

**CONBLS Business Meeting  
CONBLS Retreat, April 9, 2010  
Mobile, AL**

The business meeting was called to order by Sandra Franklin. Jan LaBeause moved that the 2009 Business Meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Cynthia Henderson seconded and the minutes were approved.

Barbara Shearer reported for the Nominating Committee. An electronic vote was held, but needed to be affirmed. The officers elected for 2010 were: Nadine Dexter, Chair-Elect and Fatima Barnes, Treasurer. Dexter will take office after the October Business meeting and Barnes will take office immediately. Suresh Ponnappa moved and Cynthia Henderson seconded that the election be ratified. It was approved. Sandra Franklin noted appreciation for Ponnappa's ten years of service as Treasurer.

Mary Moore will chair the Nominating Committee to elect the officers for 2011. Tom Singarella and Frances Lynch volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Suresh Ponnappa noted that the complete Treasurer's Report will be given at the October Business Meeting. He reported about \$8400 in the account and that seventeen of the twenty-one members had paid their 2010 dues.

CONBLS Salary Survey

Tom Basler asked if CONBLS members wanted to continue with the salary survey and if so, what changes in what is collected needed to be made, if any. He stated that he was willing for someone else to take over the project. Dexter noted that the Salary Survey was very helpful when she set up a new library to have the salary information for the region. Other agreed. It was noted that everyone needs to agree they will participate, but also noted that some may have problems with disclosing that information.

Archives

Tom Basler noted that MUSC has served as the Archive for CONBLS, but he would like to pass it on to another institution. He noted that the web has changed what and how we collect materials. He asked Franklin to appoint a committee to decide what to do with the archives. Scott Plutchak stated that UAB has the Southern Chapter archives and he has an archivist on staff. Plutchak, Dexter, Franklin and Basler will review this issue.

Retreat Reimbursement

Franklin noted that a motion from a previous meeting states that "individual library directors may request retreat funding for transportation and /or lodging for his/her own travel or for travel for his/her Designee by submitting a request to the Officers of the Board no less than 60 days before the date of the retreat. The Officers will approve requests based on availability of the budget." This year three individuals were funded for travel up to \$560 each. The question was raised as to whether the funding should cover transportation and lodging. A concern was noted that as institutional funding is

decreased, there may be more requests. Ponnappa noted that the policy 10 years ago covered mileage only. Plutchak noted that when Retreats were re-instituted, membership dues were charged at a level to reimburse travel, but lodging cost was up to the individual. Ruth Riley suggested that the wording be left as is and let the Board decide on a case-by-case basis. Singarella suggested that the Board look at the AAHSL travel rules.

Ponnappa also questioned the policy of allowing Directors to bring a colleague to the Annual meeting luncheon. It was noted that the purpose of this policy was to give the colleagues the experience of interaction of the group. It was also noted that the dues were increased to cover this policy.

Moore suggested that the Board now has flexibility and they need to keep that flexibility. Ponnappa says that CONBLS may be able to furnish mileage for everyone. LaBeause noted that the Board should be given flexibility to review requests and decide how to divide the funding. Plutchak noted that fewer rules are better but are harder on the Board. It was agreed to leave the process as it currently stands, with the Board making the decision based on requests and available funding, but Franklin noted we may need to revisit the issue in the future.

Franklin expressed her appreciation to UAB for the new web site design. Plutchak noted that the credit should go to Lisa Ennis.

Franklin noted that CONBLS needed a new Oral History Chair. The future of this project will be added to the Archives discussion. Shearer and LaBeause will join the group. Dave Boilard suggested that the group look at the MLA Oral History Committee documentation concerning privacy, libel, etc.

A question was raised by LaBeause about ILL reciprocal agreements for the Mercer campus at Savannah. She noted that if the request is for a Mercer faculty member, it will be noted in the Comments field. With Illiad, that is not always noticed. LaBeause will contact the individual libraries for which there have been problems.

Discussion was held on the letters received from the NN/LM SE/A re:Resource Libraries. The letter states that libraries will agree to provide Loansome Doc for unaffiliated libraries. David King noted that it would be good to have a list of benefits to Resource Libraries to present to administration. Shearer noted that the letter states the list of responsibilities, but not the list of benefits. Discussion focused on the costs to fill Loansome Doc requests. Several saw providing documents for unaffiliated as a public service mission. It was noted that unaffiliated can be charged on a cost recovery basis. It was also noted that vendor license agreements needed to be reviewed. A model of one resource library per state was discussed.

Franklin welcomed Cecilia Botero, new director at University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries.

Dexter stated that CONBLS members were invited to Orlando in 2012 for the next retreat – The New, the Old and Renewal. Fatima Barnes has invited CONBLS members to Nashville for the 2014 Retreat.

Minutes recorded by Judy Burnham