



Bible College Section

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at George Fox University, Newberg, OR, June 14, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Carol Reid

Members present: Anne Andres (Columbia Bible College), Beth Arjona (Emmaus Bible College), Jill Botticelli (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), Mary Ann Buhler (Manhattan Christian College), Pradeep Das (Beulah Heights University), Paul Drake (Pacific Island University), Jennifer Ewing (Southern California Seminary), Brad Fawcett (Vanguard College), Jan Kelley (New Hope Christian College), Craig Kubic (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), Jim Mancuso (Northeastern Baptist College), Deborah McConkey (Horizon College & Seminary), Molly Nickerson (Heartland Christian College), Michelle Norquist (Kuyper College), Nancy Olson (Lincoln Christian University), Carol Reid (Welch College), Paul Roberts (Southeastern Bible College), Reuben Sairs (Rosedale Bible College), Donna Singley (Moody Bible Institute), John E. Shaffett (The Baptist College of Florida), Dale Solberg (Epic Bible College & Graduate School), Mark Tubbs (Pacific Life Bible College), Christopher Ullman (Moody Bible Institute), Laurence Van Kleek (Summit Pacific College), Roger van Oosten (Bethany Global University), Nancy Warwick (Master's College & Seminary), Virginia Williams (Shasta Bible College and Graduate School), Phillip Wott, Dianne Zandbergen (Kuyper College).

Presiding Officer: Pradeep Das, Chairman, BCS

Opening prayer and Introduction of BCS Committee members: BCS Chairman Pradeep Das welcomed 32 members of the Bible College Section and opened the meeting with a prayer. He then introduced the BCS Committee members: Carol Reid (Secretary), Joshua Avery (Website

Coordinator), Jill Botticelli (Mentoring Coordinator), Dale Solberg (Member-at-Large), Nancy Olson (Liaison to ABHE) and Paul Roberts (Liaison to ACL Board).

Approval of the BCS 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes: Paul Roberts made a motion to approve the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes as posted on ACL website. Jill Botticelli seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business:

1. Nomination & Election of new BCS Committee Members for the next 3 yrs. term (2016 -19). At Pradeep's request, Nancy Olson presented the nominees for different offices: Pradeep Das, Chairman, Joshua Avery (Website Coordinator), Deborah McConkey (Mentoring Coordinator).

Even though Joshua Avery could not attend the meeting, he was nominated to continue to work as the Website Coordinator. He has worked diligently to upload biblical resources to prepare a LibGuide for the BCS. The floor was open for additional nominations, but there were none. So finally, the above 3 nominees were elected by acclamation for the term 2016 to 2019.

Pradeep suggested that the BCS would benefit by adding a new leadership position of "Vice-Chairman" who would assist the Chairman and be trained to become the future Chairman. The membership seemed in agreement with this new idea but postponed this proposal until next year, when a potential candidate for this position can be identified.

2. BCS Library Guidelines for the ABHE Colleges and Universities: Nancy Olson reported on the revised ABHE Guidelines which are based upon 2014 revisions to the ABHE standards and essential elements regarding the library services. Every sentence has been reviewed by the Bible College Section and revised as appropriate, especially addressing library services to online and off-campus students. The guidelines have been approved by the ACL Board and the ABHE Commission on Accreditation. ACL members may print their own copy, available both on the ACL website and ABHE website. Nancy reported that Dr. Ron Kroll (Director of ABHE's Commission on Accreditation) wrote that the guidelines are "extremely helpful for emerging and mature institutions and that the Commission is pleased to partner with ACL in making it available to our institutions." Nancy was able to include the revised guidelines in her workshop at ABHE's Annual Conference in February 2016. Now that the guidelines are in place, and work will continue to add appendices and helpful documents, providing additional materials to establish best practices for ABHE institutions.

3. Update Report – BCS Library Guidelines for the TRACS Colleges and Universities: Work is now proceeding on an edition of the Guidelines that addresses the TRACS standards. Nancy Olson and Jennifer Ewing reported progress on this document, with the help of Nancy Draper and Dale Solberg. The committee has matched the TRACS Standards with essential elements and questions from the ABHE standards. In some instances, new questions may be needed to address the differences in the requirements and assure correlation. Jennifer reported that the TRACS leadership is eagerly waiting for this new document.

4. Update Report – BCS Leadership Manual (Handbook): Paul Roberts reported it is now at the final stage of compilation. It will outline the duties, responsibilities and expectations of each BCS office bearers and focus on the work of the entire Section. Paul has prepared a history of the BCS, with the help of the ACL archivists and home office, and has provided a template of the annual report – all of which will be included in the Handbook. When it will be completed it will get the ACL Board approval and then it will be available on the BCS website.

5. Update Report – BCS Library LibGuide: Joshua Avery has developed a Lib-Guide for BCS, with the help from James Mancuso. Since he could not come to this conference, he has sent a two-minute video for presentation. This was played over the screen and much appreciated. All of the information on the Lib-guide is freely accessible on the web with full-text materials. Included are Old Testament and New Testament tabs, along with translations and other helps. Members should let Josh know if there is any further information available which should be added. It can be accessed at <http://acl.libguides.com/biblicalstudies>. This is also a great recruitment tool for our Association. All of us can share it without having to “reinvent the wheel.” As we locate additional materials, we can all cooperate to expand the Lib-Guide and benefit together. The site can also be linked from your own library web-page.

6. Need for new ABHE Evaluators: Nancy Olson reported that the ABHE Commission is looking for more Library Evaluators, whether or not the librarians are from ABHE institutions. In 2012, ACL hosted a pre-conference training for ABHE evaluators which was productive and well-attended. ACL will again sponsor a pre-conference training in 2017. Anyone interested can attend this training. Evaluation teams can include public members. Nancy asked if there is anyone interested and about ten people showed their interest in attending. More details will be provided later on.

7. TRACS Evaluators: Pradeep spoke further about the benefits of serving as a Library Evaluator in a TRACS Team visit to different institutions for accreditation purpose. He also explained the training process for TRACS. Members are encouraged to contact TRACS office, Forest, VA, if they are interested in serving on evaluation teams. This will provide a profitable experience and will improve your work at your own library.

8. Any other Business: Pradeep opened the floor for comments and suggestions from the members present.

(i) Some are interested in an instructional or professional development portion of the program, perhaps focusing on a reference review, new services or resources, or some activity similar to the LAS LASIR talks.

(ii) Another suggested setting up a Google Drop Box to share documents or templates or even instructional videos.

(iii) One asked about whether evaluation team members need multiple orientation sessions.

(iv) Nancy Olson noted that there are several changes in the standards and essential elements, as well as in the way reporting is done. A review would be profitable for anyone.

(v) Deborah McConkey mentioned the archiving workshop in Canada provided by grant funding.

(vi) Laurence Van Kleek is demonstrating his work with archival digitizing at the Poster Session.

(vii) Finally, the group reflected on “Better World Books” which has some changes to its criteria for accepting books. However, they will continue to receive library discards.

(viii) Solo librarians will meet at 6:00 pm in the dining room.

(ix) Pradeep encouraged the group to continue to think of new innovative ideas and ask questions through the Bible College discussion list. The Home Office will help with this, if you have any question. He also requested prayer for the BCS leadership team this year. He thanked Beth Arjona for helping with technology and the video presentation from Joshua Avery in the meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm with a closing prayer by Paul Roberts.