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NOMINATIONS
The nominations team compiles the slate of candidates interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Rodney Birch (Coordinator), Lon Dagley, and Linda Poston represent the membership by serving on this team.

AMENDED BYLAWS
The amended Association Bylaws that were approved June 2018 at the ACL Business Meeting are now available on the ACL website.
My dear friends and colleagues,

What a blessing it is to greet you on behalf of the Association of Christian Librarians! As you receive this annual report of the Association, I know that you will be encouraged by the many ways ACL is supporting its members, providing opportunities for service, and planning for its future. Thank God with me as you read the updates on each new initiative and every ongoing effort. To those of you who volunteer for ACL, thank you. Those efforts and initiatives depend on your generous dedication. To anyone who’s unsure how to begin serving within the ACL community, I hope you’ll explore our volunteer opportunities to see how you might become more involved in this active body of colleagues, friends, and co-laborers in Christ.

I’d like to extend sincere thanks to host librarian, Jennifer Walz, and the extraordinary team that welcomed attendees to Asbury University for our 62nd Annual Conference. Both the university and Asbury Theological Seminary received us with wonderful hospitality. With a great selection of presentations, poster sessions, time for networking and fellowship, and daily worship in beautiful Estes Chapel, the conference fed the minds and hearts of those who participated. I hope each of you will be able to join us at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana, for the 2019 ACL Annual Conference this coming June.

I don’t know what this past year has held for you, but it’s been a bit of a whirlwind in my library. We’ve experienced staff departures, a leadership transition, an unexpected death, and the instability that naturally accompanies those challenges. We’ve also welcomed incredible new members to our staff and have been encouraged by the promise of some long-needed institutional investment in our library facility. Throughout these past few months of ups and downs, my focus has been drawn again and again to the complicated story of Genesis 22 and God’s provision of the sacrifice necessary to spare Isaac’s life. Although there’s much about the account that’s difficult to grasp, Genesis 22:14 has been a persistent source of assurance for me. It says, “So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, ‘On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.’” Whether the mountains that define your days are pinnacles of rejoicing or something much more daunting, may they be marked by confidence in God’s presence, certainty that God cares for your circumstances, and gratitude for the generosity of God’s provision for your needs.

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

Gratefully,

Denise Nelson
ACL President
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear member,

We all want to hear “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a little; I will set you over much” (Matt. 25:21 esv). The parable of the talents gives us great insight into stewardship and risk. Being faithful with our talents has many implications for our lives. We are called, not only to be good stewards of our monetary resources, but also of our time and gifts. Each of us has the opportunity to use our talents in various ways in our personal or professional lives. Using our talents for volunteer service is another way to respond to God’s calling in our lives. I have always been impressed with the faithfulness of the volunteer leadership that ACL has had over its 62-year history.

This is budget season. As we plan, tweak, and re-tweak to come up with a balanced budget for the Association, I can’t help but think about this parable. For the last 16 years Sheila Carlblom has served as the ACL Board Treasurer, but her service on the Board extends much further. She has been instrumental in faithfully growing the Association financially and cautiously stewarding the resources that have been given. ACL’s assets in 2002 were $223,172; now they stand at $763,246. She would be the first to tell you that this has been a team effort and that many were involved in this growth. I have witnessed her frugal stewardship to protect the Association she highly values, all for the benefit of the members and the reputation of the organization. As a result, ACL is poised to launch an endowment, pursue additional revenue streams, and continue to grow and reinvest in itself. Sheila completes her tenure as the ACL Board Treasurer at the end of her term in June 2019. I encourage you to take time to thank her for her service over these coming months.

Enjoy reading within these pages all that has transpired over the last year in ACL. I hope you can agree with me that we have worked hard to be faithful with the little. Together we trust that ACL will continue to be blessed in the future by faithful stewards seeking to grow our organization for God’s honor and glory and the benefit of its members.

Janelle Mazelin
Executive Director

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Janelle Mazelin
Executive Director

Alicia Moffitt
Membership & Publication Specialist

April McKinion
Conference Manager & Outreach Coordinator

Sarah Wessel
Christian Periodical Index Managing Editor

April VanPutten
Business Manager, Conference Vendor Coordinator, & Virtual Events Coordinator
Thank you for participating in the 2018 Membership Survey. There were 248 respondents, which is approximately 41% of our membership. Many members took the opportunity to express their appreciation, needs, hopes, and suggestions. It was encouraging to see that we have new members joining in every age category. The top 3 reasons people join ACL are collaboration with other Christian Librarians, opportunities for professional development and growth, and networking. We also received excellent feedback and suggestions on every area of the Association.

Participation in ACL helps members address a variety of needs, including the following:

- practical advice on issues, access to collective knowledge, and best practices
- resource sharing and discounts through CLC
- integration of faith and work and discussion of Christian perspective on issues
- engagement with new ideas and technology
- ideas related to information literacy and teaching
- guidance regarding administration, budgeting, and policies

A vast majority of those surveyed are satisfied with their membership and supplied many helpful suggestions for improvement. Recommendations included updating The Librarian’s Manual, finding more ways for members to be involved outside of conference, and training on specific topics. It will come as no surprise that the top three challenges you reported are insufficient money, time, and staff. Please remember to pray for librarians who are dealing with challenging work environments and feeling isolated in their library and in their profession. The wisdom and encouragement that comes from ACL members is their saving grace.

Leaders of each team, section, and program have received the appropriate survey results and will continue to use the data to inform their efforts. Thank you again for sharing your experience, encouragement, and insight.

“The most valuable part of ACL is being a part of a close-knit community (that actually does exist!) that is equally professional and full of faith.”

Survey Comment
The Christian Periodical Index (CPI) is a leading resource when researching a wide variety of topics from a Christian worldview. It is the only comprehensive index to English-language journal articles and book reviews from across the evangelical Christian perspective. CPI, first released in 1957, is updated quarterly by ACL volunteers and produced and distributed by EBSCO. CPI indexes more than 180 current publications (including 100+ academic journals and 50+ peer-reviewed titles), covers major doctrinal positions within evangelical Christianity, and contains titles from a wide variety of disciplines that present a Christian viewpoint on education, history, literature, medicine, music, nursing, philosophy, science, and sociology. Ninety-nine titles indexed in CPI are not found in other major religion databases, and 52 titles are found only in CPI.

At the Annual Conference in June, Steve Brown was recognized for his long history of service on the CPI team. Over the years he has served as managing editor and electronic data manager for the Index. Most recently he has been the data conversion specialist, converting older print volumes to digital format for loading. Steve also was named Editor Emeritus of CPI.

The beginning indexer meeting held at Conference had over 20 attendees who learned more about the process of indexing for CPI. A number of new volunteers are ready to get started.

CPI continues to be a successful and helpful tool for library users. Its publication is possible though the dedication and work of many volunteers. Several new titles have been approved for indexing; Artistic Theologian, Christian Journal for Global Health, International Journal of Christianity and English Language Teaching, International Journal of Frontier Missiology, Mission Frontiers, and Unio cum Christo: International Journal of Reformed Theology and Life.

The CPI team continues to work with EBSCO to make CPI open URL compatible and to provide additional end user tools for subscribers.

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As the official publication of ACL, The Christian Librarian (TCL) strives to publish relevant articles, provide a membership forum, and encourage scholarly writing. The introduction of open access (OA) in the spring of 2017 (60:1) has broadened the readership and influence of this robust industry journal. The graphic below details how many TCL articles have been downloaded (as of November 5, 2018) since the open access platform was launched.

The journal continues to expand by introducing the return to peer review. Several ACL members expressed interest in volunteering to fill the review board. Articles are already being accepted for this rigorous publication process.

TCL is a support for your collection development needs as book reviews and expanded critical reviews are published for new release titles from new and established publishers. Written by fellow Christians, these reviews are directed primarily to librarians.

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STAY CONNECTED!
RENEW YOUR ACL MEMBERSHIP

We love connecting you with other Christian librarians and providing opportunities for professional growth and support on your vocational journey!
By April McKinion, Conference Manager

ACL hosts an annual conference to inform attendees about contemporary trends in librarianship, stimulate professional development, encourage networking, and provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas. The conference is also one way that ACL can bring our members into community to encourage one another as Christian librarians serving around the globe.

The 62nd ACL Annual Conference was held in the beautiful rolling hills of Wilmore, Kentucky at Asbury University June 11-14, 2018. Jennifer Walz served as the host librarian. The theme, Riding the Circuits, Sharing Knowledge, Then and Now, set the backdrop to many of the topics and events for the week. 197 people attended the conference, including 46 first-time attendees.

Mary Broussard, Associate Professor, Instructional Services Librarian, and Coordinator of Reference and Web Services at Lycoming College, presented the keynote address. Her presentation, “Embracing the Ever-Changing Library Profession with a Compassionate Perspective,” challenged attendees to approach their library role with empathy, working together to provide the library community with the best possible user experience. The same professional values that promote compassion enable librarians to be flexible and remain relevant in today’s ever-changing information environment.

The conference included two pre-conference sessions: “Open Education and Open Educational Resources” presented by Anita Walz, Open Education, Copyright, and Scholarly Communication Librarian at Virginia Tech University, and “Bringing Hannah to Life: Integrating Copyright and Digitization into Archival Exhibits” presented by Robert Danielson, Grace Yoder, and Lisa Setters, librarians from Asbury Theological Seminary.

The conference kicked off Monday night with dinner followed by a dessert reception, sampling of Asbury student-created short films, and a tour of the Miller Communication Arts Building featuring film and Olympic memorabilia.

Mary Broussard, Gregg Geary, and Ben Reese during keynote address. Photo Credit: April VanPutten

Attendees enjoying the dessert reception while touring the Miller Communications Arts Building. Photo Credit: Kristina Claunch

The People’s Choice Award was back this year, given to poster presenters who presented engaging and excellent posters. Kristina Claunch from Delta State University won the morning award for her poster on “Collaborations and Outreach.” Alice Ruleman from...
University of Central Missouri won the afternoon award for her poster on “University Faculty & Students: Are They on the Same Page? Ebooks, Library Use, & Multiplying Devices.” It was wonderful to have so many quality posters and profitable conversations around the relevant poster topics.

Throughout the week, attendees had the choice of 30 workshops, section meetings, interest group gatherings, and even a LibGuide Hackfest to sharpen their professional skills. Many attendees shared that they walked away from conference encouraged in their spiritual walk as a result of the devotional time, daily prayer walk, Concert of Prayer, and personal conversations shared with like-minded Christian librarians. This spiritual emphasis is a unique hallmark of ACL conferences that sets it apart from other library conferences.

The week concluded with an evening banquet across the street on the Asbury Theological Seminary campus. Awards were presented and good food enjoyed before the evening entertainment from Shaker music expert, Dr. Vicki Bell, and a local bluegrass band, Jessamine Creek Express.

From the sampling of the Derby pie and Ale-8-One, to the unique equine farm tour, the experience of the local flavor in Kentucky was very enjoyable. Many attendees commented on the warm Southern hospitality offered by the Asbury hosting staff and the very helpful student workers.

It was fruitful and fun, y’all!

We are pleased to announce that Newman University in Wichita, KS has been approved as the 2020 site for the ACL Annual Conference.

CONFERENCE COORDINATING TEAM

Tonya Fawcett
Continuing Education Coordinator

April McKinion
Conference Manager

Jaime Pitt
Presentation Coordinator

April VanPutten
Vendor Coordinator

We are happy to welcome the new Poster Session Coordinator, Erin Heubner, to the team. She was just appointed by the board to this volunteer role in September 2018.

VIRTUAL INITIATIVES

By April VanPutten, Virtual Initiatives Coordinator

As you may be aware, the Board of Directors has approved the creation of a Virtual Initiatives Task Force to explore the possibility of online webinars, virtual conferences, and other virtual events that would support the mission of the Association. The initial members of the task force participated in surveying the members to gain an understanding of needs and to seek out a virtual platform that would meet those needs. The Virtual Initiatives Task Force gained a more permanent status within the organization at the October 2017 board meeting with the approval of two volunteer positions, Virtual Event Program Director and Virtual Event Technical Director. Volunteers were sought for these positions and the board approved Gina Bolger and Robert Burgess for these roles.

Currently, the virtual initiatives task force is working with the 2019 conference planning team to offer a hybrid pre-conference event, where attendees can attend physically or virtually via live stream. The focus of the hybrid event will be on Leadership Development. We are also planning to offer additional webinars throughout the academic year. If you have ideas for topics or are interested in serving as a webinar speaker, please contact virtual@acl.org.
The staff and librarians of the Jackson Library at Indiana Wesleyan University invite you to America’s heartland for the 2019 ACL Annual Conference, June 10-13. Come benefit from the rich opportunities for sharpening your professional skills, encouragement for the journey, and sweet Christian fellowship.

The theme for this year, *Rooted in Faith, Grounded in Truth*, is meant to remind attendees that in a culture of fake news and relevant truth, the Christian faith and the Bible are the key foundations for navigating the library profession as a Christian. Attendees will have the distinct pleasure of hearing from keynote speaker, Todd Ream, notable author and professor of Higher Education from Taylor University.
The Christian Library Consortium is an institutional membership within ACL that provides member institutions with shared resources, a variety of discounts, and the opportunity to recognize exceptional student researchers. To provide additional services, the CLC continues to host the reciprocal borrowing program and the interlibrary loan service. Again this year, brand new collections of EBSCO eBooks focusing on Biblical Studies and Pastoral Ministry were created and are currently available.

Consortium members receive a monthly newsletter keeping members up to date on offers and important information. Visit the ACL website to review the current expansive list of offers and discounts, now organized by the following categories: Book Suppliers, E-Resources, Library Supplies, Library Systems/Software, and Services. This easy-to-navigate layout makes participation offer details clearly visible. Contact the CLC team via the ACL website to suggest companies with which to partner.

**CLC TEAM**

- Beth Purtee Coordinator
- Pam Greenlee Member-at-Large
- Robert Burgess Member-at-Large
- Leslie Starasta Member-at-Large
- Alison Johnson Member-at-Large & ILL Coordinator

**Take Advantage CLC's most popular offer!**

Brand new eBook collections from EBSCO are now available in the areas of Pastoral Ministry and Biblical Studies.

Visit our website for titles and pricing information.

[ tinyurl.com/clcoffers ]

Institution must be a CLC member to participate. Deadline 11/30/18.
SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT

ACL seeks to encourage members in their faith. This is displayed in a variety of ways across the Association. During National Library Week, the ACL President sends out a daily call to prayer highlighting specific needs both within the association and at our member institutions. Members support one another on the ACL Discussion List with prayer and support for personal and work-related requests. Articles intended to speak to the Christian perspective in the library field are included in *The Christian Librarian*. This past June the ACL Annual Conference featured a concert of prayer with a visiting itinerate preacher, our own Nate Farley.

A devotional, *Reference Point*, is written by ACL members and distributed monthly as a way to spiritually uplift fellow members. Carol Reid, Dale Solberg, and Andrea Abernathy serve the membership by coordinating this effort. Members can submit a devotion for consideration through the ACL website.

MENTORING

The ACL mentoring program was designed to provide support and direction to ACL members who are beginning a new position or interested in changing positions, wanting to learn from a more experienced librarian or just looking for support as they navigate life as a Christian librarian. Jill Botticelli, ACL Mentor Coordinator, continues to work to improve this valuable ACL program. She is reaching out to new mentors and mentees via social media and the Association’s discussion list as well as connecting with all new ACL members. There were 8 mentorship pairs in this free program over the last year.

VOLUNTEERING

Ben Brick, Volunteer Coordinator, thanks every ACL member who serves this organization through their voluntary efforts. This past year several membership-wide searches were conducted for volunteers within ACL. Open positions included Copy Editor and Peer review editors for *The Christian Librarian*, Poster Session Coordinator, Board of Director nominations, virtual events team members, and ACL member liaison for the Commission for International Library Advancement (CILA). We also were able to assist CILA in their work to translate the Librarian’s Manual into French for use in Africa by seeking out French speakers within the membership. Twenty-one members responded to these calls. It is exciting to witness the support that our members give to this organization and to our colleagues around the world through the work of the Association of Christian Librarians.

OTHER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Sharon Bull, Archivist
Nancy Olson, Liaison with ABHE
Jennifer Ewing, Liaison with TRACS
Linda Rust, DUPEX Exchange Service Coordinator

Has your contact information changed?
Please email (info@acl.org) or call (937-766-2255) the Home Office to update your member record.
EMERGING LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS

The Emerging Library Professional Interest Group (ELP) offers a faith-based support system for librarians who are new to the profession or to ACL. This group, hosted by Elizabeth Fairall, has 46 members. This year there have been shared tips on how to ask someone to be your reference when applying for a new job or promotion, strategies to encourage writing for publication, benefits of attending the ACL Conference, and tips for designing poster presentations. They also shared a few calls for proposals and submissions to work collaboratively on projects.

The 3rd official meeting was at ACL Conference in June 2018. Attendees were able to connect and to learn how to become involved in ACL. They have determined group members enjoy having an opportunity to network with others who are new to the profession, and they appreciate knowing they are not alone in being new and having questions. In the coming year, ELP would like to have more discussions about books and articles that have been read and possible conversations about things not learned in library school.

INFORMATION LITERACY

The Information Literacy Interest Group (ILIG) is for librarians who are involved or interested in information literacy and wish to collaborate with other librarians to discuss relevant aspects of theory, practice, trends, assessment, and other related topics. This group, hosted by Linda Poston, has over 130 members.

The 3rd annual ILIG meeting held in June at the ACL Conference used groups to provide an opportunity to engage more personally with others interested in aspects of information literacy. Members suggested the sessions be recorded and distributed to those who were unable to attend the meeting.

Another potential area of exploration for ILIG and other interested ACL members is to look at the possibility of developing an IL curriculum that is faith-based, integrating applications of the ACRL framework to a broad Christian or faith perspective.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

The Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG), hosted by Sheila Carlblom, has 48 members. This group is for librarians who are either practicing technical services or who have a real interest in technical services. Members of this group are able to collaborate with fellow librarians on issues relevant to the philosophy and practice of technical services.

During the 2018 Conference, TSIG took the hour meeting time and packed it full with conversation on a variety of topics, including possible presentation ideas for the 2019 Conference. This group would like to see additional technical-related presentations at future conferences.

SOLO LIBRARIANS

The Solo Librarians Interest Group (SLIG) has 60 members and is hosted by Jim Mancuso. Several good discussion threads started this year that they hope will continue into next year. Each solo librarian has the opportunity to be remembered in prayer. Jill Botticelli posts the name of one SLIG member and asks the rest of the members to pray for that person all week.

This year at the 2018 Conference, SLIG participated in two events: the interest group meeting and a workshop on how to chat via Zoom to stay in touch with each other throughout the year. This communication resource helps those who work solo to remain connected between conferences, exchange tips and ideas, and encourage one another.

RETIREES

The Retirees Interest Group (RETIG) with 47 members, hosted by Elizabeth Werner, has the following purposes: to continue to engage our retired members in ACL and to provide a forum for anyone interested in retirement to discuss and share retirement issues. RETIG helps retired ACL members stay in touch with each other and remain connected with ACL. RETIG allows its member to discuss issues relevant to the group and offers advice to members planning for retirement.

At the RETIG Koffee Klatch during the annual conference, Sharon Bull and Nancy Warwick shared about life after retirement. Sharon has traveled to Australia, Swaziland, and Argentina to train librarians how to use OPALS. Sharon encouraged the group to use what they know and have done to help individuals further the kingdom of God. After her retirement, Nancy Warwick has started a marketing business for fundraising, but her major project has been publishing a book of poetry. Nancy’s heart’s desire is to see creative writing grow and for us to tell our spiritual journeys.
Section Updates

BIBLE COLLEGE SECTION

The Bible College Section (BCS) promotes the interests of libraries in Bible colleges. All Bible college librarians are encouraged to attend meetings of this section each year at the Annual Conference. The BCS maintains close connections with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) and the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS).

Over the last year the BCS LibGuide has been enriched with new materials, including a French language resource page. All of these resources are meant to provide support and online resource materials for Biblical and Theological studies. If you have not made use of this resource, bookmark it today! (https://tinyurl.com/ya5vbsqc)

Nancy Olson, ACL liaison to ABHE, and Carol Reid represented ACL at the ABHE Annual Meeting in February presenting three workshops on library leadership and synergy between library staff and faculty. Jennifer Ewing, TRACS liaison, and Nancy Draper attended and represented ACL at the TRACS annual meeting in October in Dallas, TX. Deborah McConkey, BCS Mentoring Coordinator, continues to mentor and encourage solo librarians weekly.

Pradeep Das, Chair
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Plans are being made for the 2019 conference meeting with a possible focus on burn-out among academic librarians.

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Elizabeth Walker-Papke, Member-at-Large
Rusty Tryon, Member-at-Large

SEMINARY SECTION

The ACL Seminary Section has been formally approved by the ACL Board. The section was born from the desire for seminary librarians to experience greater engagement within ACL. Academic and research librarians in theological libraries are essential to a thriving Christian community of learners and scholars who seek to expand the work of the Church globally.

The Seminary Section will focus attention on five areas:
1. Cultivate the value of Christian theological libraries,
2. Promote student learning,
3. Expand research and scholarly environment,
4. Support changing roles and landscape of theological libraries,
5. Enhance responsible stewardship of God's resources.

These strategic areas will guide the development and implementation of programs that target professional development and member engagement. The areas of emphasis affirm the general intent and direction articulated by ACL's core values. The section has established a forum mechanism for the exchange of ideas and will host a section meeting at the annual conference. Progress will be assessed annually and will guide the operational planning process. Goals for the section will be updated based on achievement and continued relevance as new needs and opportunities arise.

Craig Kubic, Chair
Laura Ladwig, Secretary

LIBERAL ARTS SECTION

The Liberal Arts Section (LAS) exists to enable and encourage Christian librarians as they serve with excellence in liberal arts colleges and universities. ACL members at liberal arts institutions are encouraged to attend and participate in the LAS meeting at each year's conference. At this year's meeting a panel of four ACL members discussed the topic of fake news.

The LAS has created a LibGuide (https://tinyurl.com/y97xs2kp) to promote topics of interest to the section, house select presentations, and hold the section's meeting minutes. The Clearinghouse section of the guide has sample documents that librarians can adapt and use in their own institutions.

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Craig Kubic, Chair
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By Erin McCoy, Team Coordinator and Bethany Messersmith, Member Liaison

2018 has been a fabulous year for the Commission for International Library Advancement (CILA). Although the Commission has consistently served international librarians for some time, several new developments have served to raise a greater awareness for the work and opportunities CILA provides.

In January, Bethany Messersmith, Library Director at Ivy Tech Community College (Columbus, OH), joined the existing team as the ACL Member Liaison. Bethany, a first year ACL member, was eager to get involved with CILA to market it more effectively to ACL’s existing members. Bethany’s first initiative was to assist Coordinator, Erin McCoy, with putting together an electronic newsletter.

In March, CILA distributed the first issue of its quarterly electronic newsletter; there have been three issues to date. Each newsletter features an interview with an international member, some facts about a world area, highlights of open source tools, and a CILA project update. There has been positive feedback from the general membership, who welcome these updates on CILA activities and now feel more connected to the global nature of ACL.

ACL’s annual conference at Asbury University this June provided the team with an opportunity to participate in a poster session. The team gave away CILA branded buttons and asked ACL members to write notes of encouragement to our international members who were unable to attend. Many of our conversations centered around what CILA is currently doing and members’ excitement regarding our first newsletter.

The team was also thrilled by a record number of membership scholarship applications from international librarians expressing an interest in joining ACL. We awarded scholarships to all those who applied this year, including some who had received the scholarship in the past.

Thanks to the hard work of ACL’s Executive Director, Janelle Mazelin, work began on a French translation of The Librarian’s Manual. The translation work is being done by a publisher, so there were many details of the contract to review. One chapter has been completed and has also been reviewed by two French-speaking ACL members.

As a result of the number of conference scholarship applications ACL receives annually, many of which come from our international members, the Dorothy Spidell Conference Scholarship was approved this spring. The scholarship opportunity was announced at Asbury, and ACL will market it along with the President’s Scholarship for the 2019 conference.

We are confident that feedback received from the membership survey will help focus goals for the coming year, which include some internal work on policies and external work on the CILA LibGuide. The work of CILA continues to encourage ACL international members, and the team is actively seeking ways to carry out its mission.
Another record membership year. We are so thankful ACL continues to grow.

22% of these new members attended the 2018 Annual Conference.

Members continue to invite others to join the Association. ACL sent out 45 referral thank you gifts this year.

These numbers were reported in 2018 for the previous year.

369 TOTAL INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED
2018 NEW MEMBERS:
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Verina Anshemeza, Word of Life International School
Lisa Antley-Hearn, Lutheran Theological Southern Sem.
Matthew Ballard, Roberts Wesleyan College
Paula Beasley, Bluefield College
Mathew Beatty, Mars Hill Academy (K-12)
Eric Benoy, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Benjamin Bonin, Southwestern Assemblies of God Univ.
Frances Brady, Adler University
Jennifer Brady, Southwest Baptist University
Amanda Brown, University of Southern Mississippi
Heather Bunce, Great Lakes Christian College
Sharln Chapman, Hayes Barton Baptist Church
Jeannie Chase, New Hope Christian College
Kondwani Chirwa, Central Africa Baptist College & Sem.
Robert Clausen, Retired
Arline Cox, Bridgewater United Meth. Church Library
Tina Craft, Ohio Christian University
Alonzo Crawford, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Kimberlé Fields, St. Mary's County Library
Robert FitzSimmonds, Student
Brenda Flowers, Dallas Baptist University
Kristy Floyd, Glen Rose High School
Shanda Fuller, Peace River Bible Institute
Michael Galford, The Institute for G.O.D. International
Jason Gardner
Grace Granda, Palm Beach Atlantic University
Jeff Griffin, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Steven Gromatzky, Benedictine College
Christy Groves, Middle Tennessee State University
Sheryll Hampton, Northwest Nazarene University
Oliver Harding, University of Sierra Leone
David Heusel, Associated Library Service
Seth Huber, Missouri University of Science & Technology
James Humble, St. Charles Seminary
Adreanne Humphrey, Huntsville Bible College
Elizabeth Hussey, Roberts Wesleyan College
Elizabeth Jacobson, North Central University
Mary Johnson, Retired
Annette Jones, East West Interknit
Lesa Junek, Fort Bend County Libraries
Thuam Khai, Judson Education Center
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Legacy Endowment

By April VanPutten, Business Manager

The ACL Legacy Endowment campaign came to a close on January 31, 2018. During this seven month campaign, we were able to raise a total of $15,294. Since then an additional $751 has been donated to the endowment fund. As a result of your donations and the seed money designated by the Board of Directors, we were able to establish the endowment fund with an initial investment of $76,045. The board is working to establish the application process for members to apply for grant monies as outlined in the purpose of the Legacy Endowment. Members may continue to contribute to the Legacy Endowment by donating on our website. You can also consider donating by including the FACL Legacy Endowment in your estate plan. Please contact April VanPutten at aprilv@acl.org if you would like to discuss next steps for including FACL in your estate plan.

To donate to the Legacy Endowment visit acl.org/donations.
By April VanPutten, Business Manager and Sheila Carlblom, Treasurer

The Foundation for the Advancement of Christian Libraries remained financially stable during the 2017 calendar year. Revenue over expenses amounted to approximately $5,800, largely due to positive investment performance. We were also able to purchase a new copy machine/printer at the beginning of 2017 for the home office. Having our own machine continues to allow reduced costs for outside printing, as we are able to do a majority of our printing in-house. The Board of Directors seeks to introduce new revenue streams or enhance existing products to increase future revenue. We are grateful for your continued support of the Association, and we will continue to seek the Lord as we steward the resources of the Foundation.

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