

Bible Core Section

Annual Meeting at Conference
IWU, Marion, Indiana
June 11, 2019

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 3:47 pm by the Chair, Pradeep Das, who then opened the meeting in prayer, and introduced the current BCS Board members.

A motion to approve the BCS 2018 Annual Meeting minutes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

New Business

Nomination and election of 2019/20 Board members

- Chair - J. James Mancuso / Northeastern Baptist College
- Vice chair (no one was nominated for this position)
- Director(s) at Large - Deborah McConkey; and Christopher Ullman / Moody Bible Institute

LibGuides Report

Jon Jones led a discussion about LibGuides. He emphasized that we ought to know it exists and how it works. He showed that it has helpful content, and gave instructions on how to access it through the ACL website. He encouraged members present to contribute ideas on how to improve it.

Journal Table of Contents Service

Nancy Olson and Leslie Starasta then gave a presentation on a Journal Table of Contents Service available via RSS. They offer this because it is good stewardship to get the resources out to faculty members and students. This has a kingdom focus, helping students near and far. They gave an invitation to link to this. All were encouraged to share library resources for mutual benefit. Sharing resources helps all of our libraries better serve our patrons and institutions as we prepare Kingdom workers.

BCS Leadership Manual (Handbook)

The board members have updated the manual extensively over the recent months. The Board plans to meet again during the conference to finalize and approve the new manual. The manual will be of great aid to future boards in terms of the purpose and function of this section.

ACL/CLC Interlibrary loan and Reciprocal Borrowing

Jim Mancuso gave a brief introduction to doing interlibrary loan through ACL's Christian Library Consortium. He also showed how to use Microsoft Access to create a simple database to manage a low volume (<200 per year) of interlibrary loan requests. There are no membership requirements to join ILL.

Deborah McConkey did a brief presentation about reciprocal borrowing. All ACL libraries are permitted to join the Reciprocal Borrowing program, which enables patrons of one institution to directly borrow resources from another institution in the program. The participating library must have at least one ACL member to participate in RBP.

ABHE & Key Performance Indicators

Nancy Olson, BCS's liaison to ABHE, led a discussion about a change in ABHE's annual data collection requirements that resulted in libraries no longer being asked to report annual statistics. ABHE has moved away from the gathering of annual statistics to the method of Key Performance Indicators. Currently ABHE has no Key Performance Indicators specific to an institution's *library*. Nancy pointed out that it is still important for each library to measure, document, and report library activity, even if it is only to their institution's administration and stakeholders. She brought forth the idea of the BCS members agreeing upon up to four library-specific Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)—critical indicators of progress toward an intended result—for their institution's administrators understanding of their library's impact.

For example, a library might report Number of items circulated/used per FTE student. KPIs will give the opportunity for comparison of best practices and benchmarks. The group proposed some possible KPIs:

- Library expenditures as a percentage of Education in General expenditures (afterward, this was discussed as being potentially disadvantageous)
- Headcount % of total FTE
- Cost/use of electronic items (e-books, databases, etc.)
- Expenditures for resources (define term) per student OR FTE

Nancy will meet with other team members during the conference to discuss KPIs further. Soon thereafter she will share the BCS agreed upon library-specific KPIs with the ABHE administrators for their consideration.

Potential name change for BCS

Nancy and Chairman Das led a discussion about how the name "Bible College Section" has become obsolete and no longer accurately reflects the nature of the libraries represented by its members. Many libraries are in institutions that are changing their names to eliminate the term "Bible College." A truer, more comprehensive term should embrace all member libraries, regardless of their name. To do that, our name needs to reflect what we share in common: a strong core of curriculum devoted to biblical studies.

The group suggested *Bible Core Section* and *Biblical Core Section* as possibilities. The abbreviation for our section can remain BCS if we change only the word College. Using 'Core' brings our name in parallel with the Liberal Arts Section, whose name reflects their curriculum focus, rather than the type or size of the member institutions. Chairman Das asked for a show of hands in support of the name change. Those present showed overwhelming support for the choice Bible Core Section, so the motion was approved. Incoming Chairman Mancuso agreed to write up a resolution documenting the section's decision to change its name, which our liaison to the ACL Board, Leslie Starasta will bring to the Board for approval.

No other new business was brought forth.

Election results

- J. James Mancuso was elected as chair for a term of three years, 2019-22.
- Christopher Ullman was elected as a Director-at-Large to serve for one year to complete the 2017-20 term of office vacated by Tiffany Hudson.
- Deborah McConkey was re-elected to a second term, 2019-22, as Director-at-Large.

- During the coming year, the Chair will need to recruit someone to fill the role of Vice Chair in the 2020/21 year.

Closing

The meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 4:42 pm.

(minutes by Erinn Huebner and J. James Mancuso)

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