

**CONBLS Business Meeting,
Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa
October 29, 2008**

Attending: Barbara Shearer, Chair (FSU), Suresh Ponnappa and Rick Wallace (ETSU) Sandra Franklin and Anna Getselman (Emory), Dave Boiland (FIU), David King (MCG), Laura Cousineau and Randall Watts (MUSC), Jan La Beause, Anna Krampl and Kim Meeks (Mercer), Fatima Barnes and Don Dryden (Meherry), Mary Moore and Suzy Burrows (Miami), Cynthia Henderson (Morehouse), Nadine Dexter (U Central Florida), Beth Layton, (U Florida), Kathy Moeller (U Florida Jacksonville) T. Scott Plutchek and Liz Lorbeer (UAB), Susan Clark (U Miss) Irma Quinones and Zaida Garcia (U of Puerto Rico), Beverly Shattock (U South Florida), Judy Burnham and Geneva Staggs (USA), Felicia Yeah (USC), Tom Singarella, Deborah Powell, Mary Williams, and Richard Nolan (U TN), Francis Lynch (Vanderbilt)

Chair, Barbara Shearer, welcomed attendees and asked for introductions. She expressed her appreciation to Scott Plutchak, UAB for making arrangements for the meeting. She then recognized new and interim directors:

David King, Medical College of Georgia
Irma Quinones, U of Puerto Rico
Susan Clark, University of Mississippi

Tom Singarella moved that the minutes from 2008 Special Business Meeting, April 5, 2008 be approved as submitted. Cynthia Henderson seconded and the motion was approved.

Chair Shearer noted that the Bylaws changes were discussed at the April 2008 Special Business meeting. They were then presented for approval via an electronic survey. Seventeen members voted approval. The approval will be recorded in the official minutes.

Criteria for membership were a part of the bylaws discussion at the April meeting. Chair Shearer suggested that this issue might be re-addressed in the future to possibly include osteopathic institution libraries.

Treasurer's Report – Suresh Ponnappa

Ponnappa distributed a printed Treasurer's Report (see attached) He highlighted the beginning balance, amount spent and present balance He noted that July-June is the fiscal year for the association. Membership dues will go up to \$300 dollars for next year and invoices will be mailed in January. He also expressed appreciation for get well cards and wishes that he received.

Nominating Committee – Cynthia Henderson

Cynthia Henderson, Chair of the Nominating Committee reported that Sandra Franklin had been elected Chair-Elect via electronic voting.

Distinguished Library Awards – Tom Singarella, Chair

No award this year

New Business

2010 Retreat – Judy Burnham

Judy will poll members regarding best dates, preferred location and hotel type, type of speaker, etc.

Oral History/Ongoing History of CONBLS – Cynthia Henderson

Tom Basler wrote an informal history of CONBLS from his point of view. Henderson proposed that an oral memory similar to that of Southern Chapter be prepared, using Basler's as a basis and adding documents to complement it. It was noted that a structured format needs to be used. Scott Plutchak noted that he plans to edit Tom's report. The final document will be posted on the CONBLS web site. Those suggested for oral history interviews include Henry Lemkau, Janet Fisher, Faith Meakin, Tamera Lee and Ada Seltzer. It was suggested to ask participants if they would prefer the written or oral interview process.

Tom Singarella asked about updates to web page. The typical process is for the CONBLS Chair to send information to Plutchak, the Web Editor, for updating; however, others are encouraged to send updates as well.

Brief reports from member Library Directors were given at the meeting or submitted for inclusion in the minutes. (See attached)

There being no further business, the gavel was passed to 2008-2009 Chair, Mary Moore, and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Judy Burnham, Secretary