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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Barbara Doughty

Please mark your calendars! The ALHeLA annual meeting will be held this year September 24th and 25th in Mobile. Joy Harriman, Vice President/President Elect, and her committees have been busy planning an interesting and enjoyable meeting for us. The theme, "Exploring Professional Effectiveness", has been chosen, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you in Mobile.

Speaking of meetings, ALHeLA was well represented at the Alabama Library Forum meeting, which was held in Birmingham on April 28. We express our thanks to ALHeLA members Lynn Fortney and Sondra Pfeiffer for their contributions. Lynn is the Marketing Manager of Biomedical Division of ASCO Subscription Services and presented a program



entitled "Marketing Library Services". As usual, Lynn gave a thought provoking and informative talk and really "packed them in". We had members of other organizations as well as ALHeLA members to attend. Sondra represented ALHeLA at the ALF meetings and took care of all of the arrangements for the program.

Following the program, there was an Executive Committee meeting (see minutes elsewhere in this issue). The Committee has proposed that there be a bylaws change. Our bylaws presently state that fifty-one percent (51%) of the current membership constitutes a quorum. However, Robert's Rules of Order recommends an exact number rather than a percentage. Therefore, the Executive Committee

proposes a bylaws change and will vote on this at its next meeting on August 7, 1992.

Present wording:
ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP
SECTION III: Meetings of Members
Fourth Paragraph--
At any meeting of the members, fifty-one percent (51%) of all then current members of the Corporation present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum of the members for all purposes.

Proposed wording:
At any meeting of the members, seven (7) current members present or represented by proxy shall constitute a quorum of the members for all purposes.

If any member has questions or comments concerning this change, please call me at (205)348-1364. The Executive Committee welcomes your thoughts on this proposal.

EXPLORING PROFESSIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

1992 ALHeLA Annual Conference

September 24 - 25, 1992 in Mobile, Alabama

The concept we will address through the Continuing Education courses at this year's annual meeting is professionalism and effectiveness in our own environment. ALHeLA will offer 11.0 CE hours at the meeting!

Thursday's continuing education course will address "Presenting a Professional Image", by identifying methods for self-improvement and personal development. Ms. Judy Marston has developed this day-long course to fill the needs of both businesswomen and businessmen, as well as their spouses who choose to attend.

The format of the conference will change this year in that we will have a second half day of continuing education. Friday morning we will convene with Bryant Chow, Consultant, and Christian Jones, Chief of Library Services, VA Medical Center, Biloxi, MS, and Chair, Southern Chapter of MLA. These two presenters will focus on the Joint Commission's application of total quality management philosophies to the health care environment and the important roles that hospital librarians have in the hospital wide process.

The luncheon following the continuing education program on Friday will include our business meeting.

The conference will be held in the Malaga Inn, the only hotel of its kind in Alabama. It was originally two townhouses built in 1862 by brothers-in-law when the war was going well for the South. The two homes have been lovingly restored around a quiet patio and intimate garden. All the rooms have been individually decorated, reminiscent of the finest in southern tradition and have been a major attraction for those who relish historic Mobile and Old Town atmosphere. All functions of the conference, with the exception of the Thursday evening banquet aboard a cruise ship in Mobile Bay, will be held in the Malaga Inn.

There are only 40 rooms at the Malaga Inn and we have retained only 30 of these. PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. We will try to coordinate two individuals per restored room (frequently with twin beds), so if you have a choice for roommates, speak up early!

--submitted by Joy Harriman,
Vice President/President Elect

Executive Committee Minutes - April 28, 1992

The Alabama Health Libraries Association Executive Committee met April 28, 1992 in Birmingham. Attending were Judy Burnham, Geneva Bush, Nancy Clemmons, Barbara Doughty, Kathy Feters, Jay Harris, Sandra Pfeiffer and Lisa Russell.

Corrections of the Jan. 31 meeting were sent to Tamera Lee, Secretary. The corrected minutes will be printed in Synapse.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed. Any profit or deficit of the Alabama Library Forum will be split between the participating organizations based on the number of members of each attending.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Discussion was held on a title for the meeting. "Exploring Professional Effectiveness" was the theme chosen. One hundred dollars has been received from Tuscaloosa Library Bindery, and a 35mm camera has been received from Kodak. Story Co. will donate a copy board. Jay suggested that a follow-up letter or phone call be made to vendors.

BY-LAWS/HANDBOOK

A question was raised concerning the quorum for voting at the Annual Meeting. The current Handbook states that 51% of the membership constitutes a quorum. By-laws of other organizations specify a number, and a number is required by Roberts' Rules of Order. After discussion, the Executive Committee decided to recommend that the Handbook be changed to state that 7 members will constitute a quorum. This will be put into Synapse and the Executive Committee will vote at their next scheduled meeting, August 7.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (Genny Bush)

The paperwork required to obtain MLA CE credit for the Annual Meeting Continuing Education programs is being processed. Information on the course will be sent to non-medical librarians in the Mobile area. Twenty people at \$40.00 each will cover the expenses of \$800.00.

DIRECTORY (Judy Burnham)

Questionnaires, membership brochures and a self-addressed stamped envelope were sent to 188 health care facilities requesting information for the 1992 ALHeLA Directory. A letter requesting advertisements will be sent to vendors on the Annual Meeting vendor list. The cost of the ads will be \$200.00 for full page, \$100.00 for one-half page, \$50.00 for one-quarter page and \$250.00 for the inside back cover.

Ms. Burnham stated that she needed to obtain information on past presidents, past meeting sites and charter members. Ms. Russell stated that A.J. Wright should be able to gather this information together from the archives.

Nancy Clemmons will edit the Handbook section.

Ms. Burnham stated that USA is no longer a part of the Alanet system. Therefore, she will not be able to make follow-up telephone calls and will need assistance.

Both EBSCO AND USA Publications will be contacted to get price quotes for printing the Directory. Complimentary copies will be sent to the SEA/NNLM, APLS, NLM and SC/MLA.

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EXCHANGE (Jay Harris)

Jay Harris will send a letter to ALHeLA members soon regarding the use of BookQuest and SerialsQuest for desired items.

LIAISON (Sandra Pfeiffer)

Ms. Pfeiffer has attended two meetings of ALF since the last Executive Committee meeting and helped stuff envelopes. Ms. Doughty noted that Ms. Pfeiffer was the only member to attend every ALF planning meeting. She thanked Ms. Pfeiffer for hard work in coordinating ALHeLA participation in ALF. Thirty-nine attended the program.

MEMBERSHIP (Barbara Doughty for Pat Rodgers)

There are currently 13 personal and 10 institutional members of ALHeLA for a total of 23 members. It was suggested that Synapse list the current members with a reminder that March 1 is the deadline for renewal of membership.

SYNAPSE (Barbara Doughty for Beth Laughlin)

A new issue will be sent out soon.

UNION LIST

It was noted that Maureen Battistella will require about 30 minutes at the Annual Meeting to cover the Union List. This can be a part of the business meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Doughty stated that she had sold a copy of the MASA Manual, and was asked if we want to do an update. The Committee decided to table until the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Judy Burnham

NEWS FROM ALHeLA MEMBERS

From Mary Fran Prottzman:

I took the TQM CE course taught by Holly Buchanan at MLA. It was excellent, both in content and in presentation. I'll be glad to ILL the syllabus to anyone who so requests. Contents include: overview, history, comparison of the philosophies of Juran, Deming, Cosby and CQI (JCAHO), and utilization of statistical tools. Sample library applications are included in the appendices. The syllabus clearly defines what TQM is and is not and has a simple chart which differentiates the different philosophies. The bibliography includes books, journals and videos and serves as an initial collection development tool. I highly recommend the syllabus to anyone who is interested in TQM from a collection development standpoint or as a tool for the library QI program.

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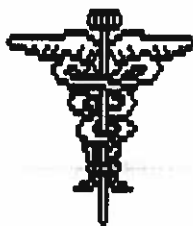
News from NNLM

Southeastern/Atlantic Region

RML staff are pleased to announce the publication of **Assessing the Information Needs of Health Professionals: An Annotated Bibliography**. The bibliography includes 108 references from the biomedical and information science literature.

References to journal articles, monographs, grants and dissertations are included. More than 22 literature sources were screened to obtain several hundred citations from which included items were chosen. Appendices include pertinent articles and reviews of the literature before 1985 and general readings on information needs. To order the bibliography, contact the RML office, 1-800-338-7657.

Requests for Quotations for exhibiting at health professional meetings were mailed to all state library association presidents and consortia presidents in the Southeastern/Atlantic Region in early June. At least seven proposals will be funded for up to \$1500 each. The funding is meant to give local librarians an opportunity



to promote network libraries, the services of the National Libraries of Medicine and Grateful Med at the local and state levels. This will complement the NLM and RML exhibit schedule by reaching individuals who may not be able to attend national meetings. The deadline for proposals is September 1.

In May, RML staff attended the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association. RML staff presented several papers, including one on Loansome Doc and one on the newly published bibliography. If you were unable to attend but would like to listen to the sessions, tapes from the annual meeting area available from the RML office. The tapes can be checked out by contacting Evelyn Peyton.

Version 6.0 of Grateful Med for IBM compatible computers was released June 1. A review of the new features appears in the January/February issue of NLM Technical Bulletin, pages 6-16. This version of the program has been altered so that existing Internet and Novell connections can be used to access the NLM computer. NLM also encourages librarians to use the Internet to access DOCLINE. The July/August issue of SEA Currents will include articles on how to learn more about the Internet, how to obtain Internet access and how to access NLM databases via the Internet.

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