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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We are half-way through 2003, and gearing up for a great annual meeting on the beach! As usual, we have a stellar lineup of professional development and networking opportunities planned. You should have received your registration packets by now, and you'll see that Geneva Bush and Jie Li have a great meeting planned.

The ALHeLA annual meeting traditionally offers the caliber of information you find at larger regional and national meetings, for a fraction of the cost. The quality of our annual meeting makes it a great value for the time and money!

The Scholarship for Librarians with Limited Institutional Support puts ALHeLA funds to work for colleagues who would not otherwise be able to attend, enhancing the value of networking opportunities for all of us. I am very happy to announce that we have 2 recipients of the SLLIS this year-Paula Barnett-Ellis at Jacksonville State, and our very own ALHeLA Secretary, Inga Moten. Congratulations to both of them! This is such a worthwhile effort for ALHeLA, and I really appreciate the hard work of our Members-at-Large.

I am also pleased to announce that the winner of the student scholarship for 2003 is Susan Clemmons. Susan will present her winning essay at the business meeting in Orange Beach, and her essay will appear in the *Synapse*. Congratulations to Susan, and thanks to Nell and Lisa for all of their efforts with this scholarship.

September will be a great time to be on the beach, and I'm sure there will be time to sneak in a little R&R around the outstanding CE courses, speakers, and meetings. The Island House is extending the special ALHeLA room rates on either side of the meeting, so plan to come early and stay late for a mini beach vacation. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Tracy Powell, ALHeLA President



ALHeLA has three award recipients this year for the 2003 annual meeting.

Scholarship for Librarians with Limited Institutional Support

Paula Barnett-Ellis at Jacksonville State
Inga Moten at Alabama State

Student Scholarship

Susan Clemmons

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Future Splash: The Information Wave

23rd Annual Meeting of the Alabama Health Libraries Association

September 11-12, 2003

Island House Hotel
Orange Beach, Alabama
1-800-264-2642
<http://www.islandhousehotel.com/>



Highlights of this Year's Meeting

Continuing Education courses focusing on our future issues:

- ✓ Writing for Publication
- ✓ Grant Writing
- ✓ Quality Service

Invited Speaker:

Konrad M. Kressley
speaking on future issues

Banquet at Zeke's Landing

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ALHeLA Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, June 20, 2003
Alabama Public Library Service
Montgomery

Present: Robert Avant, Susie Corbett, Michael Fitts, Pat Higginbottom, Marian Morris, Tracy Powell, Ellen Sayed, Jana Slay, Geneva Staggs, Martha Verchot, Diane Williams

1. **Call to Order:** President Tracy Powell called the meeting to order at 10:30.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** There was one change to the minutes from last meeting from Jana Slay; under "5.a., New Business" it states that the student listserv is at Troy State University Montgomery. That should read University of Alabama. Jana Slay made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Martha Verchot presented the Treasurer's report. Since the last meeting, we have 3 new members. There was \$45 of activity. Our balance is \$5,186.73.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Bylaws:** Ellen Sayed presented the report from the Bylaws committee. The change in procedures for the student scholarship was updated on the announcement. The handbook will need to be updated..
 - b. **Continuing Education:** Geneva Staggs presented the Continuing Education report. All CE is planned for the fall meeting in September. She needs to make sure Jie has the required forms so people can request AHIP credit.
 - c. **Directory:** Jana Slay presented the Directory Committee report. She is going to send directories to the new committee members.
 - d. **Liaison:** Robert Avant reported that the AULS holdings for ALHeLA libraries are still stored in OCLC. He does not know when they will be removed.
 - e. **Membership:** Susie Corbett presented the Membership Committee report. She handed out the current membership list. She is trying to complete her spreadsheet of information about people. She has not sent renewal letters to members who have not renewed. She will send them with Annual meeting packets. Some members have not renewed, but there is not a significant number. Many of the people who have not renewed have moved or retired.
 - f. **Synapse:** Diane Williams presented the report from Synapse. She needs a copy of the most recent membership list. Susie will send it to her. Geneva will publicize the MLA teleconference in the next issue of Synapse. There will also be a flyer about the event in the Annual Meeting packet. There was discussion about incorporating the MLA teleconference into the meeting
 - g. **Web Coordinator:** Pat Higginbottom presented the report on the ALHeLA Web Site. The scholarship information on the web site has been updated Geneva will be sending Pat information about the Annual meeting to put on the web site.
 - h. **Nominations:** Marian Morris presented the Nominating Committee Report. Committee members include Mary Fran Prottzman and Nancy Clemmons. Martha will serve a second term as Treasurer. They will be submitting candidates for President Elect, Secretary and Members-at-Large.
 - i. **Members-At-Large:** Michael Fitts presented the Members-at-Large report. The advertisement

for the SLLIS was posted on the solo librarian's list. He doesn't know if there have been submissions for the award. If we don't make an award this year we need to review the criteria. The deadline for the student scholarship is also near and publicity is being done now. There was discussion about how to announce the awards. Tracy will check the Handbook; we may need to add procedures about that process to the document.

5. **Old Business**

- a. **2003 Annual Meeting:** Geneva Staggs updated the group on the plans for the Annual Meeting. They have completed most tasks. She needs to choose the menu for the dinner. It will be held at a local restaurant. 10 standard double queen rooms have been blocked, with very reasonable rates. She still needs to solicit vendor support. She passed around the list she will be using for input from the board. She does have objects for the bags and there are products left from last year. She also needs to finish planning for the teleconference. Janice Kelley has offered to come present an NLM update. We will add her to the agenda for the business meeting.
- b. **Statewide Planning Grant:** Tracy Powell updated the group on plans for the statewide planning grant. The request for proposals is out and the next deadline is September 30, 2003. There is a group working on the proposal. Preliminary planning for the award should be done before the Annual Meeting so there can be discussion with the membership at that time. Tracy may be contacting members to develop participants for the award.

6. **New Business**

None

7. **Announcements**

- a. Jodi Upton got married, she is now Jodi Kuehl.
- b. Yvonne Kozlowski retired; there is a card to sign for her. The job at Auburn is being advertised.
- c. University Hospital was recently surveyed by JCAHO. They scored a 98 with no type I. The new JCAHO Information Management standards are out.

Adjournment

Tracy Powell adjourned the meeting at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Higginbottom

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