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Summary Report of the ATLA Board of Directors Midwinter Meeting

January 13-15, 2011

The ATLA Board of Directors met at ATLA Headquarters for its semiannual Board meeting. The following summary highlights selected items of business. Full minutes will be posted on the ATLA SharePoint pages, available to all ATLA individual members at:

<http://www.atla.com/community/Pages/default.aspx>

Welcome of new Executive Director

The Board officially welcomed Brenda Bailey-Hainer, the new Executive Director. Numerous agenda items provided opportunity for the Board and ED to discuss current ATLA business relationships, board priorities, and future directions for the association.

Member Services Direct Inspection Team

Three members of the Board meet with the staff of the Member Services Department to evaluate its work. The Department provided a twenty-five page written report organized around the eight criteria for Direct Inspections of Membership listed in the Board Policy Manual (Section II, F). A ninth criterion, "Infrastructure" was added to include the personnel

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Monitoring Performance



One of the main roles for the Board of Directors is to monitor the performance of the Association. At the January Board meeting, 11 of us gathered to tackle an ambitious agenda in collaboration with the new Executive Director, Brenda Bailey-Hainer. Our intrepid secretary, Carrie Hackney, has provided a summary of the meeting, and the full minutes will be made available as well.

One agenda item was the annual visit with our auditors. The Board engages an external auditor to review ATLA's financial statements, monitor controls, and advise us of compliance concerns. While an audit does not assure financial health, it does provide objective insight into the accuracy of our financial records, and thus allow us to have confidence in the analysis contained therein.

A second agenda item was the triennial direct inspection of Member Services. This inspection is an opportunity to look closely at the work of the Member Services department, consider the efforts and programs underway, and use results, such as membership satisfaction, to measure the degree of success of the association in pursuing our organizational goals.

In both of these examples of monitoring, the board was able to consider an aspect of ATLA's work and how it impacts the total performance of ATLA. These discussions of recent past activities are essential to support our primary function: envisioning and guiding ATLA's future.

- Laura C. Wood

From the Executive Director

E-books, E-books Everywhere



Libraries have been monitoring the development of e-books since the late 1990s when NetLibrary, then an independent for-profit company, began providing content. The rate of e-book adoption has been steadily accelerating in the last few years and usage has finally reached a tipping point. Amazon recently announced that e-book sales surpassed those of paperback sales.

While the Amazon statistics primarily reflect trends in the consumer market, many of those same consumers are also the faculty, students, and ministers that we serve. In ATLA's 2010 Member Survey, institutional member representatives were asked about patterns of usage of various types of materials in their libraries. Of the 117 who responded to the question, 56.4% reported that usage of e-books had increased in the last five years.

There is additional evidence elsewhere of the increasing interest in e-books among scholars. The Chronicle of Higher Education has reported on a flurry of new e-book platforms for scholarly publishing just or soon to be released. Among them are offerings from Oxford University Press, JSTOR, Project MUSE, and a newly formed group called the University Press E-Book Consortium as well as Cambridge University Press.

Clearly, the upward trend in e-book usage, along with an increase in the available e-book platforms for scholarly publications, will have long-term ramifications for ATLA member libraries. It will touch everything from decisions about how e-books fit into acquisition budgets and resource-sharing agreements to rethinking legacy circulation systems designed around managing physical items.

While ATLA does not have easy answers to any of these e-book conundrums, Member Services has responded to this growing interest by working with our partner, SCELC, to offer our members access to ebook collections on Philosophy and Religion (<http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Offers/CambridgeEBooksOffer.pdf>).

What's happening with e-books at your institution? I'll be available to chat with our members during the "Meet the Executive Director" webinars being held over the next several weeks (see above). I hope you'll join me online and let me know about your experience with e-books, along with other trends that have an impact on your library.

-Brenda Bailey-Hainer

Meet Your Executive Director

During February and March, we have scheduled four webinar sessions to directly address your questions about Brenda Bailey-Hainer and her approach to the management of the association. You can register for one of the dates below by contacting the Member Services Department, memberrep@atla.com, or 312-454-5100.

- Tuesday, February 15, 1-2 pm CST
- Monday, February 21, 11 am-Noon CST
- Friday, March 4, Noon-1 pm CST
- Thursday, March 10, 1-2 pm CST

Claim Your Rewards

The American Theological Library Association is proud to sponsor a Member Loyalty Program. We developed this program to thank our current Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate members for your involvement in ATLA and to welcome our new members.

During these challenging economic times, we hope this program will allow you to become an Individual member again (if you haven't been for three or more years), register a new person on your staff who hasn't been an Individual member before, or attend the upcoming 2011 Annual Conference, if cost has been holding you back.

Loyalty benefits are based on your library's ATLA product subscription level and include:

- Individual membership
- Conference registration
- Gifts to the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund

We encourage you to register for and redeem your benefits of the Member Loyalty Program - all you need to do is complete the form available here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N65LV52>

We welcome your submission of news, photos, and other items of interest for the *ATLA Newsletter*. All submissions are due on the first business day of the month preceding publication. Contact Sara Corkery (scorkery@atla.com) with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

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ATLA Board of Directors , left to right: Doug Gragg, Andy Keck, Bill Hook, Sandy Ayer, and Laura Wood (President); standing: Eileen, John Weaver, Sandra Lipton, Carisse Berryhill, Carrie Hackney, and Pat Graham.

and finances of the Department in the report. Because the timing of the Inspection coincided with the new Executive Director's first month of employment, the team felt that the gathering and analysis of information provided a valuable opportunity for the ED to become familiar with the Department. The Board's discussion of the report included the sustainability of the department; the navigation and improvement of the new website; future publishing prospects for the Proceedings and the possibility of introducing more technology into the Annual Conference. Member Services has added many new programs and benefits. The Board was impressed with the report.

Member Services/Annual Conference Report

Barbara Kemmis and Denise McFarlin presented a proposal to hold the ATLA 2014 Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana on June 18-21, 2014. The Conference will be hosted by the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS). The Board unanimously approved the proposal.

Financial Session

On Friday morning Marie Jacobsen, ATLA Financial Director, presented, with the help of PowerPoint slides, an explanation of changes in the FY 2011 financial statements. Starting in FY 2011 revenue will be recognized using the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) matching principle. Implementation of the matching principle will clarify exactly when revenue and expenses are incurred. Future financial statements will reflect this change through deferred revenue for both membership and product income and will facilitate better analysis of our financial position.

-Submitted by Carrie M. Hackney, Secretary



Changes to the Board of Directors

In early January, Blake Walter resigned from the ATLA Board of Directors. Blake was elected in 2010, has served as the board liaison to the Diversity Committee and participated in the final selection of the Executive Director. In accordance with ATLA Bylaws, the Board selected a replacement to serve for the remainder of Blake's term (through June 2013). We are grateful that Eileen Saner has agreed to join the Board in this capacity. Eileen is Librarian and Director of Educational Resources at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN.

Mark Your Calendar for ACRL Conference

Several ATLA staff members, including the new Executive Director, Brenda Bailey-Hainer, will be attending and exhibiting at the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) conference in Philadelphia from March 30-April 1. (<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/national/2011/index.cfm>)

Watch the ATLA website and the March issue of the ATLA Newsletter for more information on an ATLA member reception and the booth schedules.

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Member News



Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee met at the ATLA office on Wednesday, January 12. Committee members are pictured above, left to right: Pat Graham, Mary Bischoff (who joined the meeting via telephone), Marti Alt, and Roger Loyd.

Theology Cataloging Bulletin Published

The latest Theology Cataloging Bulletin (TCB), Volume 19, number 2, is now available under Member Publications on the ATLA website.

Burke Theological Library Receives Luce Foundation Award

The Henry Luce Foundation awarded \$295,000 to The Burke Theological Library at Columbia University for the processing of the Missionary Research Library Archives and the William Adams Brown Ecumenical Archives. "This generous grant will provide for the full processing and preservation of these historic archival collections to the highest professional standards for scholarship, theological education, and service to communities around the world," said John Weaver, director of The Burke Library.

The Missionary Research Library (MRL) Archives contain over 160 unique collections from missionaries and missionary organizations from six continents in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, with special strength in early twentieth century China, Japan, and Korea. The William Adams Brown (WAB) Ecumenical Archives contain over thirty archival collections initiated in 1945 at Union Theological Seminary as a source for the documentation and study of modern ecumenism. ATLA congratulates John Weaver and the Burke Library on their award, which will span three years. Read the entire press release at <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/news/libraries/2011/20110144.luce.html>.

ATLA Member in Cameroon



Margaret Tarpley, a member of the Africa standing committee of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), traveled to Yaounde, Cameroon on February 5, for the midyear committee meeting and a workshop on millennium development goals for Francophone Africa.



Matthew C. Baker Joins the Staff of The Burke Library

The Burke Theological Library (Columbia University) is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew C. Baker (above) as Collection Services Librarian. Matthew received his B.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in American Literature, a M.Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary (emphasis in Biblical Studies), and a M.S. in Library and Information Science from Simmons College in Boston.

Matthew brings his knowledge of ancient and modern languages (including Hebrew, Greek, and Arabic), and six years of international experience with teaching comparative religions, information literacy, and learning technologies. In his role as Collection Services Librarian, Matthew will coordinate the library's reference services, as well as contribute to collection development, and supervise collection management, including the special collections, serials, and digital collections at The Burke Library.

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, March 7, 2011. You may encounter a brief interruption in web and phone services between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CST). We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Invitation to the 2011 Annual Conference



The 2011 Local Host Committee, left to right: Christine Wenderoth, JKM Library, Lorraine Olley, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Matt Ostercamp, North Park University, Yana Serdyuk, Concordia University, and Lisa Gonzalez, Catholic Theological Union. Not pictured: Beth Bidlack, University of Chicago, and Blake Walter, Northern Seminary.

Join Us in Chicago This Summer

Summer in Chicago -- when the long gray of winter gives way at last to the bright blues of the sky and the lake and the frigid winds are replaced by warm nights when the sky is bright with the lights of a thousand windows. Scenes of summer in Chicago are softball and soccer in the park, fireworks and sailboats on the lake, Cubs and Sox on the radio, and sidewalks alive with the sounds of café conversations and the bells of the elite vendors.

This just scratches the surface. What truly makes summer magical in Chicago is the renewal of the neighborhoods. From Rogers Park to Washington Park, Chicagoans emerge from bungalow and brownstone ready to celebrate. Some celebrations take the shape of annual events that commemorate the ethnicity and culture of the neighborhood. The ATLA conference weekend will see the Scandinavian Midsommarfest in Andersonville, the Wells Street Art Festival in Old Town, Burger Fest in Roscoe Village, and the Blues Fest in Grant Park, to name a few. There will be countless smaller celebrations on the streets and in the parks as neighbors join together to throw block parties. Continuing to embrace this summer tradition allows Chicagoans to identify with their neighborhoods, whether they live in Humbolt Park or Lincoln Park, Bronzeville or Canaryville.

With much excitement, we invite our fellow theological librarians to come to Chicago this summer and join us for a theological library block party. It promises to be a time of reconnecting with our professional neighbors as we learn, eat, and play together. The conference will begin high atop a skyscraper on the banks of the Chicago River in the heart of downtown and will finish with a day of events in beautiful Hyde Park hosted by the Catholic Theological Union. The Saturday session will conclude with an outdoor Chicago style block party on the shared green quad of the Lutheran School of Theology and the McCormick Theological Seminary.

The local hosts are busy making plans to ensure that your summer visit to Chicago is indeed magical. As you prepare for your trip, be sure to follow us on Twitter@ATLA_2011 (http://twitter.com/ATLA_2011) and check out our Facebook Event (<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=116530991751835>) for local recommendations and conference updates.

We look forward to welcoming you to the neighborhood soon!

-- 2011 Local Host Committee

Spotlight on Chicago's Neighborhoods



Hyde Park started out as a toney suburb for the likes of Marshall Field, just a train ride away from downtown, then became the site of the University of Chicago and the Columbian World Fair in the 1890s, was incorporated into Chicago about that time, and now is an eclectic, diverse, largely academic neighborhood.

Where is Hyde Park? On Chicago's south side, bordered on the north by 51st Street/Hyde Park Blvd, on the south by the Midway Plaisance/60th Street, on the west by Jackson Park and on the east by, well, Lake Michigan.

What's in Hyde Park? The University of Chicago, The Catholic Theological Union, Chicago Theological Seminary, The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, McCormick Theological Seminary, Meadville Lombard Theological School, The Oriental Institute, The Museum of Science and Industry, Robie House, The DuSable Museum of African American History, The Smart Museum of Art, plenty of stores, gobs of restaurants, and the homes (at one time or another) of Bill Ayers, Saul Bellow, Paul Butterfield, Clarence Darrow, Bernardine Dohrn, Arne Duncan, Amelia Earhart, Louis Farrakhan, Enrico Fermi, Marshall Field, Francis Fukuyama, Dick Gregory, Hugh Hefner, Jesse Jackson, Mahalia Jackson, Elena Kagan, George Kirby, Muhammed Ali, John Paul Stevens, Swami Vivekananda, Harold Washington, Jody Watley, Gilbert F. White, oh and yes, the Obamas.

You could spend your whole week in Hyde Park and still not be done!

--Christine Wenderoth, 2011 ATLA Annual Conference Local Host Committee

Have You Heard?

Free Technology Showcase



Miranda Bennett As part of the 2010 ATLA conference, Miranda Bennett, Head of Collections & Research Support at University of Houston Libraries, worked with several theological librarians from around the country "to present examples of how libraries are using free online technologies like Twitter, Facebook,

and Jing for outreach, instruction, communication, and other purposes. Part of the project was the creation of a website to provide this information beyond the conference and offer a forum for others interested in sharing their experiences."

Miranda wants ATLA members to know that a free technology website is now available online at <http://sites.google.com/site/atlafreetechshowcase/>. She invites you to visit the site and let her know if you wish to add your own examples of free online technologies that have supported your work. You can contact Miranda at mhenry4@uh.edu or 713-743-9633.

Shipping Books Overseas

Margaret Tarpley wanted to share a recent experience for those who are interested in supplying books to international institutions. "AbeBooks (<http://www.abebooks.com/>) has a number of suppliers that advertise free shipping to any place in the world. Getting books shipped overseas is increasingly hard but this offer was made before the holidays and I helped with orders for two seminaries in Nigeria. (ATLA Member and frequent Annual Conference presenter) D'Anna Shotts returned recently to Nigeria and one of the books has already arrived. Although we don't know the fate of the other orders, we are hopeful. AbeBooks has now made the offer a second time and I wanted to share this information."

New Offer from ATLA/SCELC

We are pleased to announce that Religion and Philosophy electronic books may now be purchased at a discount from Cambridge University Press (CUP) through the ATLA/SCELC Affiliate Program. These titles are offered through Cambridge Books Online, CUP's electronic book platform. Institutions have the option of purchasing a la carte titles from CUP's religion or philosophy collections at a 15% discount.

To read more about this new offer, please visit <http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Offers/CambridgeEBooksOffer.pdf>

Honoring Dennis Norlin

Gratitude for 15 Years of Service

Throughout 2010, a board team comprised of Roberta Schaafsma, Eileen Crawford, Blake Walter, and Laura Wood, staffed by Barbara Kemmis, planned various ways to honor Dennis Norlin's contributions to ATLA over the past fifteen years. A memory book (above) was launched. It garnered 44 contributions of anecdotes, well wishes, and photos. Other letters, photographs, and correspondence were submitted and sent to Dennis with the book. After being presented with his gifts, Dennis asked that we please include the following message in the newsletter:



To ATLA Members

When I was given the opportunity to say farewell to everyone at the 2010 annual conference, I talked about words and how important they have been in my life. Now I have been presented with a book of words--letters and memories from many of you--about my tenure as ATLA Executive Director. Barbara Kemmis, Director of Member Services, assembled a wonderful book that was presented to me last week when I visited ATLA headquarters. I was also given a list of everyone who had made a contribution to the ATLA Scholarships and Grants fund in my honor (see below). I want to thank everyone who took the time to write and/or to contribute to the fund. It's a very special gift that I will re-read with pleasure in the future, remembering the many good experiences we shared at ATLA. Thank you all very much.

--Dennis A. Norlin

The special campaign in honor of Dennis to raise money for the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund resulted in 65 donations totaling \$4,710. This figure is more than double the amount typically raised.

Thanks to the following donors for their generosity in honoring Dennis:

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Thank you for contributing to these initiatives!

ATLA Consortia Negotiations Begin this Month

If you are interested in participating in one or more of the ATLA consortia, please review the rules of participation and let consortia@atla.com know. Current participants in each consortium will be contacted directly.

We are pleased to announce a new consortium with H.W. Wilson to provide access to the full text material formerly available through the ATLA/OCLC Consortium. More information about the database, Omnifile Full Text Select, can be found at <http://www.hwwilson.com/oclc/>. Current OCLC customers will be contacted directly with access to the new platform and more information about pricing. Look for details about the consortium in the March newsletter.

For more information about the consortia:

ATLA/OCLC Consortium: <http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Pages/OCLC-Consortium.aspx>

ATLA/EBSCO Publishing Consortium: <http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Pages/EBSCO-Publishing-Consortium.aspx>



The 2010 Fellows meet for lunch and discussion at the ATLA Headquarters in Chicago.

IFLA/OCLC Fellowship Deadline

The application deadline for the 2012 Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship Program is February 18, 2011. The program, jointly sponsored by the American Theological Library Association, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and OCLC, provides early career development and continuing education for library and information science professionals from countries with developing economies.

Up to six individuals, including a theological librarian, are selected for participation in this intensive five-week Fellowship program. Four weeks are based at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, USA; one week is based at OCLC in Leiden, Netherlands. The program gives Fellows opportunities to meet with leading information practitioners, visit libraries, and explore topics including information technologies, library operations and management, and global cooperative librarianship. You can learn more about the Jordan IFLA/OCLC Fellowship Program here: <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/community/careerdevelopment/fellows/default.htm>

ATLA Calendar

February

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in March ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 9 AJL-NYMA Cataloging Workshop; Cameron Campbell and Erica Treesh attending
- 28 NFAIS conference in Philadelphia; Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Tami Luedtke, Margot Lyon attending

March

- 1 ATLA 2011 Annual Conference Registration opens
- 1 Submissions for inclusion in April ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 28-31 ACRL conference in Philadelphia; Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Barbara Kemmis, Margot Lyon, Lavonne Cohen, and Rick Rybak attending

April

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in May ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month