

Association of Librarians and Archivists at Baptist Institutions
Minutes, May 25, 2017
Atlanta, Georgia
Held at the American Baptist Historical Society

President Steve Jones called the 2017 business meeting to order.

The 2017 ALABI minutes were presented.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports

Audit Committee, Ron Tonks and Adam Winters

- Accuracy of the submitted financial report was confirmed.
- The Audit Report was unanimously approved.

Southern Baptist Periodical Index – submitted by Eldonna DeWeese

- Refinements were made to the internal workings of the search system this past year, along with that 2 PowerPoint presentations were created to help researchers develop better strategies for searching the index
- Thank you to all who contacted EBSCO about having SBPI included in their EDS
- Subscriber list remains stable
- The SBPI Report was unanimously approved

Digital Grants Committee – Alan Lefever, Kathy Hillman, and Jason Fowler

- The Committee selected the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission's proposed project to digitize the Baptist paper
- The Digital Grants Report was unanimously approved

Executive Secretary Treasurer Report– Taffey Hall 12:50

- Incoming ALABI President, Jan Ballard, accepted a new Archival position the previous year and resigned her role with ALABI as a part of the transition. Steve Jones filled the position of ALABI President and Wendy Richter was appointed Vice President
- The other application received for the Digital Grant was from SWBTS to digitize Baptist World Alliance materials
- Financial report for ALABI's Current Balance, \$8955.95
- Natalie Bishop submitted a report from Gardner Webb on the digital grant received the previous year to purchase an overhead scanner to digitize minutes of King's Mountain Baptist Association.
- The Executive Secretary Treasurer Report was unanimously approved

New Business

Discovery Systems

- Jason Fowler moved to encourage SBPI to explore being included in OCLC and ProQuest. Second by Alan Lefever. Discussion Followed
- Laura Botts made a motion to broaden the scope, to encourage SBPI to explore options to make their content available in other discovery systems such as OCLC and ProQuest. Second by Alan Lefever.
- Unanimously Approved.

Ethical Statement

- Elizabeth Wells made a motion to establish a committee to explore the possibility of an ethics statement or code for the association. Second from Alan Lefever.
- Unanimously Approved.

Other Business

Future Meeting

- ALABI is in communication with the Baptist History and Heritage Society about their plans.
- Details will be determined later in the year.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn, Steve Jones
- Second from, Alan LaFever
- Motion, unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Taylor, Recording Secretary