



# Editorial

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*Library Resources & Technical Services* is a stellar publication because of our contributing authors, the LRTS Editorial Board, and a group of dedicated reviewers. The Editorial Board is listed in each issue, but I would like to give special thanks to Stanley Wilder and Marty Kurth, who left the board in June 2004.

Reviewers, some of whom are or have been board members, do their work anonymously in a blind review process. Without their careful and thoughtful reading of submissions, this journal could not exist. I would like to acknowledge their contributions by listing those who reviewed papers in 2003 and 2004.

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## Publication

Under the dynamic leadership of Publications Committee chair Genevieve S. Owens, ALCTS reinvigorated its publications program virtually from top to bottom. Owens worked with executive director Charles Wilt to craft the division's publishing business plan. Within that framework, then, she systematized the calendar and editorial processes for the division's publications.

The period 2003–2004 saw turnover in two of the division's key editorial positions, namely, the editors of the scholarly journal *Library Research & Technical Services (LRTS)* and the monographic series *ALCTS Papers on Technical Services and Collections*. Search committees chaired by Jack Montgomery and Rosann Bazirjian facilitated, respectively, the appointments of Pamela Bluh as editor of the *ALCTS Papers* series and Peggy Johnson as editor of *LRTS*. Finally, Owens brought the *Library Materials Price Index (LMPI)* into line with this same editorial model by recommending to the ALCTS Board the dissolution of the Publications Committee's *LMPI* subcommittee and the creation, instead, of an *LMPI* editor position. Board approval of this recommendation completed the division's reimagining of its publications program.

The ALCTS publishing business plan includes the following among its objectives: "Create an electronic product that enables online access to all ALCTS publications on a fee basis utilizing PDF, e-commerce, and rights-management software." It has become abundantly clear that our dependence on the association's own e-commerce capabilities (or lack thereof) is hampering our ability to accomplish that objective. It is imperative that ALA further develop its e-commerce capabilities if ALCTS is to realize new rev-

enue streams and more effectively reach a new, younger demographic of membership.

## Education

Continuing education has long been a cornerstone of the service program provided by ALCTS to its members. For years, the division's mix of preconferences and institutes has been deservedly respected for its intellectual content and its financial success. In response to demographic changes in its membership base, constrained library resources that affect professional development and travel support, and new learning modalities emerging as a consequence of technology evolution, the division has been taking an increasingly holistic view of its educational mandate and of the organizational relationships needed to realize that mandate. In 2003–2004, ALCTS entered into agreements with both the Program for Cooperative Cataloging and the Library of Congress' Cataloging Distribution Service for the maintenance and delivery of continuing education content. The division also sought to capitalize on the work of other organizations—including, most recently, the Greater Western Library Alliance—to deliver continuing education content to ALCTS members, rather than having to develop that content in-house.

The progress made toward accomplishing the objectives identified in the 2001–2005 Strategic Plan is palpable and deliberate. The instantiation of strategic and tactical planning as the framework for demonstrating success is truly division-wide. ALCTS is now engaging in second-generation planning in concert with ALA's Ahead to 2010 Initiative and with an eye toward actively contributing to that initiative's realization.

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Finally, I want to tell you where to find the *Library Materials Price Index (LMPI)*, published in *LRTS* in 2003 and *American Libraries* 1999 through 2002. The ALCTS Web site now provides access to *LMPI* 1999 through 2004 at [www.ala.org/ala/alcts/alctspubs/pubsresources/resources.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/alcts/alctspubs/pubsresources/resources.htm). Access to the current year is restricted to ALCTS members.