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In 2009, the Louisiana Chapter of ACRL completely revamped its Bylaws to make the organization more efficient and unencumbered by minutiae. As part of the chapter's restructuring, three standing committees were affirmed by vote: Bylaws, Membership and Elections, and Awards. Various Ad Hoc committees were created to address specific initiatives. These were Peer Networking, School of Library and Information Science, Transitions from K-12 to College, and Funding. The Archives Committee was dissolved, to be replaced by the Chapter Web Administrator, and Karen Niemla (University of Louisiana-Monroe) was appointed by the Executive Board.

Two projects came to fruition during the year, both expected to be in full swing by summer 2010. The chapter dissolved its newsletter, and began publication of its bi-annual open access journal, *CODEX: The Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of ACRL*. The journal now has an ISSN, an editor (Megan Lowe, The University of Louisiana-Monroe), an Advisory Board, an Editorial Board, and a Reviews Editor. Its first issue is scheduled for publication in January 2010. In addition, the chapter will unveil its Peer Support Network within the next few months. Newly introduced initiatives in the chapter include a fully interactive website, the creation of new membership levels, and an online member directory.

The chapter hosted three events this year: At its co-sponsored Meet and Greet during the Louisiana Library Association Conference in March, it named Sigrid Kelsey of LSU its Scholar Librarian of the Year. The second event, made possible by a grant from ACRL, led to the Scholarly Communications Roadshow, held at LSU in Baton Rouge in June; some 90 librarians attended. The chapter's annual mini-conference, held in September, was themed Academic Libraries and Return-On-Investment, and the speakers were Scott Walter and Annie Payton. As a follow up, ACRL-LA's officers presented a panel at the annual LOUIS Users Group Meeting, titled "Preventing Your ROI Analysis from Becoming a ROI-al Pain." The chapter hopes to create a workable ROI Calculator for the state's academic libraries by summer 2010.

Chapter officers for the coming year include

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