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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Joyce Sims

ALHeLA President

Various activities are underway for ALHeLA. Besides Maureen Battistella's hard work in planning the annual meeting, the Executive Board has developed a permanent banner for our organization--it will be on display at Gulf Shores. We have also clarified that the official acronym for our organization is **ALHeLA** (note caps and lower letters). We have appointed a nominating committee (see the article elsewhere in this issue). Most of us attended an excellent workshop in Tuscaloosa planned by Lisa Russell, and we have spent the bulk of the year in defining each of our roles and in developing standing committees of the organization. We have already decided to make Archives a standing committee and are looking at standing appointed committees with appointed chairmen for liaison and membership. These roles, charges or responsibilities of each Executive Board member will be published in later directories of the organization and will be used to help those who "follow in our footsteps."

A considerable amount of time and thought has been spent in updating our bylaws. The result of this effort can be found elsewhere in this issue. Marylss Giles has done an excellent job in reviewing the bylaws. Most noteworthy are the changes in the office of Secretary/Treasurer. It is proposed that these positions be separated by creating a Treasurer with a two year term of office. There has also been a change in the dues. Rather than setting a specified amount in the bylaws, the dues would be determined by the Executive Committee and approved at a business meeting of the organization. The Executive Committee voted to raise the dues to \$12.50 per year if the dues are paid before January 1, and \$15.00 per year if dues are paid after January 1. This will be voted on at the business meeting at the annual meeting in Gulf Shores. Rationale for this structure in dues was that we have spent a considerable amount this year in fliers, surveys, postage, etc., in attempting to get those who haven't paid to pay their dues. Hopefully this new fee structure will speed up the process and assure timely renewal.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1, 1986

ABULS holdings updates and ILL statistics due your coordinator.

October 15, 1986

ABULS coordinators submit holdings updates to USC.

October 15-18, 1986

Mid Atlantic Chapter/MLA Annual Meeting, Charlottesville, Va.

Contact: Lenore K. Schnaitman, Chairperson/Registration

Claude Moore Health Sciences Library

Box 234

University of Virginia Medical Center

Charlottesville, VA 22908

October 16-17, 1986

AIHeLA Annual Fall Conference. Gulf State Park Resort, Gulf Shores.

November 4-7, 1986

Joint Meeting of the Southern Chapter/MLA and the Tennessee Health Science Library Association. Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel, Nashville.

Contact: T. Mark Hodges, Vanderbilt University Medical Library or Leslie Goodale, Meharry University Medical Library.

November 15, 1986

Deadline for December issue of SYNAPSE.

February 15, 1987

Deadline for March issue of SYNAPSE.

May 15-21, 1987

Medical Library Association's 87th Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.

June 15, 1987

Deadline for July issue of SYNAPSE.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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A problem for the Executive Committee this year has been the task of keeping the membership list updated. A service provided by our affiliation with Alabama Hospital Association is their maintaining our membership with coding for sub-groups such as ABULS. We are in the process of having ALAHA update and maintain our list and various sub-lists, and to generate our mailing labels. It will be putting our ALAHA dues to good use.

We are all looking forward to an informative and relaxing annual program in Guld Shores on October 16-17. See you there!

THIS AND THAT

MAUREEN BATTISTELLA was the sole recipient of a Medical Library Association Continuing Education grant award which enabled her to attend a workshop "Technical Services Costs," on June 25 at the American Library Association meeting held in New York City.

CAROL G. JENKINS, formerly Executive Director, Southeastern-Atlantic Regional Medical Library Services Program, Baltimore, is now the Director of the Health Sciences Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

ALBERT E. GUNN, Medical Director, M. D. Anderson Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Associate Dean for Admissions, University of Texas Medical School, Houston, and Associate Professor, Public Health Administration, University of Texas School of Public Health, was elected chairman of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine.

Nominating Committee

Ina Sims, Medical Librarian at the Baptist Medical Center-Montclair, in Birmingham, has been appointed to chair the ALHeLA Nominating Committee.

Other members of this very important committee are Kay Fowler, Troy State University in Montgomery; Mary Helen Stringer, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, UAB; and Barbara Doughty, University of Alabama Health Sciences Library, Tuscaloosa.

Please contact one of these committee members with your suggestions for next year's officers. We are looking for a few good people to carry on the essential work of your organization. A complete membership list was published in the last issue of Synapse. Look it over, and make some telephone calls. We need your input.

Executive Committee

by Pat Hall

Secretary/Treasurer

The ALHeLA Executive Committee met Saturday, August 16, 1986 at 9 a.m., in the Holiday Inn, Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama. Members of the Committee received reports on ongoing projects:

Efforts to establish a tax exempt status are well under way. Directory information indicates three new institutional members for 1986. Merging an exchange list through the use of database managers is the thrust of the duplicates exchange. Software packages are being reviewed.

One hundred eleven total members were reported as of August 16, 1986. A Goals, Objectives and Mission statement has been prepared by the Liaison Committee. Bylaws Committee had prepared duties description for positions of secretary, treasurer, and archivist. Revisions were made. ABULS reported two new members: Fort Rucker and Southern Research Institute. The final plans for the Annual Meeting were reviewed. Plans for a marketing workshop early in 1987 were discussed.

A nominating committee was slated. Gratitude for Directory assistance from the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library was expressed and discussed. The committee decided on the rationale and amount of dues increase to be presented before the general assembly at Gulf Shores in October. The next meeting of the committee was set for October 16 at Gulf Shores after the Annual Meeting and before the banquet.

Proposed Amendments

As set forth in the ALHeLA Constitution any proposed amendments may be voted on by the members present at any regular business meeting. However the proposed amendments must be submitted to the Executive Committee at least 8 weeks before the meeting and the proposed amendments distributed with the registration packets. Since the registration materials are being distributed by way of this issue of SYNAPSE, the By-Laws Committee has recommended to the Executive Committee the following amendments:

ALABAMA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

<u>PRESENT BYLAWS</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES</u>
<p>Article I: Name</p> <p>ALHeLa</p>	<p>Change to: ALHeLA</p>
<p>Article IV: Finances, Section 1: Dues</p> <p>The annual membership fee for the Association shall be \$10.00. Nonpayment of dues serves as notice of resignation from the membership.</p>	<p>The annual dues shall be assessed to the membership as to be determined by the Executive Committee and approved at a business meeting of the membership. The proceeds of the dues shall be used to support the purposes of the Association. Nonpayment...</p>
<p>Article V: Officers, Section 4:</p> <p>c. Secretary/Treasurer: Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain all records of the Association including the membership roll and the minutes of the general meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for notification of members of regular and special meetings and announcements and shall act as secretary of the Executive Committee. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for recording any receipt and disbursement of Association funds and shall make available to the membership copies of the annual budget.</p>	<p>c. Secretary: The Secretary shall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Maintain all minutes of the Association.2. Be responsible for notification of members of regular and special meetings and announcements, and shall act as secretary of the Executive Committee.3. Receive and report the slate of candidates for submission to the membership, as stated in Article VI, Section 4.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (Continued from page 5)

PRESENT BYLAWS

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Article VI: Section 1: Time of Elections

Elections shall be held in November. Officers shall take office January 1, and serve for the calendar year. The steering committee shall serve as the first Executive Committee through December 31, 1981.

Section 4: Submission to the Membership

Following a nominating committee meeting, the committee chairman will submit a slate of officers consisting of Vice President/President Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and three members at large to the Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall report the slate of candidates for each position to be filled at the last meeting of the calendar year. The membership may submit to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the last meeting of the calendar year additional names of individuals who have indicated a willingness to serve.

Article VIII: Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular business meeting by a majority vote of the members present, provided any proposed amendments have been submitted to the Executive Committee at least eight (8) weeks before the meeting. Proposed amendments shall be distributed with the registration packets.

Add: d. The Treasurer shall:

1. Collect and be custodian of, on behalf of the Association, annual dues and make disbursements authorized by the Executive Committee.

2. Submit a written report to the Executive Committee at its regular meeting, and make available to the membership copies of the annual budget.

3. Maintain the necessary records for tax exempt status.

4. Coordinate transfer of bank signature cards. Checks may be signed by either the Treasurer or the President.

Elections shall be held in November. Officers...with the exception of the Treasurer who shall serve for two years.

Delete last sentence.

Following a nominating committee meeting, the committee chairman will submit a slate of officers consisting of Vice President/President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer (in the odd year), and three members at large to the Secretary.

Delete "Treasurer" for remainder of paragraph.

These bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the membership by a majority vote of the members present, ...Proposed amendments shall be distributed with the meeting packets.

Add: Article X: Disposition on Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, all assets, whether real or personal, shall be distributed to such organizations as shall be determined by a majority vote of the members. No property shall be distributed to any individual whether or not associated with ALHeLA.

PLAN TO ATTEND

by Maureen Battistella

Annual Program Chair

Ethics, Competition, and Libraries.

Do you question the intentions of an attorney who comes into your library asking for information on one of your doctors?

What do you say when your Administrator tells you that you can no longer consult for the hospital down the road because it offers competing services, reducing your own institutions income?

Do you refuse to provide information services to a librarian in a hospital starting a women's health clinic--when your hospital is planning to open just such a clinic next month?

If you've asked yourself these questions, you may be in a situation involving the very real issue of applied ethics, the ethics of providing information services in a competitive health care environment.

At the 1986 ALHeLA Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores, October 16-17, Dr. Jonathan Lindsey, Librarian and Philosopher, will address the theoretical foundations of ethical decision making in our field and will demonstrate how we unconsciously apply these thought processes to our daily work. Ethics, that abstract concept, is so abstract in medical librarianship. In many ways the ethical foundations of our profession define the profession and how it is practiced. Does the growing competition among our institutions affect our ethical behavior? Does the competition influence how we provide information to practitioners, librarians, and patients?

On Thursday morning preceding the program, an ABULS participants meeting will be held. The participants meeting will be held concurrently with a half-day continuing education course taught by Marian Brennan, "Meeting the JCAH Standards."

"The Annual NLM Update" will be held on Friday, led by Micki McIntyre of the Eastern Region Online Training and Information Center, New York Academy of Medicine Library. This program is co-sponsored by the University of South Alabama. Running concurrently with the update will be a full day continuing education course, "The basics of online searching for the non-searcher," taught by Nancy Clemmons.

The Annual Banquet and Business Meeting will be held following the conference program on Thursday evening. This year's banquet will be a smokehouse buffet, including ribs, chicken, turkey, pork roast and all the fixings.

A conference registration form is included in this issue of SYNAPSE. Call Marlyss Giles, St. Margaret's Hospital, Montgomery, 269-8650, for more information. Late registrations will be accepted, but banquet seating can not be guaranteed for registrations received after September 30, 1986.

WORKSHOP

by Maureen Battistella

An advanced microcomputer workshop on bibliographic file management software was held at the University of Alabama Graduate School of Library Science on August 8. Organized by Lisa Rains Russell and sponsored by ALHeLA, the workshop was attended by sixteen librarians.

Jim Prater, Director of the UA Institute for Social Research, was the first speaker, discussing the technical aspects of database file structure. Prater made available a set of his lecture notes and a quick guide to dBASE III.

Sherry McCarthy, Science/Technology Librarian at the Birmingham Public Library was the second speaker, addressing specific software packages suitable for developing and controlling reprint files. Specific evaluative criteria were discussed for each package and distributed as a handout. Sherry's book on reprint file development for health professionals will be published this fall by the Medical Library Association.

Marsha Williams of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, was the final presenter of the day. She discussed an experimental training course held at Meharry to help health practitioners develop microcomputer based reprint file management systems. Although the Meharry experiment was not considered a success, Williams presented many transferrable concepts in initiating file management programs.

Following the formal presentations, several public domain files manager software programs were demonstrated and copied for participants. These programs, Nutshell, PC File III, Procomm, 3x5 Card, and other materials distributed at the workshop are available from Lisa Rains Russell for the cost of duplication. Call her at 348-1360 for more information.

SE/A RMLS

by Jane A. Lambremont

SE/A RMLS Education Coordinator

As you know, the new contract for Regional Medical Library Services in the Southeastern/Atlantic states provides for a two year phaseout period for teaching basic skills by regional staff. When this period is over, these training programs must be taught by local instructors, if they are to continue. SE/A RMLS proposes to design manuals and packets of materials for this training, and is seeking instructors who are willing and qualified to be regionally recognized as teachers in the basic skills training program. Criteria for being listed in the regional registry of recommended instructors include previous teaching experience, ability to give some time to the program, agreement to use regionally produced teaching materials, evaluation forms, and to take any training necessary to achieve teaching skills and subject knowledge. For further information contact Jane A. Lambremont, SE/A RMLS, University of Maryland, Health Sciences Library, 111 S. Greene St., Baltimore, MD. 21201, or telephone (800) 638-6093.

MLA

MLA CERTIFICATION EXAM SCHEDULED

The 1986 Medical Library Association certification exam has been set for Friday, November 7, 1986. Sites for the exam are set up for the convenience of the applicants.

For further information call Eileen Fitzsimmons at the MLA headquarters office, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3208, Chicago, IL 60611; Telephone: (312) 266-2456.

Editor's Corner

Editor's Note:

The following letter was recently received from Kathy Dexter, one of the guiding hands that led to the establishment of ALHeLA, a charter member of the organization, and the first editor of Synapse. In an attached note she requested that I publish this letter in the next edition. I am both pleased and saddened to do so.

107 Christopher Drive
Enterprise, AL. 36330
August 31, 1986

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I say farewell to all my ALHeLA friends. We are moving to Mainz, West Germany, in October, courtesy of the U. S. Army! Mainz is quite an appropriate destination for a librarian -- Johann Gutenberg built the first movable type printing press there in 1456 (remember the Gutenberg Bible???) . We expect to spend three years in Germany and are looking forward to exploring Europe again. I imagine we will see a lot of changes from the way things were ten years ago when we were there.

It has been a great privilege to have participated in the founding of the Alabama Health Libraries Association. My stint as Synapse editor from 1979-1982 was so enjoyable. I have watched with pride as this organization has grown and flourished over the past six years. I have learned a great deal from the many capable people who have guided ALHeLA through these formative years. To each ALHeLA member, I say, "Carry on! Keep up the good work!" You are all leaders, and your continued efforts will assure that health care in Alabama continues to improve, assisted by a dynamic health information network.

And so, my friends, goodbye! Your friendship has enriched both my personal and my professional life.

Sincerely,



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS AND ON THE MOVE

MARIAN BRENNAN, formerly RMLS-2 Satellite Librarian based at Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, is now Continuing Education Manager at the UAB Department of Family Practice. She can be reached at 934-3863.

ROBERT VEENSTRA, Veterinary Librarian at Auburn University Libraries, presented a poster session on organizing faculty publications at the 1986 Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

SUZANNE GREFSHIEM, formerly Associate Director for Technical Services at George Washington University, is now Executive Director of the Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library Service, University of Maryland, Baltimore.

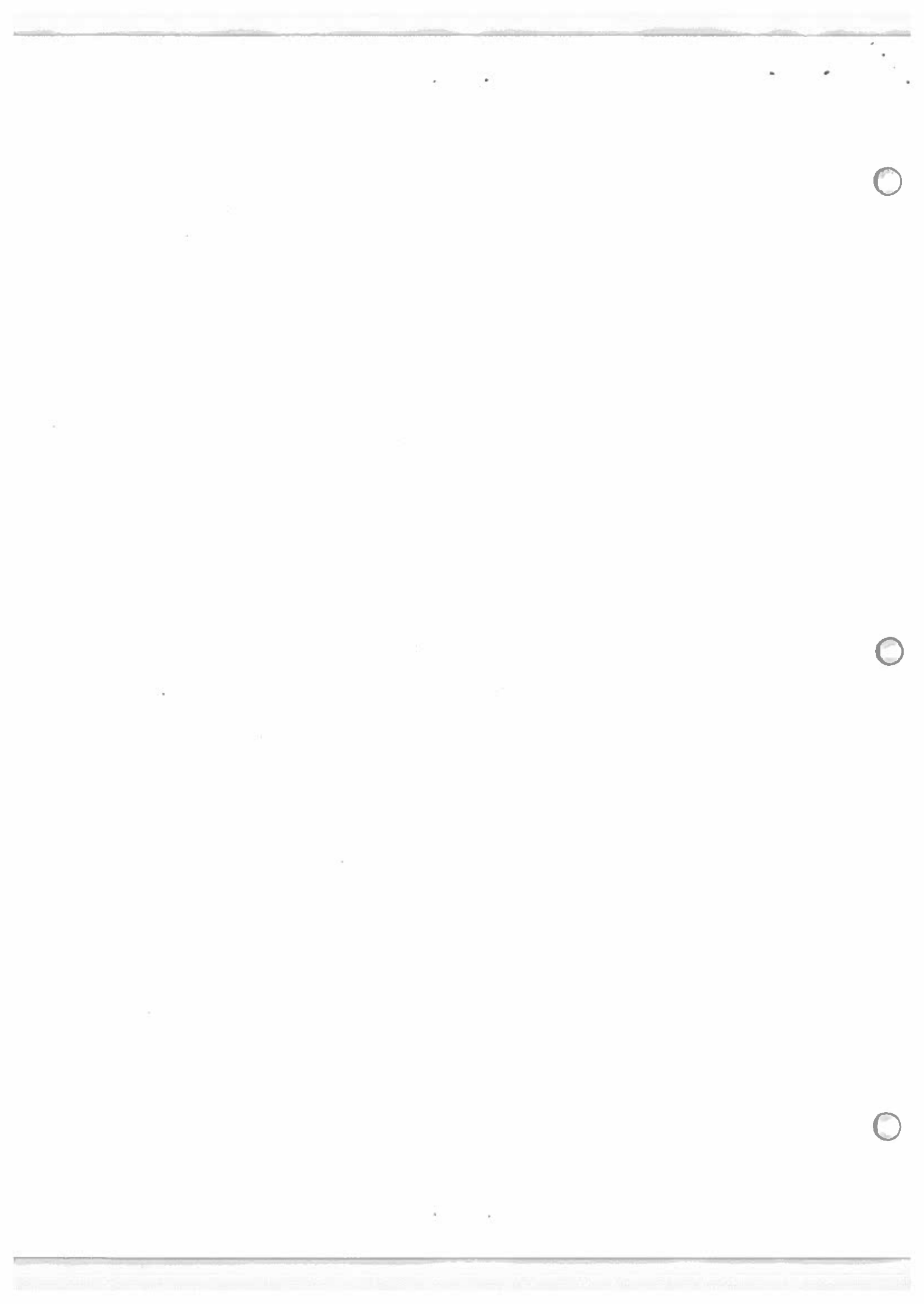
NANCY NUEL has replaced Janice Kelley as the Resource Coordinator at the Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library Service, University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Congratulations to DICK FREDERICKSEN, Director, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, UAB. Dick is on the Ballot for President of the Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association. He also served as the coordinator of the 1986 MLA Contributed Papers sessions.

LYNN FORTNEY, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, UAB, presented a paper entitled "Creating a high performance team: recruitment, interview and selection processes for professional staff positions" at the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

Welcome to MARION PARIS, new faculty member at the University of Alabama Graduate School of Library Science, teaching courses in medical and special librarianship.

Congratulations to the 1986 officers of the Alabama Library Association, Health Science Libraries Round Table: President, Betsy Pertzog; Secretary-Treasurer, Judy Burnham; Moderator Elect, Barbara Shearer; Member-at-Large, Marian Brennan; and Bylaws Representative, Lynn Fortney.



THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA, BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY AND
THE EASTERN REGION ONLINE TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTER PRESENT:

1987 NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE ONLINE SERVICES UPDATE
FOR ALL NLM DATABASE SEARCHERS

SITE FOR UPDATE: Gulf State Park Resort
FULL ADDRESS: P.O. Box 437 Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542
DATE: Friday, October 17, 1986
TIME OF UPDATE: 8AM til 12Noon; 12 Noon til 1PM optional question & answer time

INSTRUCTOR: Micki McIntyre, Assistant Director and Technical Resource Person
(TRP) for the Eastern Region, or other designated TRP.

MATERIALS: Course materials prepared by NLM MEDLARS Management Section will
be distributed to participants at the Update.

AGENDA: Updates and changes in NLM databases for 1987

MLA HAS APPROVED 4.0 CONTACT HOURS FOR THE UPDATE, PARTICIPANTS
MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE SESSION TO RECEIVE FULL CEU CREDIT.
*(PLEASE FILL IN SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON FORM BELOW)

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1987 NLM ONLINE SERVICES UPDATE

Please use a separate form for each registrant.

NAME: _____ *SOC. SEC. NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Are you a _____ Primary Searcher?
_____ Back-up Searcher?
_____ Health Professional End-User?

Approximately how many health care professionals do you serve? _____
How long have you been searching the MEDLARS system? _____

FEE: \$30.00 per person for Update. (Fee includes refreshments and course
materials.)

Please make checks payable to: University of South Alabama Biomedical Library
Send check and registration form to: Amy Nichols
USA Medical Center Library
2451 Fillingim St.
Mobile, AL 36617

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 1986.

Local travel information will be sent to the registrant upon receipt of regist-
ration form and fee. For more information please contact: Amy Nichols

(205) 471-7855





Alabama Health Libraries Association

REGISTRATION FORM

1986 Annual Conference

October 16-17, 1986

Gulf State Park Resort, Gulf Shores, Alabama

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Thursday, October 16, 1986, 8:30-12:00 noon

Meeting JCAH Standards (\$15.00) _____

or parallel session

1986 ABULS Participants Meeting (no charge)

Thursday, October 16, 1986, 1:30-10:00 p.m.

1986 Alhela Conference and Banquet (\$40.00) _____

Friday, October 17, 1986, 8:00 a.m.-

NLM Online Services Update (\$30.00 - separate registration form enclosed)

or parallel session

Introduction to Online Services for the Non-Searcher (\$35.00) _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Registration forms and checks (payable to Alhela) for all events except for the NLM Update should be forwarded by September 15, 1986 to:

Marlyss Giles, Library Manager
St. Margaret's Hospital
P.O. Drawer 311
Montgomery, AL 36195-4701
205-269-8650

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