

Association of Librarians and Archivists at Baptist Institutions

Minutes, May 21, 2008
Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

President Elizabeth Wells called the 2008 business meeting to order. The 2007 minutes were presented and approved.

Due to Kathy Sylvest's retirement from the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives resulting in a vacancy in the ALABI Executive Secretary/Treasurer's office, Bill Sumners brought the Executive Secretary/Treasurer's Report. See attached report. The bank balance as of May 19 is \$8,595.44 and the 2008 paid membership count is 32. Alan Lefever moved to accept the report. The motion received a second and passed.

Naomi Taplin presented the By-Laws Committee Report. As a result of reviewing and creating By-Laws, the committee recommended that the Constitution be revised. The committee distributed to the attendees copies of the original Constitution, the new revised Constitution and the new By-Laws for review. The membership is asked to review these documents and the documents are to be voted on at the 2009 meeting. If any member has questions or needs clarification, they are invited to contact Naomi Taplin, chairperson of the By-Laws Committee.

Elizabeth Wells presented the Nominating Committee Report. The committee's nominees are Kent Millwood, President; Jason Fowler, Vice-President/President-Elect; Eldonna Deweese, Recording Secretary; and Bill Sumners, Executive Secretary/Treasurer. There being no other nominations from the floor, Lonette Berg moved to accept the nominees, Laura Botts seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Kent Millwood, chairperson of the Baptist Materials Committee, presented a report regarding the creation of an online database containing collections of Baptist materials housed in member institutions. Samford University, Mercer University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives and Anderson University are willing to serve as volunteer institutions for the first records entered into the new system.

Eldonna Deweese brought a report of the SBPI. The volunteers continue working diligently on the project with volumes up through 2005 being available. 2005 is completed and prepared for binding. 2006 is halfway through completion and is to be released before the end of 2008. 1984 articles are in the midst of input at this time. The membership of ALABI recognizes the work of Eldonna Deweese and the volunteers and thanks them for their contribution to the collecting of Baptist information.

President Wells requested discussion of New Business.

The 2009 meeting is scheduled for June in Nashville, Tennessee, with the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives serving as the host institution.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Taplin, Recording Secretary