



Bible College Section

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Carson Newman University, Jefferson City, TN, June 9, 2015

Respectfully submitted by Carol Reid

PRESENT: Anne Andres (Columbia Bible College, Abbotsford, BC, Canada), Beth Arjona (Emmaus Bible College, Dubuque, IA), Ann Attig (Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, CO), Joshua Avery (God's Bible School and College, Cincinnati, OH), Marla Black (Johnson University, Kissimmee, FL), Jill Botticelli (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX), Ben Brick (Grace University, Omaha, NE), Mary Ann Buhler (Manhattan Christian College, Manhattan, KS), Renee Carey (Faith Bible College, Norfolk, VA), Marge Cummings (Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, KY), Pradeep Das (Beulah Heights University, Atlanta, GA), Jennifer Ewing (Southern California Seminary, El Cajon, CA), Daryl Fletcher (Luther Rice College & Seminary, Lithonia, GA), Samantha Hayner (Summit Christian College, Gering, NE), Christa Hill (Welch College, Nashville, TN), Judi Homen, Rumyana Hristova (Brookes Bible Institute, Saint Ann, MO), Erinn Huebner (Grace Bible College, Wyoming, MI), Lynn Kahkola (Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, KY), Artis Lovelady (College of Biblical Studies, Houston, TX), James Mancuso (Northeastern Baptist College, Bennington, VT), Deborah McConkey (Horizon College and Seminary, Saskatoon, SK, Canada), Karen Nix (Carolina College of Biblical Studies, Fayetteville, NC), Michelle Norquist (Kuyper College, Grand Rapids, MI), Nancy Olson (Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, IL), Carol Reid (Welch College, Nashville, TN), Paul Roberts (Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, AL), Reuben Sairs (Rosedale Bible College, Irwin, OH), Dale Solberg (EPIC Bible College & Graduate School, Sacramento, CA), Linda Stark (Johnson University, Kissimmee, FL), Laurence Van Kleek (Summit Pacific College, Abbotsford, BC, Canada), Roger van Oosten (Bethany College of Missions, Bloomington, MN), Dianne Zandbergen (Kuyper College, Grand Rapids, MI).

Presiding Officer: Pradeep Das, Chairman, BCS

Opening Prayer: Pradeep Das opened the meeting with a prayer and welcomed 33 attendees to the 4: 00 pm Annual meeting.

Introduction of current BCS Committee Members: Pradeep Das, Chairman, introduced the BCS Committee Members – 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). In the absence of Patty Agee, Secretary – Carol Reid agreed to take minutes of the meeting.

Approval of the BCS 2014 Annual meeting Minutes: A motion was carried to approve the Minutes of the 2014 Annual meeting held on June 10 at Huntington University , Huntington, IN. These minutes are available on the ACL Website under the BCS section. The paper copies of these minutes were also circulated in the meeting.

New Business:

(a) Nomination and Election of new BCS Committee members for the next two year term (2015 - 17) for the Secretary and Member-at-large. The floor was open for the nomination. The final candidates Dale Solberg (Member-at-large) and Carol Reid (Secretary) were unanimously elected.

(b) BCS Library Guidelines for the ABHE Colleges and Universities: Nancy Olson led the discussion on the progress of revising the guidelines to match the revised standards of the ABHE. A task force under her leadership has begun incorporating the revisions as suggested last year. At today's meeting, more suggestions (new ideas) for the task force were invited. These will be submitted to the Board for the final approval and will be linked to the BCS section of the ACL website. In February 2016, the ABHE Commission will approve these for the inclusion on their website.

Nancy made a "PowerPoint Presentation" of the 13 Essential Elements of the *Library Guidelines* for the ABHE Library Standard 10 and the new changes to be made in the future. These changes will address both the new additions to the standard and the essential elements and fix the "cracks" or weaknesses identified with the older version of the Guidelines.

Questions for each essential element have exemplary levels of library performance. The attendees were divided into several groups to look into these sections to see if they can agree on the best practices for each area and make some suggestions to go back to the task force for final revision.

As noted previously, the standards and the essential elements were approved by the ABHE Commission and published in their September 2014 edition of the Standards. Unlike the Commission's standards, these best practices are not binding, but do provide some means of evaluation for libraries. It was noted that some of these exemplary essential elements are very idealistic, especially for the small libraries.

Nancy mentioned that she has already talked to Dr. Kroll, ABHE Commissioner, who appreciates the ACL contributions to its standards through the *Library Guidelines*. He also welcomes the collaboration with the TRACS as well. Some of the best practices from the *Library Guidelines* can move into the TRACS document as well.

(c) BCS Library Guidelines for the TRACS Colleges and Universities: Jennifer Ewing gave a preliminary power point presentation for the preparation of future library guidelines that will link to the TRACS Standards for the library. This will help the Institutions (libraries) seeking accreditation with the TRACS (Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools). This work will also be helpful for the TRACS librarians. Nancy Olson is also a member of the task force for this project. (*Note:* In this meeting, 4 Librarians from the TRACS institutions were present.)

(d) Extension of BCS Committee Members' term from two years to three years: Pradeep Das suggested that the two-year term for the BCS Committee members is a very short period of time to plan, organize and achieve anything substantial for the BCS. Probably a three-year term is an ideal one and will provide enough time for the members to accomplish more. So at the request of Pradeep, a motion was passed on the floor to recommend this new term length to the ACL Board for their approval. If it is approved, the terms of the two newly elected members Dale Solberg and Carol Reid and all future BCS members will be for three years.

Online / Web Resources: James Mancuso is still hoping to load the web-contents to the ACL website that will provide links to several online biblical / theological resources. This will be available free for the benefit of all ACL libraries. In this collaborative project, others can also add new links for the biblical / theological resources. These web pages may be linked to the individual college library's website later on. This project will be managed by Joshua Avery, the Website Coordinator.

More Communication: Pradeep remarked that he intends to have more communication and dialogue among the BCS members (e-mails and direct telephone conversations) throughout the year, and not just during the ACL Conference. He requested all members to send him creative and innovative ideas for collaborative action, so that we can be more productive and achieve a lot for the BCS as a TEAM (Together Each Achieving More). *"We believe in growing and achieving more through our collective wisdom and actions."*

Extended time for the Annual Meeting: Pradeep remarked that the time limit of one hour for the BCS Annual Meeting during the ACL Conference is not adequate to discuss every item on the agenda and to address all questions and concerns of the members present. So he plans to request the ACL Board to extend this time from one hour to one-and-half hours.

Solo Librarians Interest Group: Paul Roberts announced that those who would like to join the "Solo Librarian" e-mail discussion group may contact him for further information and dinner time meetings during the conference.

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