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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Since the last issue of Synapse, we have added one new member – Gerald Jackson of the Sparks Medical Library at UAB School of Medicine / Huntsville. Welcome Gerald! Our membership is growing; Jodi Upton has recruited four new members for us this year.

By now you should have received a request from Jana Slay to verify your ALHeLA directory information. Please help her out by updating the information and returning the forms to her as soon as possible so that our 2002 directory will be accurate.

We hope several of you apply for our new scholarship for members with limited institutional support. Many thanks to this year's Members-At-Large (Geneva Bush Staggs, Kay Fowler, and C.J. Bryant) for making this scholarship a reality.

Tracy Powell and Pat Higginbottom are in the final stages of planning our annual meeting. The registration packets were mailed out the last week of June. Send in your postcard (found in the registration packet) to enter the drawing for reimbursement of up to \$300 towards your stay at the Wynfrey Hotel for our annual meeting. You must be a current member to be eligible for this drawing, so if you haven't renewed your membership yet, let this be the incentive to send in your dues.

We hope to see you September 12th in Birmingham!

Marian Morris
ALHeLA President

ALHeLA Achievement Award

Do you know an outstanding ALHeLA member? Then nominate that person for the ALHeLA Achievement Award.

The purpose of the ALHeLA Achievement Award is to honor an individual for outstanding service to ALHeLA or to the medical library profession. The candidate should have made significant contributions to ALHeLA or to medical librarianship through service, leadership or research.



Send nominations for the ALHeLA Achievement Award to the president by July 29, 2002.

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The Committee will review the nomination petitions and make a selection, although the award isn't necessarily given each year. If awarded this year, it will be presented at the ALHeLA Annual Meeting.

For more information: <http://www.alhela.org/achiev.htm>

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ALHeLA Annual Meeting

**September 12-13, 2002
Birmingham, Alabama**

Working Magic Through Communication

By now, you should have received your registration packet for ALHeLA's annual meeting in Birmingham September 12-13. Its going to be an exciting meeting, and we hope to see you all there! For meeting information check out http://alhela.org/alhela_2002.html

We are looking forward to great instructors and speakers, great networking, great food, and yes, great shopping! Don't forget that the Wynfrey is providing conference rates before and after the meeting-this is an ideal time to make the most of your visit to Birmingham! You are invited to tour Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences on the Wednesday afternoon before the meeting kicks off (just mark it on your registration form), and a map of other area attractions is included in your packet.



Important deadlines as you prepare for the meeting:

- ✓ **July 22:** deadline to enter the drawing for reimbursement towards your stay at the Wynfrey Hotel (the postcard is included in your packet!!)
- ✓ **July 26:** deadline to apply for ALHeLA's new Scholarship for Librarians with Limited Institutional Support (a form is included in your packet, and is available on the web!!)
- ✓ **August 12:** deadline to make your room reservation at the Wynfrey Hotel (instructions in your packet and on the web!!)
- ✓ **August 12:** deadline for early-bird registration for the annual meeting (its that form in your packet, and its on the web!!)

*Tracy E. Powell
Vice-President/President Elect*

Scholarship for Librarians with Limited

Institutional Support (SLLIS)



If you didn't think you could attend the ALHeLA Annual Meeting because of the cost, this new scholarship is for you. The SLLIS will be available for this year's meeting in Birmingham. To apply for the scholarship you must be a health sciences librarian and a current member of the Alabama Health Libraries Association.

Just fill out the application and send it in by July 26, 2002. The scholarship will pay actual expenses not covered by your institution. Registration fees will be paid at the time of registration, and the other expenses will be reimbursed after the meeting.

There are no set criteria for the award, other than financial need. Along with other things, the committee may consider length of membership in ALHeLA and past and current association participation and contributions. If you receive the scholarship you must attend the business meeting and contribute a short article for the post convention issue of the Synapse.

The application and a fact sheet are available in your meeting registration packet and on the Association's web page at: <http://www.alhela.org/scholarship.pdf>

What are you waiting for? It's easy to apply!

Submit applications to:

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For information about ALHELA, the annual meeting, and to learn more about awards and scholarships.

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ALHeLA Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, June 14 2002
Alabama Public Library Service (APLS)

Members present: Robert Avant, Kay Fowler, Pat Higginbottom, Yvonne Kozlowski, Marian Morris, Inga Moten, Tracy Powell, Jana Slay, Geneva Bush Staggs, Martha Verchot, Diane Williams
Members absent: C. J. Bryant, Jodi Upton

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m., by Marian Morris, President.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the ALHeLA Executive Meeting of April 5, 2002 were approved as written.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report for January 1- June 14, 2002 was provided. Total balance is \$9,080.51. Martha Verchot reported several deposits from dues payments.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Bylaws** – Yvonne Kozlowski gave an update on the archives situation. Tim Pennycuff has the ALHeLA records at the new archival storage location. His Advisory Committee does not meet until the Fall, so it will be next year before we have a definite decision.
 - b. **Directory** – Jana Slay reported the ALHeLA survey will be sent to the membership next week.
 - c. **Liaison** – Robert Avant stated that APLS has discontinued the maintenance of the Alabama Union List of Serials and that a decision on how to handle holdings of OCLC libraries has yet to be made. Memo sent by Julie Hare to APLS, entitled “Electronic ILL is coming,” was distributed.
 - d. **Membership** – Inga reported for Jodi. ALHeLA has a total of 48 members, which includes one new member and four renewals since the last report.
 - e. **Synapse** – Deadline for next issue is June 28. Request for news items was issued.
 - f. **Web Coordinator** – Pat Higginbottom reported that the online ALHeLA handbook has been updated. And from January 24 through June 12, 529 online hits were posted to the www.alhela.org web site.
 - g. **Members-At-Large** – See New Scholarship Competition for Fall 2002 Conference, below.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **New Scholarship Competition for Fall 2002 Conference** – Geneva Bush circulated DRAFT copies of the “Scholarship for Librarians with Limited Institutional Support (SLLIS) Application Form” And “Fact Sheet.” The committee suggested various changes and additions. The Executive Committee approved the SLLIS draft version as amended during the meeting. Both documents will be available on the web site, entries to be sent to Kay Fowler. Completed forms are due July 26. Winners to be announced August 7.
 - b. **2002 Annual Meeting** – Tracy Powell distributed a spreadsheet with projected number for this year's meeting. The Executive Committee approved the registration fee as \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members; and the Continuing Education class fee as \$60 for members and \$85 for non-members. Banquet tickets purchased separate of registration will be \$40.
 - c. **Student Scholarship Competition for Fall 2002 Conference** – Pat has updated the webpage to

reflect current deadlines, etc. Lisa Rains Russell has distributed the flyer to SLIS. Steven has already received several entries and these have been passed on to the committee. Official deadline is July 19; winner will be announced July 31.

6. **New Business**

- a. **Nominating Committee** -- Pat Higginbottom was nominated and approved to be the Chair of this year's Nominating Committee. Next year we expect to go back to the traditional plan of having the Past-President serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

7. **Announcements** – No announcements.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Inga Moten
Secretary

ALHeLA Web Site Update

- ✦ January 24, 2002 - June 12, 2002 there were 529 hits posted to the ALHeLA web site.
- ✦ The ALHeLA handbook online is up-to-date with the latest changes.
- ✦ Annual Meeting information is located at http://alhela.org/alhela_2002.html
- ✦ Scholarship information is located at <http://www.alhela.org/scholarship.pdf>
- ✦ ALHeLA Achievement Award information is located at <http://www.alhela.org/achiev.htm>

**Need financial aid to attend
the ALHeLA Annual Meeting?**

**See page 2 for
Scholarship Information**

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