

Association of Librarians and Archivists at Baptist Institutions

Minutes, June 1, 2006
International Mission Board
Richmond, Virginia

President Bill Sumners called the 2006 business meeting to order. The 2005 minutes were presented and approved with no changes.

The President mentioned the ALABI website and the two issues of the newsletter. The Funding Proposal of the Southern Baptist Periodical Index (SBPI) appeared in the online newsletter. The officers brought the Funding Proposal as a recommendation to provide the requested grant of \$1,184.15 for a data-entry person for the summer of 2006, and as there was no discussion or comment, the membership passed the recommendation.

The President recognized the Nominating Committee charged with filling the position of Vice President/President Elect. Nominating Committee members Mary Fox and Eldonna Deweese presented Kent Millwood of Anderson University, South Carolina, as their nomination. No other nominations were presented. Kent accepted the nomination. Alan Lefever moved Kent be elected by acclamation, Taffey Hall seconded the motion and the vote passed.

President Sumners announced the creation of two committees – By-laws and Communications. The By-laws Committee members are Alan Lefever and Al Lang. Taffey Hall and Jason Fowler are on the Communications Committee. The By-laws Committee is to create the By-laws for the organization. The Communications Committee is charged with providing communications to the membership in the form of a newsletter and updating the website.

Kathy Sylvest brought the Executive Secretary/Treasurer's Report. SBLA's records are now located at her office at the SBHLA, Nashville, Tennessee. The bank balance is \$10,261.63, and the membership stands at 35 paid members for 2006. Elizabeth Wells moved to accept the report as read, Alan Lefever seconded, and the motion passed.

President Sumners presented his report. He asks for feedback about the organization's website and suggestions are welcomed. The organization's last membership directory was a print version of the SBLA membership. The possibility exists for placing a directory of members on ALABI's website; however, we may need to ask permission of individual members before doing so. A members-only password-protected portion of the website affords privacy to those members wishing to keep their personal information off the general public area of the website. Other organizations list only public information requiring no passwords. The President asked the Officers and the Communications Committee to review these ideas.

In continuing his report, the President mentioned the ALABI newsletter and the work of Taffey Hall to see the newsletter through to publication. He asks that we share ideas for inclusion in the newsletter, especially when asked.

The President completed his report by announcing the next Baptist History and Heritage Society meeting being held in Campbellsville, June 7-9, 2007. He leaves it to the officers to coordinate and plan the June 6-7, 2007 ALABI meeting as well as discuss ALABI's practice of meeting in conjunction with BHHS. He recognized Edie Jeter and the IMB for the great planning and location of the 2006 meeting. He also thanked the program participants for their help and assistance.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Taplin, Recording Secretary