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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Since the last issue of Synapse, we have added two new members – Rita Wehby of Lister Hill Library at UAB and Barbara Clotfelter of Birmingham Public Library. Welcome Rita and Barbara!

At the April Executive Committee meeting, several minor changes to the handbook were approved. The web version of the handbook has been updated to reflect these changes.

As usual, all regular members will receive a copy of the handbook as part of the directory this fall. We've also updated our brochure to reflect the new mailing address and new URL.

Tracy Powell and Pat Higginbottom are planning what should be a fantastic conference. We're offering a special incentive this year – a drawing for free lodging at the Wynfrey. We'll have scholarship opportunities for students as well as members with limited institutional support. For Thursday, Pat has arranged three half-day CEs, two in the morning and one in the afternoon, so you'll have plenty to choose from. The conference will conclude with the luncheon / business meeting on Friday; this will allow everyone to return home on Friday if they wish. The registration and CE fees will be somewhat less than last year, and that should be good for everyone's bank account! More information on this annual meeting can be found elsewhere in this issue of Synapse.

Look for your Annual Meeting Registration Packet in early July, and we hope to see you September 12th in Birmingham!

Marian Morris, ALHeLA President

Join Us This Fall at Birmingham's Wynfrey Hotel, Riverchase Galleria for ALHeLA's Annual Meeting!

The beautiful Wynfrey Hotel at Riverchase Galleria (<http://www.wynfrey.com/>) will be the site for this year's annual meeting, September 12-13, 2002. An exciting schedule includes a selection of 3 half-day continuing education courses on Thursday the 12th, followed on Friday morning by our invited speakers and the ALHeLA business meeting luncheon.



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ALHeLA's Annual Meeting

September 12-13, 2002

Wynfrey Hotel, Riverchase Galleria
Birmingham, Alabama



Continuing Education Opportunities

We are pleased to offer the following three CE courses for your professional development:

Communication Mistakes Only Really Smart People Make

Pat Wagner

<http://www.pattern.com/>

8 am-noon

Spanish for Health Care Professionals

E. Scott King

<http://www.angelfire.com/sk/spanishforprofession/index.html>

8 am-noon

Communication as a Tool of Influence

Pat Wagner

<http://www.pattern.com/>

1 pm-5 pm



Speakers

With the explosive growth of the Internet, seemingly authoritative, first-person stories appear online and via email every day. Often you are urged to protect your friends and loved ones by sharing this vital information with everyone you know. Should you believe everything you read?

Our invited speaker on Friday morning will be Joyce Cauthen, the Executive Director of the Alabama Folklife Association. Ms. Cauthen has written and spoken extensively on folk culture, and will share her knowledge regarding urban legends. Following her talk, you are encouraged to participate as Ms. Cauthen and Pat Wagner address your questions about the impacts of technology on communication.

Where Do I Sign Up?

Registration packets will be mailed in early July. We look forward to seeing you all in Birmingham this fall!

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ALHeLA Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, April 5, 2002
Alabama Public Library Service (APLS)

Members present: Yvonne Kozlowski , Marian Morris, Inga Moten, Tracy Powell, Jana Slay, Geneva Bush Staggs, Jodi Upton, Diane Williams, Martha Verchot

Members absent: Robert Avant, C. J. Bryant, Kay L. Fowler, Pat Higginbottom

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., by Marian Morris, President. Introductions were made for the benefit of members who were not present the last meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the ALHeLA Executive Meeting of January 25, 2002 were approved as written.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Martha Verchot presented the full report for 2001 and the first quarter report for 2002; ending balance on 3/31/02 was \$9,007.83. The new brochure includes the new Treasurer's mailing address.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Bylaws** – No report.
 - b. **Continuing Education** – Discussed during update of 2002 Annual Meeting, below.
 - c. **Directory** – Jana Slay reported that the same survey will be used and it will be mailed to the membership.
 - d. **Liaison** – No report.
 - e. **Membership** – Jodi Upton reported that ALHeLA currently has a total of 43 members, including three new members. Corrections were made to the printed report.
 - f. **Synapse** – Deadline for next issue is April 26.
 - g. **Web Coordinator** – The domain name is now registered as www.alhela.org.
 - h. **Members-At-Large** – Reported below with New Scholarship Competition.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **New Scholarship Competition for Fall 2002 Conference** – Geneva Bush Staggs reported. A draft of the scholarship to support Annual Meeting attendance was reviewed. Discussion ensued; all suggestions will be placed on the ALHeLA Executive Committee discussion list so that the Executive Committee can provide feedback. Final draft will be emailed to the Committee for approval at the June meeting. The deadline for scholarship competition entries will be July 31. The Members-at-Large will serve as judges for the competition. If one or more of the Members-at-Large wish to apply for the scholarship, the President will appoint replacement judge(s).
 - b. **Updated Brochure** – In addition to the new Treasurer's mailing address, the brochure includes the organization's new web address.
 - c. **2002 Annual Meeting** – Tracy Powell reported. The annual meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, September 12-13 at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. ALHeLA is committed to 15 rooms, and the banquet will be held at the hotel.

The two morning CE courses on Thursday, September 12 are “Communication Mistakes only Smart People Make,” taught by Pat Wagner, and “Spanish for the Health Care Professional,” taught by Scott King. The afternoon CE is “Communication as a Tool of Influence,” taught by Pat Wagner. Friday’s keynote speaker will be Joyce Cauthen on the topic of urban legends. Cauthen and Wagner will participate in a Q & A session immediately following. The meeting will culminate with business meeting and lunch.

Meeting registration and CE course costs are still being worked out; meals will be included. A separate return postcard will be included in the registration packet for members who want to participate in the hotel room drawing. Vendors will be asked to support the event; committee members were asked to support ALHeLA with library and institution giveaways for conference packets.

6. New Business

- a. Student Scholarship for Competition for Fall 2002 conference** – Dr. McCall and Lisa Rains Russell will be contacted.
- b. Handbook Changes** – The following changes were approved:
 - i. Change in wording of Treasurer section to reflect actual duties;
 - ii. Deletion of Bookkeeper position;
 - iii. Change in wording of Continuing Education section to reflect true practices;
 - iv. Change in wording of Liaison section to include “library”;
 - v. Deletion of Union List Coordinators positions since union list is discontinued;
 - vi. Change in wording of Web Coordinator and Discussion List Moderator sections to reflect voting privileges and revised responsibilities of the two positions;

Future revisions include addition of Archivist position and documentation of scholarships and awards.

- c. Other** – Recommendation was made and accepted that a letter of congratulations be sent to MLA Academic Librarian of the year, Judy Burnham.

7. Announcements – Sally Murray is leaving the University of South Alabama; she will be moving to Paris, France.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
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