Bible College library to evaluate itself in light of best practices in each of the thirteen “Essential Elements” of ABHE’s Accreditation Standard 10 (Library Resources). With ABHE’s revision of the accreditation standards, the Library Guidelines will be realigned to appropriately address the changes. The publication is useful for all libraries: in

self-evaluation, establishing goals, and identifying weaknesses. BCS also plans to modify the document for those libraries with TRACS accreditation as well.

The BCS section of the ACL website is also being updated to connect all ACL libraries with digital resources in Bible and Theology. This one stop link to free resources in various databases will provide a great boon to both local students and those who study by distance education.

BCS Chairman, Pradeep Das, encouraged members to actively communicate and suggest new projects for the section in the coming year.

– Carol Reid



Exploring New Frontiers:

ACL Conference, George Fox University, June 13-16, 2016

It is never too early to mark your calendars for the annual conference. Registration information will be coming soon. Be sure to take advantage of the early-bird discounts. You don’t want to miss out on the 60th anniversary conference!