

Southern Baptist Library Association

Minutes, June 2, 2005

Samford University Library

President Eldonna DeWeese called the 2005 business meeting to order. The 2004 minutes as presented on the web site were approved by the membership present.

The financial report as prepared by Craig Kubic was approved. He had previously submitted his resignation as Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the 2005-06 year to the Administrative Committee.

The President reported that Cathy Adams had resigned from the Membership Committee, having left her OBU library position for a public library job. The current membership stands at about 60 members.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Vision and Purpose presented its report with the following recommendation:

The Ad Hoc Committee on Vision and Purpose of SBLA recommends that the current association as such cease to exist and a new organization be formed with a new structure along the lines of a fellowship with focus on librarians and archivists working with Baptist material collections and archives. It further recommends that the function of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer reside in the transition with the director of the Southern Baptist Historical Library & Archives.

The Committee also submitted an amended constitution with bylaws to be developed and proposed the name Association of Librarians and Archivists of Baptist Institutions (ALABI) for the new organization should the Committee's report be accepted.

Open discussion followed the Committee's report, after which the membership unanimously accepted the entire report.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of 2005-2006 officers for ALABI, the new organization:

President	Bill Sumner (SBLHA)
VP/President Elect	Elizabeth Wells (Samford)
Recording Secretary	Naomi Taplin (BGCT)
Exec/Secretary/Treasurer	Kathy Sylvest (SBLHA)

All other positions (Chairpersons, etc.) to be named by the new officers.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted.

President Eldonna DeWeese presented Certificates of Appreciation to Susan Broome (Mercer University), Craig Kubic (Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), and Kennette Harder (William Jewell College) for their significant contributions to SBLA in the various roles of leadership they had willingly assumed for the organization. Since Craig and Kenette could not be present at the meeting; their certificates will be mailed to them.

Bill Sumners presented a crystal clock to President Eldonna DeWeese in appreciation of her time and leadership in SBLA and in the recognition of her efforts at Southwest Baptist University in producing the Southern Baptist Periodical Index.

Bill Sumners accepted the gavel as President of ALABI from outgoing SBLA president, Eldonna Deweese, and he presided for consideration of new business.

Possibilities for location of the 2006 meeting were discussed. The location and date of the meeting of ALABI will be researched and determined by the officers to be communicated to the membership at a later date.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fox, Recording Secretary