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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Despite the flu and foul weather, the first meeting of the 2001 Executive Committee was held on Friday, January 19th in Montgomery at APLS. The focus of the meeting was increasing ALHeLA's involvement in the region. Our first opportunity will come in March at the joint meeting with the GHSLA (Georgia Health Sciences Library Association) in Columbus, GA. Marian Morris, our Vice-President/President-Elect, and Pat Higginbottom, our Web coordinator, have been diligently working with the Georgia committee to coordinate a program that is both educational and entertaining. This meeting will be a great opportunity to link up with other ALHeLA members and perhaps form new alliances with Georgia librarians.

We are all proud of the new membership brochure that Carolyn Holmes, Membership Committee chair has designed, and it is now available for distribution. She also reported that there are already 29 paid members for 2001.

Our Directory Committee chair Jan Burns, who is responsible for the new format of the directory, is currently working on a survey to update the information on all health science libraries in the state.

We discussed how ALHeLA could reach out to those persons serving as health librarians that do not have a library degree. We also addressed ways to increase our participation with other state organizations. Robert Avant and Ellen Sayed, coordinators for the Union List reported on the future of the Alabama Union List of Serials (AULS) and the current status of Serhold.

Our three new members-at-large bring different perspectives to our committee as each is involved in a unique job situation. Margo Mead from the University of Alabama at Huntsville started out as a nursing coordinator, Inga Moten is organizing the new health sciences section at the Alabama State University library, and Everly Brown

from the University of South Alabama is the AHEC circuit

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librarian. I look forward to working with these newest members as well as the long-term officers and chairs. It looks like ALHeLA is off to a productive and exciting year.

Susan Williams, ALHeLA President 2001

ALHeLA/GHSLA Joint Annual Meeting 2001

*Alabama Health Libraries Association
and
Georgia Health Sciences Library Association*

**Reaching Across Boundaries –
Sharing Information and Ideas**

Columbus, GA
March 14 - 16, 2001

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)

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Alabama Health Libraries Association
Executive Committee Meeting
January 19, 2001

1. Susan Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30am. The 2001 Executive Committee was introduced.
2. The minutes of the October 2000 Annual Meeting were approved as written.
3. Treasurer's Report : Susan Williams reported for Lisa Russell. Our current balance is \$7,636.03.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Bylaws : No report. However, Joan Lukins sent word through Robert Avant that perhaps we should continue having an alternative chair for the nominating committee in the event that the Past-President is unavailable.
 - b. Continuing Education : No report.
 - c. Directory : Jan Burns reported that the new edition was distributed in October. She will be redoing the surveys to update the data. She will send the surveys to all hospitals and all ALHeLA members; perhaps also include nursing libraries, etc. She is also working on a map showing the locations of our membership.
 - d. Liaison : No report. The committee discussed the usefulness of this position. It's function needs to be clearly defined.
 - e. Membership : Carolyn Holmes reported that to date 29 regular members have renewed their memberships. A motion was passed to change the Individual membership category to Regular membership.
 - f. Synapse : Diane Williams announced that the deadline for submissions is February 3, 2001. Please send submissions electronically when possible.
 - g. Union List Coordinators : Ellen Sayed reported on the union list updates; these will not affect any local SERHOLD changes. Robert Avant reported that a Resource Sharing Summit was held last fall; the Medical/Special Libraries representative was Judy Burnham. The recommendation from the summit is that Alabama libraries move to an electronic/paperless ILL environment. APLS will probably not produce another ALICAT. Health libraries are ahead of public, etc. libraries in electronic ILL; the other types of libraries are working toward a system similar to the new DOCLINE and SERHOLD systems.
 - h. Web Coordinator / List Moderator : Marian Morris reported for Pat Higginbottom. Information on the March conference is now available on the ALHeLA website.
 - i. Members-at-Large : No report.
5. Old Business
 - a. 2001 Annual Meeting with the Georgia Association – Update : Marian Morris reported that 71 packets have been mailed out; hopefully they have all been received. ALHeLA will subsidize each registration and each CE course by \$25 to reduce the cost to our members, encouraging higher attendance. Any further changes in the program will be communication via email or phone as necessary. An official confirmation, along with appropriate maps and directions, will be sent in mid-February. Various members of the executive committee offered to assist with obtaining donations for the meeting; Marian will contact them soon.

- b. ALHeLA Brochure – Update : Carolyn Holmes distributed copies of the new brochure. The costs of printing was \$142.00 for 200 copies. The new brochure includes a color print on the front cover; a motion was passed to provide a \$250 honorarium to the artist. Carolyn will arrange this with Lisa Russell.
 - c. Student Scholarship – Update : No report. Deadline for entries is January 26. Susan will contact Lisa for more information.
6. New Business
- a. Scholarship for Annual Meeting for members without budget to attend :
 - b. Archives of ALHeLA material : The committee discussed where to house this collection and how to maintain it. Further discussion will be held at a later meeting.
7. Announcements : None.
8. Adjournment : There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43am.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marian Morris for Tracy Powell, Secretary*

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