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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Wow! It is hard to believe that the annual meeting is next week. This time last year Jie and I were putting the finishing touches on the 2003 meeting in Orange Beach. And now it's Martha's and Lee's turn. They have planned for us what promises to be a great time in Huntsville. The program looks as if it will be both educational and informative, varied in offerings.



Michael Fitts, Cindy Mitchell and Justin Robertson, our members-at-large, have been reviewing meeting attendance awards and have selected Jana Slay and Susan Clemmons to receive Scholarships for Librarians with Limited Institutional Support awards to assist with annual meeting expenses. We will be reading about their meeting experiences in the article they will write for the post convention issue of the *Synapse*. Hong Ma has been awarded the Student Scholarship to attend this meeting. We look forward to hearing her paper at the business meeting.

I had a peek at the Nominating Committee's slate and am excited about the list of candidates for leadership next year. A capable group! Thanks to Tracy Powell, Nominating Committee chair, and her committee, Pat Higginbottom and Judy Burnham for making excellent choices and to the candidates for accepting the nominations for these positions of responsibility.

This is the year to update the ALHeLA directory. Hopefully, all of you updated your information and sent it to Jana Slay by the deadline. She plans to have the directories to distribute at the annual meeting.

Ellen Sayed is reviewing the Handbook. If you have any suggestions to make about additions or changes, she would like to hear from you. The Handbook needs to stay current so that new Executive Committee members have an accurate description of how the Association works.

Martha Verchot, our in-coming president, will be looking for new committee chairs and other appointed positions on the Executive Committee, if you are interested in serving your Association, let her know. She needs to hear from those who are looking for responsibility.

See you in Huntsville.

Geneva Bush Staggs
2004 ALHeLA President

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24th Annual Meeting
Alabama Health Libraries Association
Charting the Future Together

The Hilton Huntsville is located in the historic downtown area of one of the South's most dynamic cities. The hotel overlooks the lakeside gazebo in Big Spring International Park and is adjacent to the Von Braun Civic Center.

ALHeLA Conference Chair: Martha Verchot

Together we can help chart a healthier future for all Alabamians by facilitating access to authoritative health-related information and resources.

When?
Thursday-Friday,
September 16-17, 2004

Where?
Huntsville Hilton
Huntsville, Alabama

UPDATING OCLC AND SERHOLD HOLDINGS

Effective July 2003, OCLC participants that update SERHOLD online, can use their SERHOLD holdings to update OCLC data with a quarterly batch update from NLM. This eliminates the need for double keying holdings data. NLM later added the capability of updating SERHOLD holdings with OCLC data. To authorize NLM to send quarterly batch updates to OCLC, or update SERHOLD from OCLC, check the appropriate box in your library's DOCLINE profile as follows:

Access DOCLINE.

Click on Institution and enter your library's DOCLINE code.

Click on Update.

On the subnavigation bar, select Membership, then Serial Holdings.

On the Serial Holdings screen, make your selection:

"No authorization given",

"Send holdings to OCLC", or

"Update holdings from OCLC".

Enter your OCLC symbol.

Click on Save.

For further information about this convenient feature:

Send holdings to OCLC from SERHOLD:

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/services/doc_batch_update_serholdtooclc_docuser_update.html

Update SERHOLD from OCLC

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/services/doc_batch_update_oclctoserhold_docuser_update.html

SERHOLD Fact Sheet:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/serhold.html>

Regional Coordinators are available to assist libraries with this process.

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In addition, Sylvia McAphee and Ellen Sayed are available for Alabama libraries that would like assistance with the updating process.

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ALHeLA Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, May 7, 2004

Alabama Public Library Service
Montgomery

Present: Geneva Staggs, Tracy Powell, Martha Verchot, Sylvia McAfee, Michael Fitts, Cindy Mitchell, Justin Robertson, Ellen Sayed, Lee Vucovich, Jana Slay, Robert Avant, Pat Higginbottom, Kay Smith

1. **Call to Order:** President Geneva Staggs called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.
It was decided to address the business item from Robert Avant before the regular business meeting. Robert presented and explained the document: *Memorandum: AULS Holdings May 7 2004*. Because Robert will retire in August of 2004, he wanted to clarify that ALHeLA's AULS holdings still remain in the OCLC Union List Subsystem database (as do the holdings of most other contributors.) Several options were presented in the memorandum.
Discussion: Tracy suggested a committee be formed to work on this and contact the member libraries. Sylvia volunteered find out about ramifications with OCLC and SERHOLD and report back at the July meeting; Ellen volunteered to work with her. Geneva suggested each library needs to request to be deleted by the system. Tracy suggested the ALHeLA committee explain the options to member libraries and compile the decisions of each ALHeLA library.
2. **Introduction of New Committee Member:** New Member-at-Large Cindy Mitchell, Cary Veterinary Library, Auburn University was introduced.
3. **Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2004:** The approval was postponed because no copies were available for review.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Sylvia McAfee presented an interim report, noting that the current balance is \$5931.59. This does not include some pending expenditures or the left over monies from the Alabama Statewide Planning Grant. (\$1538.) Sylvia noted that a copy of the revised and updated May budget will be sent to the executive committee later this month.
Discussion: Small grants can be processed through ALHeLA. This makes them easier to administer and saves processing fees that might be occurred through university grant offices. Excess funds revert to ALHeLA and are used to fund programs in keeping with original grant purpose.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **By-Laws:** Ellen Sayed- no report
 - b. **Continuing Education-** Lee Vucovich reported Kay Hogan Smith has agreed to do a workshop on Health Literacy. She has contacted Toni Yancey about a class on ToxNet or Clinical Trials.gov. She would like to find someone to teach a workshop on "Presentation Pizzazz" or something similar on public presentations and communication.
 - c. **Directory:** Jana Slay reported the directors of the member libraries will be contacted. They were asked to provide library size and ILL policy for the directory.
 - d. **Liaison:** Robert Avant reported at the beginning of the meeting.
 - e. **Membership:** Susie has completed the membership roster. She will send reminders to the fourteen members who have not yet renewed. They have not been removed from the list.
 - f. **Synapse:** Diane Williams- no report
 - g. **Web Coordinator:** Pat Higginbottom reported there were 209 hits on the web page in January. She is updating the officers and Synapse pages.
 - h. **Nominations:** Tracy Powell reported that she is forming the nominating committee.
 - i. **Members at Large:** Michael Fitts welcomed Cindy to the committee and reported they are working on the scholarship. Justin reported he has received a grant to present at the MASA Convention. Cindy is working on a grant to present to veterinarians.

6. Old Business:

- a. **Statewide Planning Meeting:** Tracy reported on the successful Statewide Planning meeting held at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. The budget was \$5984 (NLM limit was \$6000.) The T1 connection was a nice improvement. Fifteen representatives of ALHeLA, public libraries and state agencies attended the brainstorming session. The main goals resulting from the meeting were to train the public librarians statewide to better answer health questions, to have ALHeLA publicity committee to write newsletter articles for HCP groups in Alabama, to do a formal needs assessment, and to target association meetings for exhibiting and programs. The full report is online at <http://www.uab.edu/lister/alhela/outreach>
- b. **ALHeLA Scholarships:** The committee will provide two scholarships. One will offer a scholarship to the annual meeting to a student who submits a winning essay. The other will send a librarian whose institution offers little financial support for meeting attendance.
- c. **2004 Annual Meeting:** Martha reported that the annual meeting will be September 16th and 17th in Huntsville. The probable site is the Hilton Hotel, which is downtown. It was suggested that the Thursday night dinner be at the local jazz themed restaurant.

7. New Business

- a. **Closed Session**
- b. **Follow up to Statewide Planning Meeting:** Tracy explained that a recommendation of the planning meeting was that the ALHeLA publicity committee would write a publicity piece, probably on a resource, monthly and distribute it to local newspapers and newsletters, such as the Alabama State Nurses Newsletter. Tracy moved that the publicity committee produce information items and distribute them to appropriate outlets. Michael Fitts seconded the motion. Discussion centered on bringing this recommendation to the business meeting to recruit committee members. The ideal committee would have at least 4 members and would create and maintain the distribution list for the information items. The motion was passed unanimously.
- c. **Health InfoNet/GoLocal:** Kay explained the Health InfoNet model. HealthInfoNet is a co-operative health resource that provides support, training and backup for public libraries to answer their patron's consumer health questions. Currently, Jefferson County, Shelby County and Lister Hill Library are in the co-operative, but Health InfoNet has been selected as a the Alabama GoLocal site for MedlinePlus. This means a state-wide expansion. Kay requested help from ALHeLA with training initiatives in the public libraries. APLS has agreed to partner with HealthInfoNet Alabama in the GoLocal project. Tracy mentioned the quarterly APLS directors meeting. Kay is presenting on July 15th. Ellen mentioned the NAAL group is working on a partnership to teach libraries the use of OCLC; she suggested contacting Sue Medina as a possible partner with the teaching. Geneva and Justin also offered the University of South Alabama to help with the instruction.
- d. **Additional follow-up on the Statewide Planning meeting.** It was recommended that more health information exhibits and programs be presented at non-library meetings, and that the surplus grant funds from the statewide planning meeting be used to support health information outreach activities.

8. **Announcements:** Jana announced that Troy State University is consolidating all campuses, and will now be named Troy University.

It was announced that UAB researchers will be in Zambia as part of President Bush's AIDS initiative.

9. **Adjournment:** President Geneva Staggs adjourned the meeting at 11:50a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lee Clemans-Taylor, Secretary

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1. **Call to Order:** President Geneva Staggs called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.
2. **Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2004:** Lee Vucovich recorded the minutes at the May 7, 2004 meeting on behalf of Lee Clemans-Taylor, who was unable to attend. The minutes were distributed to committee members for approval. Several errors were identified, due to a problem when trying to auto format the document. All of the errors were corrected and the minutes were approved. Lee Vucovich will email copies of the corrected, approved minutes to all committee members next week. **Treasurer's Report:** Sylvia McAphee distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for July 2004 to all members present. Sylvia reported that the bank account balance as of 6/30/04 was \$5,920.26 (includes all grant monies, etc.) The balance, as of 7/23/04, minus all award monies is \$3,175.15.
3. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Bylaws**—Ellen Sayed reported that she is about to begin a revision of the Handbook, and will be contacting each member for discussion.
 - b. **Continuing Education**—Lee Vucovich reported that two of the CE programs are lined up for the September 2004 Annual Meeting: Kay Hogan Smith will be presenting on Health Literacy and Tony Yancey on ClinicalTrials.gov/Overview of the Drug Development Process. The third CE presenter has not been identified yet. Lee is continuing to contact possibilities and asked members for suggestions.
 - c. **Directory**—Jana Slay reported that the survey form is about to go out in the mail.
 - d. **Liaison**—Robert Avant—no report
 - e. **Membership**—Susie Corbett will be sending a report out to members. She is in North Carolina recovering from surgery.
 - f. **Synapse**—no report—Diane Williams is out of town.
 - g. **Web Coordinator**—Pat Higginbottom is in the process of transitioning the web coordinator responsibilities to Justin Robertson. Justin asks that anyone with comments, suggestions on what they would like to see on the web page, to please contact him. The web site will be moving to the USA Biomedical Library server. To assist with the move, Pat Higginbottom will be setting up a re-direct page.
 - h. **Nominations**—Tracy Rowell reported that the slate is not quite finished yet. She, Judy Burnham, and Pat Higginbottom will email the completed slate to committee members soon. Then, at the September 2004 Business Meeting, the final slate will be made available to the membership-at-large for approval, along with any nominations from the floor.
 - i. **Members-at-Large**—Michael Fitts, Cindy Mitchell, Justin Robertson reported that they are working on completing the Scholarship preparations in order to meet the deadline for the Annual Meeting. It was suggested that the Scholarship application be mounted on the ALHeLA web site in order to allow applicants more time to respond before the deadline.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. **ALHeLA Scholarships**—An interest was expressed in a change of name for the SLIS Annual Meeting Scholarship. Before proceeding with further discussion, Geneva requested that the Handbook/Bylaws be reviewed to see if a vote of the membership-at-large is required for a name change. In the meantime, Lee Vucovich made a motion that the membership-at-large vote about a possible name change at the September 2004 Business meeting. Sylvia McAphee seconded, and all members agreed by a show of hands.
 - b. **HealthInfoNet/GoLocal**—Kay Hogan Smith is holding a meeting of the Health InfoNet Expansion Training Committee here at the APLS immediately after the ALHeLA meeting. She reported that the indexing system is live, and log in names will be assigned to people who want to be indexers. On July 15th, Kay spoke at the APLS to a library administrators' meeting. The HealthInfoNet was the main topic. Justin Robertson has agreed to work on the web site.
 - c. **2004 Annual Meeting**—Things are coming together for the Annual Meeting to be held in Huntsville on September 16th and 17th. Martha distributed a draft of the preliminary program that looked very nice with graphics and other extras. She still has questions for the new coordinator at the Huntsville Hilton about wireless options, etc. The Thursday night banquet will be held at the Jazz Factory, a restaurant located in a renovated building in historic downtown area of Huntsville, just a couple of blocks away from the Hilton. She also distributed menu options for members to review. Discussion followed that if there ended up being any need to raise the cost of activities for the Annual Meeting, it should be the registration fee, not the CE classes.

d. **Other**—no other Old Business reported.

5. **New Business:**

- a. **ALLA 2005 Meeting**—Geneva reported that she, Jana Slay, and Judy Burnham won a free exhibit booth space (with an estimated value of \$400) for the 2005 ALLA Meeting. It will be held either at the end of April or the first of May 2005 at the Birmingham Jefferson County Convention Center. Geneva asked if anyone would be interested in volunteering to coordinate the exhibit for next year. Lee Vucovich and Martha Verchot, and possibly others from UAB Lister Hill Library expressed an interest in planning the exhibit. Geneva offered to fill them in on all of the details involved in writing the NN/LM grant for the exhibit. NN/LM provides the board and all of the exhibit materials.
- b. **Liaison Position**—With the retirement of Robert Avant in August 2004, the Liaison Position will be vacant. Everyone agrees that this is an important position on the executive committee that should be kept, and the vacancy needs to be filled as soon as possible. Geneva requested that the Handbook/Bylaws be checked first to confirm the exact wording on the requirements necessary to fill the Liaison Position. In a brief discussion, it was mentioned that it would be great to have a Public Librarian in that position, with all of the HealthInfoNet and GoLocal activities currently going on.
- c. **Other**—Tracy Powell contacted Geneva recently about the possibility of ALHeLA serving as a co-sponsor for the upcoming UAB Lister Hill Library PDA fair (in October 2004). It will be promoted as an event for health professionals to gain more knowledge about the current health information uses of PDA's. If ALHeLA agrees to act as a subcontractor for the grant through the NN/LM, and to subsequently administer the funds from the NN/LM (approximately \$5000), this participation will provide a tremendous help in cutting down on the fees and paperwork that would normally be required if going through the University. Geneva commented that it seemed like a good idea, especially if there will be statewide publicity. Tracy added that ALHeLA would be listed as a co-sponsor in all of the forthcoming publicity and advertisements. All of the members agreed that this sounded like a good opportunity for ALHeLA.

Cindy Mitchell reported on the presentation that she and others gave at the Alabama Veterinarian's Association Meeting held in Point Clear recently. She commented that it went very well, even with all the inclement weather going on. About 260 practicing and semi-retired Veterinarians attended and responded positively to the presentations. Many did not know anything about PubMed, and were very appreciative to be hearing about all of the web based health resources that are currently available to meet the information needs of the veterinarian profession. Cindy thinks that it would be worthwhile for ALHeLA to check into becoming a regular part of the Alabama Veterinarian Association program. In addition, Cindy asked if she could contribute information from the meeting to an ALHeLA archive. Tracy Powell responded that an archival home for ALHeLA documents, etc. is in limbo at the moment. The UAB Archives will eventually serve as the archive for ALHeLA, due to the fact that it is the official health archive for the state. All of the details and arrangements are not complete at this time. Geneva commented that ALHeLA members are aware of the importance of maintaining an archive; therefore, please continue to save all important documents that will eventually be placed in the UAB Archives.

Tracy Powell announced that she will give an hour presentation on the topic of finding health information at the Alabama State Nursing Association meeting to be held in Auburn on September 15th. She will give that presentation, then immediately leave for the ALHeLA meeting in Huntsville.

Ellen Sayed and Sylvia McAphee gave an update on the progress they have made concerning the document: *Memorandum: AULS Holdings May 7 2004* that Robert Avant presented to the committee at the May 7th meeting. The issue is that ALHeLA AULS holdings still remain in the OCLC Union List Subsystem. Ellen and Sylvia took on the task of communicating with member libraries about the options of removing their holdings. They have also offered to act as consultants by answering individual library's questions, and offering advice and suggestions. In addition, they will provide information and announcements to be published in SYNAPSE and on the web site. A report will be compiled and given at the September Business Meeting. They are hoping for a final decision to be made by January 2005.

6. **Announcements:**

- a. **NAAL Public Health Training** – Ellen Sayed reported that she attended the NAAL meeting held on July 15th. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to present consumer health information to health care providers, such as Public Health Departments. It was also mentioned at the meeting that MedlinePlus should be added to the Alabama Virtual Library, but more discussion will be required before making a decision, due to various concerns that were raised. Ellen mentioned that there is no schedule set up yet for training workshops, but she will keep the committee updated on the project.
- b. **Other**—No other announcements were made.

7. **Adjournment:**

President Geneva Staggs adjourned the meeting at 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted, Lee Clemans-Taylor, Secretary

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