Conference Preview
John de La Fontaine

We are looking forward to an interesting 98th annual conference with the theme, A Tapestry of Diversity. The conference will take place on November 16th through 19th at the Sacramento Convention Center. ACTSS is sponsoring three programs at this conference and the Cataloging Interest Group has planned a very exciting program as well.

On Sunday, November 17th, from 12:30 to 2:00 PM the Cataloging Interest Group's program entitled, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CATALOGING: WHO DOES WHAT AND WHY?, will be presented. Staffing levels responsible for special collections cataloging will be considered. This will be immediately followed by the Cataloging Interest Group's business meeting and election.

The Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section's annual business meeting will take place on Sunday from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. At this early hour we will be having refreshments and be reporting on the past year's activities as well as looking forward to next year's plans. Please try to make this meeting as we will be considering amendments to our bylaws and your vote is important. Come meet your new officers and get the day started off with refreshments.

On Saturday November 16th from 12:30 to 2:00, a program entitled RADICAL NEW APPROACHES: STREAMLINING SELECTIONS AND ACQUISITIONS will be presented. We will be hearing of the experiences of Alameda County Library with online selection lists and of Stanford's elimination of orders.

Also on Saturday from 2:30 to 4:00 is a program entitled, ADDING ADA ADAPTIVE ACCESS TO THE TAPESTRY. We will be looking at the use of adaptive devices that have made access to information easier for people with disabilities.

And finally on Sunday from 2:30 to 4:00, a very interesting program called INTEGRATING NON-WESTERN MATERIALS: CJK, DIACRITICS AND BEYOND will be offered. Here we will examine issues regarding access to and processing of materials in non-western scripts. Special emphasis will be given to East Asian language materials.

It promises to be a very exciting annual conference and I am looking forward to our Section's programs.

Cataloging Interest Group
Mary Lang

The Cataloging Interest Group is co-sponsoring a program at the annual California Library Association Conference in Sacramento on Sunday, November 17th. The program is entitled SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CATALOGING: WHO DOES WHAT AND WHY? The program begins at 12:30 PM. Immediately following the program, the business meeting and election of Vice Chair of the Cataloging Interest Group will be held.
Changes to Bylaws
John de La Fontaine

To follow up on one item of business from last year's ACTSS Membership meeting, I am pleased to report that we are already associated as an Affiliate with the ALCTS Council of Regional Groups. I received a communication from Elizabeth Parang who asked me for a list of our officers and a report of last year's activities. In order to further formalize our affiliation with ALCTS/CRG, they asked us to make some changes in our bylaws. After checking our bylaws for the procedure for amendments and conferring with the CLA office, the following additions to our bylaws are offered for approval by the membership. As is stipulated in our bylaws, these changes have been reviewed by the Board of Directors and will be voted upon at our Membership meeting on Sunday November 17th from 8:00 to 9:30.

Only those phrases enclosed by three asterisks (i.e. *** ****) are changes to our current bylaws. If these are approved by you they will become part of our bylaws. I recently sent a diskette to CLA with our bylaws on it in Word Perfect 5.1 format. The copy sent to CLA did not include these changes and thus if these are approved, we will need to notify CLA.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section (hereinafter referred to as Section) of the California Library Association (hereinafter referred to as CLA).

*** The Section shall also be affiliated with the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services of the American Library Association through the Council of Regional Groups (ALCTS/CRG).***

ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1.

Officers of this Section shall be the Immediate Past President, the President, the Vice-President who shall be the president-elect, the Secretary, the ALCTS/CRG Representative and the Assembly Representative.

Section 3.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, the Vice President / President Elect, the Secretary, the ALCTS/CRG Representative and the Assembly Representative. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act for the Board of Directors between board meetings. Any three voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 6 - TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1.

The President and Vice President, who shall serve as President Elect, and the Secretary shall be elected for one year terms. The Assembly Representative shall serve the term as described in the CLA Bylaws. The ALCTS/CRG representative shall be elected for a three-year term.*** The representatives from each Interest Group of the Section shall serve a one year term and may serve a one year term and may serve a total of three consecutive one year terms.
Changes to Bylaws (continued)

STANDING RULES FOR THE ACCESS, COLLECTIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION

1. The duties of the Section officers shall be as follows:

*** e. The ALCTS Council of Regional Groups Representative shall serve as liaison between the Council of Regional Groups and the Section; shall represent the Section at meetings of the CRG; and shall provide information to each group as appropriate. ***

Another change I propose is that of the composition of the Board of Directors. For the past few years the Board has been meeting in January or February and this meeting has included the chairs of our Standing Committees (Membership, Newsletter, and Programming). It was important to have these people present as theirs is the ongoing running of the Section. Programming for the annual conference is a major concern at this meeting and it has been very beneficial to have the chairs present. This amendment has also been reviewed by the Board of Directors as it is presently comprised and will be voted upon at our membership meeting.

ARTICLE 5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following, who have one vote each: the Section's elected officers,

*** the chair from each of the Section's Standing Committees *** and one representative from each Interest Group established by the Section.

CLA Legislative Day

Libby Flynn

The CLA Legislative Day was held on April 30 this year and I represented the ACTS Section. Legislative Day is a hands on event in which participants become lobbyists. Background information is provided in the registration packet. After an orientation, the day is spent visiting legislators and their aides.

A bright spot was hearing from the very sharp CLA lobbyist who gave us helpful suggestions in the morning and took notes about our experiences in the afternoon. There was some excitement this year since it was anticipated that there would be a budget surplus, and libraries hoped to get back some of the money which had been cut from cities and counties in the early nineties. (Unfortunately, funding was not restored; this money was used to reduce class sizes...).

The good news is that the legislators seemed genuinely interested in what we had to say. They seemed to appreciate advice on the relative merits of numerous bills with overlapping provisions. The downside was that many strong library supporters would soon be leaving Sacramento because of term limits, and the new legislators needed to be educated on the importance of library services. Many of them were elected on cost-cutting platforms, and they were reluctant to pledge support to any program with costs attached. For this reason, Legislative Day is a very important activity for anyone working at a publicly funded library. I urge everyone to plan to attend next year.
ACTSS Achievement Award

John de La Fontaine

I am pleased to inform you that the proposal for the ACTSS Achievement Award has been approved by the CLA Executive Committee. This will be an annual award to be presented to acknowledge an individual for outstanding achievement in those areas of the Library Profession that encompass Access, Collections and Technical Services.

A person must be a Section member of ACTSS in order to be eligible and must have worked in a paid position for a portion of the past year in a California library. More than one person may be named the recipient of this award by the Section Awards Committee.

The deadline for nominating a candidate for this award will be June 15th, which will allow our Committee time to meet CLA’s deadline for publication of the recipient’s name in the program for the annual conference. The award will be presented at our Section annual business meeting during the annual conference and acknowledged at the CLA membership meeting.

Approval came too late for this award to be presented during 1996 so we are starting to advertise the award now for 1997. If you would like to nominate a candidate for this award, please fill out a NOMINATION FORM. I will have copies of the Nomination Form at our annual business meeting. Also, a copy of this form is attached to the newsletter for your convenience.
NOMINATION FORM

Access, Collections, and Technical Services Award

Sponsored by: __________________________

1. Name of nominee:
   Current title:
   Current address:

   Telephone:
   E-mail:

2. Name of co-nominee (if applicable):
   Current title:
   Current address:

   Telephone:
   E-mail:

3. Name of nominator (optional):
   Telephone:
   E-mail:

4. In one page or less, identify the achievement for which you recommend the award to be presented and briefly describe the impact of the achievement on those areas of the library profession that encompass Access, Collections, and Technical Services.

5. Submit nomination to:
   California Library Association
   Access, Collections, and Technical Services
   Section Award
   717 K Street, Suite 300
   Sacramento, CA 95814-3477

6. Deadline for submission is June 15.