

# 2015-2016 IS Appointment Cycle Report

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This report provides data about appointments made to ACRL Instruction Section (IS) committees and task forces during 2015-2016. The purpose of this report is to facilitate the tracking of appointment activities from year to year.

## Committee Membership

In 2015-2016, the total IS committee and task force membership (excluding the Executive Committee and ex-officio members of Advisory) is 163 members. Of those positions, 94 members had terms that would expire in 2016. As usual, some committees were appointed midway through the cycle, such as 2017 Conference Planning and 2017 Nominating.

2015-2016 Committee Membership	Committee Terms Expiring in 2016
163	94

## Committee Volunteer Process

IS members who wish to volunteer to serve on an IS committee submit the online ACRL Committee Volunteer form (<http://www.ala.org/acrl/membership/volunteer/volunteer>), which must be completed by February 15. Committee appointments are made using the online ALA committee appointment system, which automatically sends appointment invitations, tracks whether the appointee accepts or declines the offer, and creates a committee roster of members who accepted their appointments. Access to the committee appointment system was switched over to the new Vice-Chair in November.

## Appointments

Between February 16, 2015 and February 15, 2016, 220 people submitted the ACRL Committee Volunteer form indicating their interest in serving on an IS committee. During December 2015, 13 IS members were appointed to committees that are created in the fall (Conference Program Planning 2017, Preconference Program Planning 2017, and Nominating 2017). Between February 16 and April 30 2016, 86 people were appointed to other IS committee and task force positions. Five people declined IS committee appointments, primarily due to other work and committee responsibilities. In total, 99 members were appointed to IS

positions in 2015-2016. Forty-five percent of IS members who submitted a Committee Volunteer form received an IS committee appointment.

Fall 2015 & Mid-term Appts.	Spring 2016 Appts.	Appts. Declined	Total 2012-2013 Appts	Volunteer Forms Received	% of Volunteers Receiving Appts.
13	86	5	99	220	45%

Committee appointments in IS are very competitive. The most competitive committees in IS this year were:

- *Teaching Methods*, which had 5 open spots, for which 115 of the 220 volunteers applied; an appointment percentage of 4.3%
- *Information Literacy Best Practices*, which had 6 open spots, for which 106 of the 220 volunteers applied; an appointment percentage of 5.7%

The least competitive committees were:

- *Local Arrangements*, which had 4 spots, for which 14 of the 220 volunteers applied; an appointment percentage of 28.6%
- *Management and Leadership*, which had 7 spots, for which 44 of the 220 volunteers applied; an appointment percentage of 15.9%

Most and Least Competitive Committees % of volunteers appointed			
<b>Teaching Methods</b>	<b>Information Literacy Best Practices</b>	<b>Local Arrangements</b>	<b>Management and Leadership</b>
4.3%	5.7%	28.6%	15.9%

Some volunteers applied for many committees, making the overall percentage of appointments higher than that of any single committee.

## Types of Appointments

Of the 99 appointments made during 2015-2016, 32 IS members were appointed as chairs or vice-chairs; 17 members were appointed as secretaries, and 77 members were appointed as committee members.

# Reappointments & New Appointments

The typical expectation is that Vice Chairs will continue on to serve as chairs of their committees the following year. Accordingly, 12 vice-chairs were reappointed as chairs of their current committees, and 12 committee members were appointed as committee chairs of the same committees on which they had served as members. Five chairs or co-chairs were appointed to a committee they were not members of the previous year.

<b>Chairs</b>		
<b>Vice-chair reappointed as chair or of the same committee</b>	<b>Committee member appointed as vice-chair</b>	<b>Chair appointed from a different committee</b>
12	12	7