



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

## **2004 Annual Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 6, 2004 - Atlanta, Georgia**

#### **Welcome**

- The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Derrie Perez, President.
- The National Humanities Center thanks ASERL member libraries for supporting the NHC fellows through the years in support of their research efforts.
- Derrie Perez read a resolution honoring Doris Hulbert in recognition of her retirement. Doris was applauded by all.
- Derrie Perez acknowledged David Ferriero in absentia. David is leaving Duke to take over leadership of the research libraries at NY Public.

#### **Voting for 2004-2005 Board of Directors**

- Ballots were distributed.
- Thanks were extended to outgoing board members Eileen Hitchingham and Connie McCarthy for their service to the Association.

#### **Annual Financial Report**

Financial report was given by Sylverna Ford and submitted for audit:

- ASERL's account balance as of April 27, 2004 is \$56,772.97.
- Of that amount, \$24,372 is obligated to supporting the virtual reference project for the remainder of the calendar year, and \$17,250 is Diversity Conference sponsorship fees paid to ASERL (which will be used to pay conference expenses when the bills come in).
- The unobligated balance in ASERL's checking account is \$15,150.97. (*The unobligated balance at this time last year was \$17,220.89.*)

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## Updates/Discussion

### Update on Proposed Dues Increase

- Derrie Perez withdrew the motion on the dues increase. No further discussion will occur until the dues issue is raised again as new business after additional information is provided.

### Discussion on Proposed Finance Task Force

- Derrie Perez reported that a task force will be formed to explore budget issues and to report back by the Fall meeting.
- Membership will be given additional information in preparation for further discussion.
- Incoming President Barbara Dewey indicated her desire to focus on ASERL programming while the task force focuses on the budgeting issues. A call for volunteers will be circulated; interested parties are encouraged to volunteer.

### Review of 2004 Diversity in Libraries Conference

- John Burger reported that the conference was a big success and was well received.
- Nearly 300 people attended this conference - double the attendance of previous conferences.

### Update on Overlap Study

- Paul Gherman reported the Overlap Study planning is proceeding.
- Application for the CLIR grant was turned down a few days ago.
- Group has to regroup and decide what to do next to proceed.
- Data should be ready for OCLC in the next few weeks.

### Update on ASERL Virtual Reference Project

- Alondo Brewington reported on Ask a Librarian.
- There have been 1365 sessions so far.
- Summer hours are about to be set anticipating a decline in use over the summer. The service will be available for 66 hours in summer instead of the 84 during the regular term.
- Use pattern information is helping to drive the scheduling.
- Additional libraries have expressed interest in joining the project.
- The Service Quality Committee is looking at establishing some standards.
- A recommendation will be made at the Fall meeting concerning continuation of this project.

### Update on Collection Development Initiative

- Tim Cherubini thanked members who participated in the discussion about collection development at the New Orleans meeting.
- A short survey will be sent to library directors and heads of collection development this summer to continue the dialogue. Information from the survey will be used for future planning/identification of desired resources for consortial licensing.

### Update on CRL Consortial Membership Discussion

- John Burger reported negotiations are finally at the point of being close to an agreement on a model for consortial membership, which could result in a cost saving for new and existing CRL members.

### **Other Business**

- Derrie called for additional items for discussion.
- Charlene Hurt reported that she and Lou Pitschmann have been talking about seeking IMLS funding to proceed to the next step with an educational program.
- Deborah Lambert (Wake Forest) expressed appreciation for the Diversity Conference and complimented the planners for their work.

### **Results of Board Elections**

- Derrie Perez announced the election results. Officers for 2004/2005 are:
  - Lou Pitschmann - At large member
  - Sylverna Ford - Secretary/Treasurer
  - Paul Gherman - VP/President Elect
- New officers assume their positions following today's meeting.
- New and continuing officers were asked to remain after the meeting to take a photograph.

### **Adjournment**

Derrie Perez adjourned the meeting at 5:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Sylverna Ford, Secretary-Treasurer

## Attendees

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| East Carolina University                    | Carroll Varner   |
| Emory University                            | David Vidor  |
| Florida International University            | Nancy Herschoff  |
| Florida State University                    | Althea Jenkins   |
| Georgia Public Library Service              | Lamar Veatch   |
| Georgia State University                    | Charlene Hurt  |
| Georgia Tech                                | Rich Meyer   |
| Mississippi State University                | Frances Coleman  |
| Tulane University                           | Lance Query  |
| University of Alabama                       | Lou Pitschmann   |
| University of Alabama at Birmingham         | Jerry Stephens   |
| University of Central Florida               | Barry Baker  |
| University of Florida                       | Carol Turner   |
| University of Georgia                       | Bill Potter  |
| University of Kentucky                      | Carol Diedrichs  |
| University of Memphis                       | Sylverna Ford  |
| University of Mississippi                   | Julia Rholes   |
| University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Larry Alford   |
| University of North Carolina at Charlotte   | Amy Dykeman  |
| University of North Carolina at Greensboro  | Doris Hulbert  |
| University of South Carolina                | Paul Willis  |
| University of South Florida                 | Derrie Perez   |
| University of Tennessee - Knoxville         | Barbara Dewey  |
| University of Virginia                      | Erin Stalberg  |
| Vanderbilt University                       | Paul Gherman   |
| Virginia Commonwealth University            | John Ulmschneider  |
| Virginia Tech                               | Eileen Hitchingham   |
| Wake Forest University                      | Debbie Lambert   |
| SOLINET                                     | Kate Nevins, Robert Hulshof-Schmidt, John Burger,<br>Tim Cherubini, Janice Marler, Alondo Brewington |