MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Burkhardt, Chair
Ron Dial, Chair-Elect
Vera Finley, Secretary
Kim Weatherford, Past Chair/Chair, Nominating Comm.
Jeffery Luzius, Member-at-Large for Organization and
Bylaws/Chair, Bylaws Committee Member-at-large for Planning/Chair Planning
Committee
Carla Waddell, Member-at-large for Programs/Chair Program Committee
Sonja McAbee, Member-at-large for Projects/Chair, Projects Committee
Paula Barnett-Ellis, Chair, Membership Committee
William Hubbard, Chair, Publications Committee
Amy Prendergast, Chair, Research Committee
Theresa Trawick, Chair, Public Relations Committee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Margaret Alexander, Member-at-large for Planning/Chair, Planning Committee

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS

July 29, 2004, 11:00 A.M. Air University Library, Montgomery, AL

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

The April 22, 2004 Annual Program and Business Meeting minutes were
distributed and approved as written. Kim Weatherford took the minutes of this
meeting in the absence of the Secretary, Jodi Poe.

DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA AND DIRECTORY OF CUS EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

See attached.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

ROBERT BURKHARDT

The Chair summarized the ALLA Executive Board meeting. The Association is
financially healthy following the 2004 Annual Conference in Montgomery. A
$13,000 profit was realized. Budget requests will be due soon. Completed program evaluation sheets will be made available.

Birmingham will be the host site for the 2005 convention April 20-22. Barbara Sirmans will serve as Chair this year. Statistics indicate that there is a 27% decrease in African American members. Tim Dodge suggested adding an African American Roundtable and an Archivists Roundtable. It was noted that CUS records from the previous year should be sent to the University of Alabama not the State Archives. These should include minutes of all meetings, the membership brochure, quarterly reports and Committee lists as specified in our bylaws. Minutes have also been posted on the web site.

Suggestions are needed to revise the Legislative Day. Sue Medina suggested that it should be earlier, before budgets are approved. Gifts were ruled out, as well as a breakfast for legislators. The idea of hosting a series of regional events was entertained that would include Public, College, and School libraries. Contact Lisa Yuro at the University of Alabama with suggestions: 205-348-4016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws: The bylaws are in need of updating, many acronyms need to be changed. Some changes were suggested last year. Perhaps they have been stored in the “box”. Please pass any suggestions to Jeffery Luzius, Chair.

Membership: Paula Barnett-Ellis will update the brochure reflecting the new officers and any other changes. Virginia should have a current list of members.

Nominating: Kim Weatherford stated that nominees should be submitted in November for the offices of Chair-Elect, Secretary, Member-at-large for Projects, Member-at-large for Planning and Member-at-large for Programming. The issue of student candidates needs to be addressed and qualifications for officers spelled out in the bylaws. Ron suggested creating a position for a student i.e., Student Liaison. It was noted that the Chairmanship should be rotated among College, University and Special librarians.

Planning: No report.

Programs: “Public Speaking” will be the topic for the Friday, October 15 workshop sponsored by CUS. It will be a whole day workshop with 2-3 speakers touching on different areas. The feasibility of a teleconference will be investigated. The intent is to make money for the organization but we must break even. Carla Waddell, Chair will keep us posted via the web.
Projects: Sonja McAbee, Chair, plans to update the Liaisons list placing emphasis on contacting two-year colleges; She will send brochures to the liaisons.

Publications: Bill Hubbard stated that requests for outstanding publications nominations would be advertised in the COMmunicator. The prize is $200.

Research: Amy Prendergast indicated that solicitation letters would be sent to EBSCO ($300) and Blackwell ($200) to fund the prizes along with a research grant in the amount of $250. Advertisement will be via CUS-L, AACRL, COMmunicator, the Alabama Librarian and the library school. The deadline is coming up soon, but only an abstract is required immediately.

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NEW BUSINESS

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AACRL asked if we would continue to co-sponsor “Best Practices” series with them.

NEXT MEETING

October 8, at APLS, 11:00 a.m.