2004 Annual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2004 – Atlanta, Georgia

Welcome
• The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.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.)*
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:

Sylverna Ford, Secretary-Treasurer
Attendees

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, Tim Cherubini, Janice Marler, Alondo Brewington