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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Board of ALHeLA was held at the Alabama Public Library Service offices on Friday, June 8, 2000. As usual the agenda was full and a number of important issues were addressed.

We are pleased that the Student Scholarship Competition process has been finalized. We now have a permanent document that defines the process; it will only require updating with the competition dates each year. If you know anyone who is enrolled in SLIS please remember to mention the competition to them. The deadline for entries is September 8 and the winner will be notified on September 18. The 2001 annual meeting is scheduled for March 14-16 and the competition dates for that meeting will be determined at the October business meeting during our Fall annual meeting in Mobile. Martha Cook, Nelle Williams, and Lisa Russell are the judges for this year's competition, and Dr. Steven MacCall is our liaison at SLIS. A copy of the flyer that was distributed at SLIS is included in this issue.

The planning reports indicate that the 2000 Fall ALHeLA - Southern Chapter Meeting promises to provide lots of good information, great food and activities. A really neat speaker is scheduled for our business meeting luncheon - you won't want to miss her! This is ALHeLA's 20th anniversary year and Lisa Russell is putting together a poster display (with photos and documents) to provide some highlights of those years. If you have anything you especially want to be noted I'm sure she'd be pleased to hear your suggestion.

A revision of our organization's brochure is underway. Carolyn Holmes discussed the draft of the new brochure and said it will be ready for distribution at the Fall Annual Meeting.

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## 20th Anniversary Annual Meeting

Membership categories had been discussed earlier, and it was decided at this time to discontinue the institutional membership category. For some time there have been no any additional values with this category and it is unfair to ask the institutions to pay a premium rate. The institutions should put the their memberships in an individual name or job title.

A number of other items were discussed in the business meeting and more details on all of the items are available in the minutes, found elsewhere in this issue. Please take time to read the minutes and the details of your organization's activities. Also please note that the Board has scheduled an additional Executive Committee meeting for September 8 because the annual meeting is scheduled late in the Fall this year.

As always, if you have comments, criticisms, or issues to discuss, please feel free to contact me, or any member of the Executive Board.

*Joan Lukins, ALHeLA President 2000*

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Come to Mobile October 20-24 for the ALHeLA annual meeting at the Adam's Mark Hotel. This year we will be celebrating our 20th anniversary in a joint meeting with SC/MLA. SoChap will be celebrating their 50th so we have selected Anniversary Jubilee as our theme. There will be CE's, side trips, a banquet at an antebellum mansion, and ALHeLA will sponsor a speaker luncheon for all attendees. Watch for more details as we finalize plans.

*Submitted by Susan Williams*

make sure the information is still current. Individuals need to check their names in the institution section and the contact list of the Directory. The new directory will include the e-mail address in the index section with the person's name, institution, and phone number. Send updates ASAP to [cbryant1@stv.org](mailto:cbryant1@stv.org) to insure that the information is printed for the October annual meeting.

The Handbook is also being updated. More information on ALHeLA's history (available on the webpage) has been added for those without Internet connection. There will also be a new section for Internet Health Resources. If you have any suggestions for updating the Handbook, send an email ASAP to [pamela.burns@med.va.gov](mailto:pamela.burns@med.va.gov)

*Submitted by Jan Burns*

### **Alabama Health Libraries Association Annual Meeting 2000 Student Scholarship Competition**

#### ❖ **Prize**

- Attend Annual Meeting of ALHeLA October 21-24, 2000 in Mobile.
- Free registration
- Housing for 2-3 nights
- One paid CE course

#### ❖ **Requirements**

- Entrants must be enrolled in the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) at The University of Alabama.
- Submit a 2-3 page essay on one of the following topics:
  - How do you see the medical library profession defined in 5 years?
  - The paperless medical library
  - Marketing the medical library
  - Solo medical librarian issues of finance, currency, networking, professional development
- Essay is to be submitted to Dr. Steven MacCall, SLIS.
- Essay is not tied to any assignment in the Medical Libraries course at SLIS.
- Essay will be presented by the winner at the Business Meeting during the ALHeLA Annual Meeting.

#### ❖ **Deadline**

- Essays must be submitted no later than Friday, September 8, 2000.
- The winner will be announced on Monday, September 18, 2000.

#### ❖ **Judges**

- Martha Cook, Technical Services Librarian, UA Health Sciences Library
- Lisa Rains Russell, (Retired) Chief Medical Librarian, UA Health Sciences Library
- Nelle Williams, Interim Chief Medical Librarian, UA Health Sciences Library

*\*ALHeLA Reserves the Right Not to Award a Prize Based on the Decision of the Judges*

### **ALHeLA on the Net**

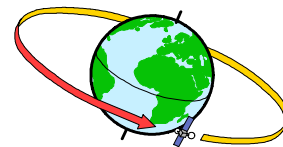
If you are not already a member of ALHeLA's electronic discussion list please consider signing on today. All you have to do to subscribe is send an email message to:

**[majordomo@lilbit.lhl.uab.edu](mailto:majordomo@lilbit.lhl.uab.edu)**

Put this message in the body:

**subscribe alhela <your email address>**  
(use your real address, not your alias)

The list does not have very much activity (unlike some other lists) so your mailbox will not be filled with a lot of additional information.



Remember to make the ALHeLA Webpage a bookmark or favorite. Check it periodically for information on our organization's activities.

**<http://WWW.UAB.EDU/lister/alhela/>**

*Submitted by Joan Lukins*

### **Directory Committee Needs Your Help**

The Directory Committee is updating the ALHeLA Directory. Each institution needs to check their listing to

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## Annual Meeting 2001

The Spring 2001 meeting, with the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association in Columbus, Georgia, is in the early planning stages. Mark your calendars for March 14,15, and 16 for the meeting at the Columbus Hilton - located at the Riverwalk and Riverfront. Pat Higginbottom and Marion Morris from ALHeLA, and Cathy Woolbright from GHSLA are planning the meeting. If you have a wish list for CE programs please contact one of these folks and give them your ideas.

*Submitted by Joan Lukins*

## ALHeLA Future Projects

There are two projects that could become available for us, and although they are still in planning stages we'd like the full membership to be aware of the possibilities. NAAL is

investigating (on the state-level) a project to teach public librarians about web-based consumer health, and it would involve asking ALHeLA librarians to serve as instructors. If this is an area of interest for you it could present a nice opportunity. We'll keep you posted as more details evolve.

The other project, the Ariel Network Project, is a plan being developed at the NN / LM SEA by Janice Kelly. Available information has already been emailed to all of the ALHeLA members who are subscribed to the discussion list. That same information is also posted on ALHeLA's Webpage - introduction of the project, description, and current status. A number of consortia in the Southeast have asked to be considered as participants and we've asked Janice to put ALHeLA's name on the list, too. The proposal is presently being put forward to the NLM for funding approval.

*Submitted by Joan Lukins*

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# ALHeLA 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

## Join us for the Anniversary Jubilee Celebration

October 20-24, 2000  
Adam's Mark Hotel  
Mobile, AL

Joint meeting with the MLA/Southern Chapter

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## Executive Board Meeting

June 9, 2000

Members present: Robert Avant, Jan Burns, Martha Cook, Pat Higginbottom, Carolyn Holmes, Yvonne Kozlowski, Jie Li, Joan Lukins, Marian Morris, Tracy Powell, Lisa Russell, Ellen Sayed, Diane Williams, Nelle Williams, and Susan Williams.

1. Joan Lukins, President, called the meeting to order at 10:40am.
2. The minutes of the April 2000 Executive Board Meeting were approved as written.
3. Treasurer's Report : Lisa Russell reported on a change to the April report. The current balance is \$9,558.11.
4. Committee Reports
  1. Bylaws : No report.
  2. Continuing Education : Martha Cook reported on proposed topics for the CE courses at SC/MLA 2000. These include: leadership/management, clinical digital libraries, virtual collections, serials, web-site development, nursing resources. One course will be hands-on.
  3. Directory : Jan Burns reported that the new edition will be ready for distribution at the October meeting. C.J. Bryant is working on the membership section. Jan is working on the history and handbook sections; send any corrections on these sections to Jan by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Jan is also working on getting vendor donations to subsidize the mailing and printing costs.
  4. Liaison : No report.
  5. Membership : Carolyn Holmes reported that we currently have 62 members -- 42 individual and 20 institutional. This includes six new individual members. A motion was passed to change the membership categories to "Individual" and "Student". The membership dues will be \$15.00 and \$5.00 respectively.
  6. Synapse : Diane Williams announced that the deadline for submissions is June 30<sup>th</sup>. She will investigate changing the copy service from in-house to the publications department and report back at the next meeting. Currently, USA is covering all printing costs; she will verify this with the director and offer reimbursement if necessary.
  7. Union List Coordinators : Ellen Sayed reported that new DOCLINE is scheduled to be implemented on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Current LIBIDs will change to new, all alphabetic ones. Robert Avant asked that we keep sending updates to him until the AULS technology changes. There will be meetings later this year to determine the direction of the union list; hopefully, real-time updates will be an option for later. He also reported that the Alabama Virtual Library now includes some 50 databases and has level funding for the coming fiscal year.
  8. Web Coordinator / List Moderator : No report.
  9. Members-at-Large : Yvonne Kozlowski shared several useful items on the Alabama Virtual Library site, including pictures.
- V. Old Business
  - E. Student Scholarship Competition – Final Document Submitted : A copy of the flyer was distributed. For future competitions, only the date information will need to be changed.
  - F. Alliance Manual update : Joan reported on information provided by Judy Burnham (also printed in the last issue of *Synapse*). Information on ordering the manual is included on the Alliance website.
  - C. CDC workshop : Congratulations to Martha Cook on putting together a valuable and successful CE course in April.
  - D. 2000 joint meeting with SC/MLA : Susan Williams reported that ALHeLA will have a lunch on Sunday, followed by the business meeting.
  - E. 2001 joint meeting with GHSLA : Pat Higginbottom reported that we have received and accepted the official invitation to hold a joint meeting with GHSLA. The meeting will be held in Columbus, GA, March 14-16, 2001. She distributed brochures on Columbus.

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- F. ALHeLA brochure : Carolyn Holmes has designed a new, more elaborate, and more in-depth brochure. She will add a contact phone number. She will investigate printing/publication options and layout options, reporting back at the next meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. Student Scholarship Competition for March 2001 meeting : Dates will be set at the October 2000 meeting.
- B. NAAL/ALHeLA consumer health web instruction project proposal : Susan Williams reported that Sue Medina is interested in putting together additional PubMed instruction courses. There may be left-over grant money to off-set costs. A motion was passed to table discussion until the October meeting.
- C. Scheduling additional board meeting : An additional board meeting was tentatively set for September 8, 2000, 10:30am, at the APLS building in Montgomery.
- D. Other :
1. ALHeLA History poster : Lisa Russell will work on this and recruit others to help her.
  2. ARIEL grant : Joan reported that Mary Fran Prottzman had suggested that some of the ALHeLA libraries might want to participate. Joan will post information on the discussion list.
  3. Southern Expressions : We will submit upcoming conference information and information on the Alliance manual.

VII. Announcements : None.

VIII. Adjournment : There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Marian Morris, Secretary*

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