

**Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries (CONBLS)
Business Meeting
Ridgeland, MS, October 19, 2013**

The 2013 Business Meeting was called to order by Judy Burnham, CONBLS Chair. Nadine Dexter moved approval of the 2012 Business Meeting Minutes. Fatima Mncube-Barnes seconded and the motion was approved.

Attendees introduced themselves. CONBLS members recognized Jan LaBeause as our special guest and thanked her for her many years of service to CONBLS.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Fatima Mncube-Barnes. The total balance as of October 16, 2013, is \$22,803.83 (\$1,600.64 in savings and \$21,203.19 in checking). The previous balance report as of October 5, 2012, was \$14,023.40. Ruth Riley moved approval of the 2012-13 Treasurer's Report. Nadine Dexter seconded and the motion was approved.

The Nominating Committee (Suresh Ponnappa, Chair, Barbara Shearer and Nadine Dexter) nominated Irma Quinones as Chair-Elect. Kim Meeks seconded the nomination. The floor was opened for additional nominations, but none were received. Quinones was elected unanimously.

The By-Laws Review Committee was chaired by Suresh Ponnappa, with members Sandra Franklin and Ruth Riley. Franklin reported for the committee. One of the CONBLS members requested a review of the CONBLS name in an effort to make the abbreviation "CONBLS" consistent with the name appearing on the certificate of incorporation. The name on the certificate of incorporation is "Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries" though members commonly refer to the organization as the Consortium of Biomedical Libraries in/of the South. After some discussion, it was decided that it is not necessary at this time to change the name of the organization to match the commonly used abbreviation "CONBLS."

Joe Swanson reported on the CONBLS Salary Survey report for 2013. One CONBLS library has not reported its data yet but has indicated that this will be done soon after the CONBLS business meeting. Once this is completed, Swanson will distribute the report to CONBLS members. Tom Basler was recognized for his hard work and contributions to this effort throughout the history of the Salary Survey.

Fatima Mncube-Barnes invited members to the 2014 CONBLS retreat to be hosted by the Meharry Medical College from April 9-11, 2014. Nadine Dexter and Rick Wallace volunteered to serve on the retreat planning committee with Mncube-Barnes.

Judy Burnham presented the Distinguished Library Award to the University of Central Florida. The Distinguished Library Award Committee was chaired by Tom Basler with members, Michael Fitts and Brenda Seago. The award recognizes the work of UCF for its groundbreaking work in the library-centered deployment of tablets. The Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library was the first academic medical library in the U.S. to distribute iPads to all medical students in 2011, and to all medical students and full-time faculty in 2012. The library is undertaking a 2-year study of the impact of this program which will benefit others in the field. Nadine Dexter, Director of the Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library, accepted the award on behalf of UCF.

New Business

The chairs for the 2013-14 committees were named:

- Nominating Committee.....Judy Burnham, Chair
- By-Law Review Committee.....Judy Burnham, Chair
- Distinguished Library Committee.....Nadine Dexter, Chair

Burnham thanked members for their reports which were distributed prior to the meeting.

Clark was introduced as the incoming CONBLS Chair and Burnham passed the gavel to her.

Scott Plutchak described a new organizational library structure at UAB. The two UAB libraries are merging into a single organization. Recruitment for a dean of libraries will begin this fall.

Nadine Dexter described her experiences with 24/7 access at UCF and asked about other CONBLS member experiences.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Shearer, Secretary, CONBLS

Attendees:

ALABAMA

University of Alabama, Birmingham

T. Scott Plutchak

University of South Alabama

Judy Burnham

Geneva Staggs

FLORIDA

University of Miami Miller

JoAnn VanSchaik

Kim Loper

University of Florida

Cecilia Botero

University of Central Florida

Nadine Dexter

Michael Garner

Pamela Herring

University of South Florida

No representative

Florida State University

Barbara Shearer

Martin Wood

Florida International University

David Boilard

GEORGIA

Emory University

Sandra Franklin

Georgia Health Sciences University

Brenda Seago

Kathy Davies

Mercer University School of Medicine

Kim Meeks

Carolann Curry

Jan LaBeause

Morehouse School of Medicine

Joe Swanson

Roland Welmaker

Tara Douglas-Williams

MISSISSIPPI

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Susan Clark

PUERTO RICO

University of Puerto Rico

Irma Quinones

Nilca Parrilla

SOUTH CAROLINA

Medical University of South Carolina

Randall Watts

University of South Carolina

Ruth Riley

University of South Carolina Greenville

Thomas Gore

TENNESSEE

East Tennessee State University

MarthaWhaley

Rick Wallace

Meharry Medical College

Fatima Barnes

University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Tom Singarella

Yvonne Mills

Gwen Jackson

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Zachary Fox