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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

ALHeLA's 20th Anniversary was celebrated with birthday cake at our booth during the annual meeting in October. We wanted to draw conference attendees to the booth to meet members of our state association - and the cake and the soda can tops brought us lots of visitors!

The 2000 Annual Meeting was held jointly with SC/MLA in Mobile in this centennial year. The annual business meeting followed a Sunday luncheon that was open, by reservation, to the general attendance. A great presentation by Mobile author Carolyn Haines preceded the meeting. It was most interesting to hear about the nuts and bolts, successes and failures, ideas and plot sources, which are behind all of those books we read!

The business meeting agenda was full as usual so be sure to read the complete minutes elsewhere in this issue. Please make it a point to mention the Student Scholarship Competition to anyone currently a student in the Library School (SLIS) at University of Alabama. Benefits to the contest winner include hotel and conference expenses, plus a CE program. The deadline for paper submission is January 26, 2001. We were reminded, too, that ALHeLA should consider a scholarship for a hospital librarian to attend the conference. Details about the Spring meeting with Georgia were discussed - it'll be another excellent meeting. If you haven't updated your Directory with the new information received at the meeting please take time to do it now - the Directory is a very useful tool.

It was interesting to hear the summary of ALHeLA's past 20 years - and a pleasure to have a number of long-standing members with us. Members who'd worked on committees and activities for this meeting, and those making presentations were recognized. It appeared that nearly every member stood for at least one of those categories - which points out so clearly that in an organization our size each member often wears more than one hat.

Our members are very active and involved - that certainly lays the groundwork for an organization that is both proactive and supportive. They're to be congratulated on their involvement, and for their contributions.

A special thank-you must be given to the members in Mobile who worked so tirelessly to put on this year's annual meeting. We all know what a tremendous effort is required to create and present such a meeting, along with all of our other daily tasks! Great job folks!

The first year of this new century has been very active. ALHeLA has sponsored a CDC Librarians' workshop, a Docline/Serhold workshop, and helped host a joint annual meeting. We've reached out to new members, encouraging participation in our organization. We're striving for active involvement by medical librarians from all corners of this state, and we appear successful. We all have been active!

I have retired from UAB's Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences (although I spend an occasional part-time day there) and will be moving to western North Carolina in a few months. Our new president, Susan Williams, from Providence Hospital in Mobile, has assumed her duties a few months before they'd usually begin. It's been a great pleasure to be associated with the medical librarians of Alabama, and I wish you well! Thank you for my opportunities!

Joan Lukins, ALHeLA President 2000

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ALHeLA 2001 Annual Meeting

Planning is underway for the 2001 annual meeting. We have accepted an invitation to have a joint meeting with GHSLA (Georgia Health Sciences Library Association). The GHSLA/ALHeLA meeting will be in the Spring this year, specifically March 14-16, 2001 in Columbus, GA. The conference hotel will be the Columbus Hilton, located in Columbus' Historic District near the Riverwalk. The conference will begin with a welcome reception Wednesday night. Thursday will start with separate breakfast business meetings for each association. Later that day we'll hear the Miriam Libbey speaker (Jocelyn Rankin) for our Keynote Address and have an afternoon panel discussion session on Outreach Services. Our banquet will be Thursday night. Continuing education courses will be offered on Friday.

We're still in the process of finalizing the theme, CE courses, and specific schedules. Watch your email and the ALHeLA website for additional updates, and expect your registration packet in January! We look forward to seeing you in Columbus.

Submitted by Marian Morris and Pat Higginbottom

Directory Updates

The updates to the ALHeLA Directory and Handbook were distributed at the annual meeting. The updates for the members that could not attend are being mailed courtesy of ALHeLA member Pat Rogers. If you never received the three-ring binder that houses the Directory and Handbook, please let me know. (Pamela.burns@med.va.gov)

Some corrections:

On page 8.4 -- add Lisa Russell, retired from Univ of Alabama Health Sciences Library. (slimruss@dbtech.net)

On page 8.5 and 1.11 change Bob Schrimsher's phone number to (205) 726-2161.

Addition made at the annual meeting:

Create a page 3.17 with the location of the electronic version of ALHeLA's logo, for use in advertisements and banners, saving the cost of a set-up fee. United Trophy / 2400 1st Ave, North / Birmingham, AL 35203 / 205-322-4935.

Submitted by Jan Burns

Updates to ALHeLA Web Page

Some new features on the ALHeLA Web Page (<http://www.uab.edu/lister/alhela>) include full text of the association newsletter, Synapse, and the ALHeLA Handbook. Suggestions for other additions to the web page should be sent to the page coordinator, Pat Higginbottom. (phiggin@uab.edu)

Submitted by Pat Higginbottom

JCHLA: Back from the Almost Dead

The Jefferson County Hospital Library Association has been revived!

Though never quite defunct, the JCHLA has been virtually inactive for several years. In recent years, the main purpose of the association has been reciprocal resource sharing between most of the members. Then a couple of years ago, the group renewed the practice of meeting together a few times a year, and now in 2000, the group is officially active again. The current membership consists primarily of the hospital librarians in Birmingham, but also includes librarians from Lister Hill Library at UAB and folks responsible for the "library function" at smaller local hospitals. JCHLA's future holds the possibility of new members from not your "typical" hospital library, CE courses, grants, and online access to the member holdings, and that is just for starters. If you are interested in the JCHLA, please contact Susan Seay (susans@asmi.org)

Submitted by Susan Seay

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Alabama Health Libraries Association Executive Board Meeting

September 8, 2000

Fall 2000 Joint Meeting with SC/MLA – October 20-24, 2000 – Update : Susan Williams reported via telephone. Joan shared her news with the rest of the committee. The registration packets were mailed Tuesday. Carolyn Haines will be the speaker for the ALHeLA luncheon. The luncheon will be Sunday, immediately followed by a brief business meeting. The exact amount of ALHeLA's monetary support and revenue percentages from this meeting is not currently known.

ALHeLA Brochure – Update : No update. Joan suggested that we perhaps try to unveil the new brochure at the March 2001 conference.

DOCLINE/SERHOLD Workshop Review : Joan reported that this class, held at LHL, was a worthwhile class and a successful ALHeLA venture.

Union List Coordinators : Robert Avant reported that APLS hopes to appoint a resource-sharing committee soon but has not yet done so; this committee would investigate state-wide coordination of resource sharing. We should continue to send in our holdings information so that the database will be up-to-date.

Jefferson County Hospital Librarians Association : This group has re-organized after many years without meeting. Marian will contact Susan Seay, JCHLA President, about writing a piece for the next issue of *Synapse*.

Announcements : Lucy Moor retired from Brookwood Medical Center on August 31, 2000, and has moved to Boaz. Joan Lukins retired from Lister Hill Library, UAB, at the end of August but will remain active in ALHeLA until her move to North Carolina. Martha Cook has announced her resignation from the Health Sciences Library, University of Alabama, effective September 15th.

Alabama Health Libraries Association
Annual Business Meeting
October 22, 2000

1. Joan Lukins, President, called the meeting to order at 1pm. Following the call to order, Joan had all those present introduce themselves.
- II. The minutes of the September 2000 executive committee meeting were approved as written.
- III. Treasurer's Report : Lisa Russell reported that our current balance is approximately \$9,000. Some of the income and expenses from Mobile conference have not yet been entered.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - I By-Laws: No report.
 - II Continuing Education : No report.
 - III Directory : Jan Burns reported that the new updates are ready; please pick up your copy from her in Mobile. Other copies will be mailed to members, courtesy of Pat Rodgers. Jan has received monetary donations to subsidize the cost of the directory.

IV Liaison : Thanks to Martha Cook for getting the can top “favors” for our booth. They were popular, as was the birthday cake.

V Membership : Marian Morris reported for Carolyn Holmes. We currently have 62 members. (Since the conclusion of the business meeting, we have received one renewal and one new member, bringing the total to 64 members for 2000.) This is the last year for Institutional memberships; next year’s membership options will be Individual (\$15/year) and Student (\$5/year).

VI Synapse : Diane Williams reported that the deadline for the next issue will be two weeks from today.

VII Union List Coordinators : Ellen Sayed reported that NNLM has a course on new DOCLINE / SERHOLD; this course was taught in Mobile for this conference and earlier this year in Birmingham.

VIII Web Coordinator : Pat Higginbottom reported that Synapse is now available on the website.

Let Pat know of other items that you would like added to our website.

IX Members-At-Large : No reports.

X Nominations : Members of the nominating committee are Jie Li, Judy Burnham and Kay Hogan Smith. Jie presented the following slate of officers for 2001: President-Elect/Vice President – Marian Morris; Secretary – Tracy Powell; Members-At-Large – Everly Brown, Margo Mead, Inga Moten. Lisa Russell will continue to serve as Treasurer for 2001. The slate of officers was approved as presented.

V. Old Business

I Update on 2001 Annual Meeting with Georgia Health Sciences Library Association : Marian Morris, Pat Higginbottom, and Cathy Woolbright (GHSLA President-Elect) reported on next year’s conference. The conference will be March 14-16, 2001 in Columbus, GA. The conference hotel is the Columbus Hilton; rooms are available for \$83/night plus tax. There will be a welcome reception Wednesday night. Thursday will begin with breakfast business meetings, followed by the keynote address and an afternoon panel discussion on outreach services. The banquet will be Thursday night. CE courses will be held on Friday.

II Update on New ALHeLA Brochure : No report.

III Update on Student Scholarship : No essays were submitted this year, so a scholarship was not awarded.

IV ARIEL : Mary Fran Prottzman reported. Janice Kelly won’t know about potential RML funding for Ariel until after May 2001.

VI. New Business

I Student Scholarship Contest Deadlines for 2001 : Joan Lukins announced that the submission deadline for the papers will be Friday, January 26, 2001, with the winner announced Monday, February 5. The committee members will again be Martha Cook, Lisa Russell, and Nelle Williams.

II ALHeLA’s History Poster Session : Lisa Russell prepared the poster session which is being presented at this conference. Joan recognized the founding members in attendance at today’s luncheon – Lynn Fortney, Lisa Russell, and Nancy Clemmons. Joan also recognized the past Presidents, members presenting in Mobile, and members who have worked on committees/activities for this meeting.

III ALHeLA Luncheon : Joan reported that 51 people registered for the luncheon; approximately 32 of those are ALHeLA members.

IV 2001 Executive Committee meetings : The meetings will continue to be held at the APLS in Montgomery. Robert Avant receives an honorary membership for hosting the executive committee meetings.

V Next Executive Committee meeting : TBA.

VI Pat Higginbottom and Susan Williams presented Joan Lukins, outgoing ALHeLA President with a plaque recognizing her service to ALHeLA.

VII. Announcements : Judy Burnham suggested that ALHeLA consider providing scholarships to ALHeLA hospital librarians.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marian Morris, Secretary

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