

ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARIANS AND ARCHIVISTS AT BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS

MINUTES, June 4, 2009

Southern Baptist Convention Building
Nashville, Tennessee

President, Kent Millwood, brought the meeting to order.

Bill Sumners, Executive Secretary/Treasurer distributed financial reports for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 years to attendees and brought the current financial report. He reported a \$9,543.57 balance prior to expenses and income for the current meeting. In response to a question concerning payment to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for hosting the ALABI web site, he noted that this was paid in advance for two years (\$166) and thus did not show on the current report. The report was accepted as presented.

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the 2008 meeting. These were accepted as printed and as posted on the ALABI web site.

The revised bylaws and constitution have been posted for one year on the web site. Naomi Taplin reported that she has received no suggested changes to these in that length of time. Attendees approved these by voice vote.

The communications committee consisting of Naomi Taplin, Bill Sumners, Jason Fowler, and Kent Millwood had investigated how we might form an online union list of Baptist archival materials. Jason has talked with the producer of software that looked promising as a platform for such a project. It would require tweaking to easily allow member institutions to input records and the software producer is seeking a grant for this. Alan LeFever moved that, if it is necessary as an alternative for the programmer to travel to Southern to make the software workable, the ALABI Executive Committee be empowered to pay travel expenses for that to happen. Motion was seconded and carried.

Kent led the attendees in a show of appreciation to Jason Fowler, Laura Botts, Taffey Hall, and Bill Sumners for the great job of planning and hosting the meeting.

Following up on issues raised in the panel on Baptist digital initiatives, a committee of Edie Jeter, Jason Fowler, Alan Lefever, Bill Sumners, and Sandra Brown was formed to be the 2010-2011 Program Committee to put together sessions that would address records management issues related to both paper and electronic archiving.

Following discussion about reciprocal sharing, Naomi Taplin offered to compose an agreement to be posted on the ALABI web site to the effect that members would supply copies to other

members at cost. This would provide an additional benefit of membership in the organization. Jason Fowler, web site host, emphasized that members are welcome to request postings of information and job announcements. Sample policy statements on records management, collection development, etc. would also be a benefit to other members. Bill Sumners noted that we had 35 members last year and 38 this year.

Bill extended a special thank you to Joy DeBose, Jean Forbis, and Taffey Hall for the special work each had done to make the program and hosting go so smoothly.

Meeting adjourned for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldonna DeWeese, Recording Secretary