

**AFRICAN LITERATURE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL MEETINGS
UNIVERSITY OF GHANA
MAY 17-21, 2006**

Meeting of Wednesday, May 17th.

Present: Carol Boyce Davies (for Janice Mayes), Debra Boyd (President), Amy Elder, Wangui wa Goro, Tony Hurley, George Joseph, Anthonia Kalu (for Becky Clarke), Keiko Kusunose, Mark Lilleleht, Soraya Mekerta, Eustace Palmer, Thelma Pinto, Abioseh Porter, Emmanuel Yewah

The President called the meeting to order at 7:25 a.m.

1. Ratification of the Agenda:

The Agenda was ratified.

2. Ratification of the Minutes of the Executive Council Meetings in Washington, D.C. at the ASA Conference, November 7-20, 2005

There were three changes to the Minutes: Wangui presented on the last day of the ASA meeting, not on the day noted in the Minutes; Thelma Ravell Pinto's name was misspelled; Tomi Adeaga should have been listed as a TRACLA member, not Tony Hurley

After these corrections, the Minutes were approved.

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

None at the present time

4. President's Opening Remarks:

Debra welcomed the Executive Council and expressed happiness that everyone arrived in Ghana safely.

5. Treasurer's Report: Tony Hurley

Tony distributed the March 15, 2005 – March 15, 2006 Report of ALA finances. Summary: Income: \$19,824.14

Expenses: \$18,784.57

Total Received through Paypal Payments Minus

Charges: \$1,319.16

PAX World Balanced Funds: \$86,066.02

Former Treasurer's account: \$2,193.25

Total Balance: \$108,639.41

Tony reported that the former Treasurer sent information about the accounts at the end of his tenure, and all the ALA funds are accounted for.

In response to a query, Tony will check on the amount ALA actually pays for RAL.

The Treasurer's Report was approved; Tony was congratulated for producing a detailed, coherent report.

6. **Auditor's Report:**

Louis Tremain sent Tony the information that everything in the ALA finances is in good order; Adlai Murdoch, the second auditor, might send a report at a later date.

Discussion ensued about the value of hiring outside auditors in the future. Tony will look into finding three outside auditors before the ALA Executive Meetings at the ASA in November.

7. **Caucus Reports:**

- **Francophone: Roberta Hatcher** (not present)
- **Graduate Student: Mark Lilleleht**

Mark suggested the need for Junior Scholars panels at future ALA Conferences; he expressed the value of the EC connecting with larger graduate programs in African literature in order to help energize this Caucus.

Discussion ensued about methods to encourage students to join this Caucus. This question will be returned to at Sunday's EC meeting.

- **WOCALA: Anthonia Kalu**

She has put together a list-serve of Caucus members; WOCALA is presenting two panels at the Ghana Conference: "Ama Ata Aidoo: The Past of History, The Present of Literature" and "Yvonne Vera: Heroines and the Hopeless"; the WOCALA Luncheon speaker is Anna Darko.

- **TRACLA: Wangui wa Goro**

TRACLA's two panels were not placed on the Conference Program, even though they were ready; the present TRACLA Executive will remain in place for another year; the Caucus will ask for \$15 as a regular membership fee, \$5 for Africa-based members; next two years's panels will be planned at the Caucus meeting; possibly, there might be a name change for the Caucus.

The Caucus Reports were accepted.

8. Committee Reports:

- **Teaching and Research: Sonia Lee**

This Committee will be discussed at a later date.

- **Issues: Mark Lilleleht**

Lemuel Johnson's library has arrived at the University of Fourah Bay, Sierra Leone; the Committee is currently discussing the difficulties African scholars have receiving visas to the U.S.; discussion on the situation in Dafur continues; the Committee continues its support for its Resolution on the Congo.

Discussion ensued concerning the proper definition of "issues"; in this regard, Eustace raised the need to clarify the reasoning behind the decision that it was impossible to aid ALA members adversely affected by Katrina. Tony explained that the legal language concerning nonprofits making such donations was extremely confusing; also, the EC has no guidelines for deciding on recipients. Thelma said that the Finance Committee is concerned that African disasters have not been responded to by the ALA.

More discussion led to a suggestion that the Executive devise a policy concerning help for all ALA members who suffer disasters and African writers affected by Katrina. Discussion of this issue will continue.

The Committee Report was accepted.

- **Awards: Thelma Ravell-Pinto**

This Report was postponed because the first ALA plenary session had begun.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Meeting of Thursday, May 18th

Meeting began at 7:23 a.m.

Present: Falabo Ajayi, Debra Boyd (President), Fahamisha Patricia Brown, Carole Boyce Davies (for Janis Mayes), Amy Elder, Wangui wa Goro, Tony Hurley, George Joseph, Anthonia Kalu (for Becky Clarke), Keiko Kusunose,

Mark Lilleleht, Soraya Mekerta, Eustace Palmer, Thelma Pinto, Abioseh Porter, Emmanuel Yewah

Debra announced that members of ALA should give books to be donated to the University of Ghana and to the W.E.B. DuBois Center to the EC Secretary for recording.

8. Committee Reports, cont.

- **Awards: Thelma Ravell-Pinto** (postponed)
- **Constitution: Eustace Palmer**
 Eustace moved, and it was seconded, that members of all Caucuses be members of ALA. After discussion, the motion passed.
 Changes are needed in the Executive *Handbook* to reflect actual ALA procedures.
- **Employment: Huma Ibrahim** (not present)
- **Media Relations: Fahamisha Brown**
 Fahamisha sent notices of the ALA Ghana Conference for posting on the calendars of appropriate organizations in the U.S. , including the ASA, and to local media.
 She expressed the need to establish a photo file of ALA conferences; Janice Spleth will help with photos at the 2007 West Virginia Conference.

9. New Business:

Mildred Hill-Lubin would like to donate her library to a university in Ghana, but the shipping cost is prohibitive; she is asking if the ALA would be able to help with this cost.

Discussion ensued, and it was decided that this question should be referred to the Finance Committee; Mark commented that there are funding opportunities outside the ALA to look to for such funding.

The Finance Committee will discuss the issue and report back To the EC at this ALA meeting.

Anthonia's suggestion was accepted that there should be a place on the membership form for donations to send books to African universities. The minimum donation should be \$5.

10. Continuation of Left-Over Business from Wednesday:

Points 8 and 9 are left-over business from Wednesday.

11. **Fonlon-Nichols Award: George Lang**

George explained that this ALA prize is based on a matching Grant from the University of Alberta and was initiated by Stephen Arnold.

He proposed that the EC find a formula to replenish the Board that determines each year's awardee; he will stay on the Board to help administer the grant. There is a principal of \$12,330.50, as of April 30th; \$1,516.64 interest is taken from this principal each year and is available for the award, which translates into \$750.00 US. Since the Prize is \$1,000 U.S., there have been supplemental funds provided by the ALA in the past. George offered to do more media work to advertise the award.

He set forth a number of principles he wished to be maintained and/or initiated:

- Confidentiality of the nominees
- Preference for less-renowned writers for whom the Prize would be especially meaningful
- Gender balance for the Prize
- Language balance
- Geographical distribution

Present Board: Eileen Julienne, Ambois Korn, George Lang, Lucien Lavardiere, Eustace Palmer, Abioseh Porter, Aliko Sangolo, Conveners of the annual conference *ex officio*.

No replenishment of the original Board has occurred.

Discussion ensued. Tony asked how the funds are to be controlled, if the EC agrees to take over the award. In response, George explained that he is recommending that the ALA manage the funds. The ALA Treasurer will administer the prize money. The monies, however, cannot be moved from the University of Alberta; moreover, the EC must find a way to replenish the Board of judges. He recommended a three-year term.

Carole moved, and it was seconded, that the Awards Committee be empowered to administer the F-N Prize. In the discussion about this motion, it was decided that a sub-committee of the Awards Committee should not serve as the F-N Prize Committee, but that the Awards Committee first should discuss the role of a subcommittee. The motion passed.

Because of time pressure, we will return to this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Meeting of Friday, May 19th.

Meeting began at 7:25 a.m.

Present: Folabo Ajayi, Debra Boyd (President), Carole Boyce Davies (for Janis Mayes), Amy Elder, Wangui wa Goro, Gerise Herndon, George Joseph, Anthonia Kalu for Becky Clarke), Tony Hurley, Keiko Kusunose, Mark Lilleleht, Soraya Mekerta, Eustace Palmer, Thelma Pinto, Abioseh Porter, Emmanuel Yewah

(17) Continuation of Wednesday's and Thursday's Business:

(11) Continuation of EC discussion of Fonlon-Nichols Prize:

Eustace made the motion, and it was seconded, that the EC accept the responsibility of administering the F-N Prize. The motion passed, and Debra will respond to George Lang to report this decision.

Thelma reported that the Awards Committee met, considered the following points and makes the following recommendations:

- that there is no specification of the membership of the Awards Committee; therefore, the Committee would like guidance on this point. They recommend that membership be extended to seven and that there be a transitional year in which to fuse the present F-N Board with the present Awards Committee; moreover, three of the present F-N Board should be on the Awards Committee; there should be stepped terms on the Awards Committee, and any member of ALA may be nominated.
- that members of the Awards Committee cannot nominate and cannot receive the F-N Prize while on the Awards Committee, and that Committee members must attend the ALA. Moreover, the ALA President should be added as an *ex officio* member.
- that a date be determined by which F-N nomination should be submitted to the Awards Committee.
- that the nominations should be based on both the quality of a candidate's writing and her/his human rights activity; writers nominated in the past should not be eliminated automatically.

In the discussion that followed, Debra suggested that an ALA Past-President also should be on the F-N Committee. Abioseh and George have agreed to stay on ; therefore, we will need one more

member of the F-N Committee from the present board and four from the Awards Committee.

After discussion, it was decided that the Awards Committee should be composed of Becky Clarke, Wangui wa Goro, George Lang, Soraya Mekerta, Thelma Ravell Pinto (Chair), Abioseh Porter, and Hal Wylie.

(7) Francophone Caucus Report: Gerise Herndon

There will be a meeting of the Caucus this afternoon, and she will be back at the EC meeting tomorrow to report on it.

(11') Bulletin Editor's Report: Abioseh Porter

The current *Bulletin* is delayed because of confusion with the Ghana Conference Program, but it will soon be out.

The transition to *JALA* is going well; he has ten reviewers so far and is still looking for more. The inaugural issue will be out by the time of the West Virginia Conference.

Abioseh raised a question about the possibility of taking papers for *JALA* from panels at ALA. He has advertised in a number of professional *venues* for papers.

The EC decided to leave this last question for later discussion.

(12) Review of the *Bulletin* Editor's Performance: Stricken

(13) Report from ALA Headquarters: JoAnne Cornwell (not present)

The EC discussed the present situation with Headquarters. It was decided that Debra will ask JoAnne if she wishes to continue as Director of Headquarters; she will also attempt to determine the status of Headquarters operations and Joanne's projection of needs in the future.

Debra passed around copies of the "African Literature Association's ACTION & RESOLUTIONS 1975-2005," provided by JoAnne.

(14, 15, 16, 17,18,19) Skipped for now

20. Report from the Convener of the ALA 2007 Conference at the University of WV: Janice Spleth

The theme of the Conference is "African Literature and the Cultural Dynamics of Globalization"; the deadline for abstracts is December 1, 2006; Pre-registration is necessary by January 15, 2007 for names to appear in the Program; the meeting will be held in an

appropriate Morganstown hotel; one of the featured speakers will be T. Momenembo from Guinea, who has written about Rwanda.

Abioseh has volunteered to be liaison between Janice and the EC. Through him, she wishes to ask the EC to help her with her list of possible Anglophone speakers about whom a decision has not yet been made: Okri, Dangarembga, Cheney-Coker, Soyinka, Achebe; she also requested the names of younger writers for possible funding and guidance about supplying a room and breakfast for EC meetings at the WV Conference.

Debra suggested that anyone with suggestions for Anglophone speakers contact Janice.

The EC accepted Janice's Report and thanked her for her hard work.

(18.) Report from the Vice-President: Eustace Palmer

The official results of the EC elections will be reported at a later EC meeting and to the ALA Business meeting; he will pick two EC members to help count the votes.

At the 2006 ASA, the ALA will have a roundtable and a panel, and individual ALA members are setting up independent panels and giving papers as well.

(15.) Travel Grant Committee: Kandioura Drame (not present)

Debra has received a report from him ; we should be able to give the award at the 2007 Conference. We will return to this Committee Report at a later meeting.

(14.) ALA Newsletter: Abioseh Porter

Both the web version of *JALA* and the hard copy soon will be available; the web site is up and running.

21. Report from the Convener of the ALA 2008 Conference at Western Illinois University: Rasheed Na'Allah (not present)

Debra said that she has written an official acceptance letter to Western Illinois University.

Emmanuel raised a question about possible protocols for a standard of behavior of participants on panels, for example, for cell phone use. EC agreed there should be such protocols outlined in future conference materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Meeting of Friday, May 20, 2006

Present: Oty Agbayoh-Laoye, Folabo Ajayi, Debra Boyd (President), Carole Boyce Davies (for Janice Mayes), Amy Elder, Wangui wa Goro, Tony Hurley George Joseph, Anthonia Kalu (for Becky Clarke), Keiko Kusonose, Mark Lilleleht, Soraya Mekerta, Eustace Palmer, Thelma Pinto, Emmanuel Yewah

The meeting began at 7:20 a.m.

Debra announced that this meeting was the last one which she would preside; the new ALA President, Eustace Palmer, will take over tomorrow.

(15. revisited) Debra passed around a letter sent to her and the EC from Kandioura Drame asking to be relieved of his duties as Chair of the Travel Grant Committee. Kandioura offered special thanks to Thelma Ravell-Pinto for her service on the Committee. A new Chair must be found.

22. Future Conference Venues: Postponed

23. Position Review of the Series Editor, Ousseynou Traore:

Debra passed around a letter of resignation from Ousseynou. He also sent an update on the publication situation of *Annuals* from the Conferences that took place during his tenure as Editor. Manuscripts are in the process of being formatted from the Kansas and San Diego Conferences of 2000 and 2002; the Richmond 2001 and Fez 1999 manuscripts are not yet ready for formatting.

At this point Abioseh suggested that the Awards Committee be made a Standing Committee of the EC; Eustace so moved; the motion was seconded and passed.

24. Handbook Review: Addition of *JALA*, *Newsletter*, website, TRACLA
Not discussed

25. Status of the Teaching and Research Committee: Sonia Lee (not present and no report)

It was decided that the Committee should meet and report to the EC at the next meeting.

26. Continuation of Business from Friday:

All of the above.

27. JALA and Publication Committee Report: Abioseh Porter

JALA is on target; we do not need a motion to add an Ad Hoc committee to the *Handbook*.

In the discussion that ensued, Eustace moved, and it was seconded, that, now that JALA has been launched, the Publications Committee be given a new function, that is, to work with the yearly Series Editors to assure the publication of the Annual in a timely fashion.

Mark asserted that a Series Editor is still needed, and the EC should identify a new one to replace O. Traore. It was agreed that the EC will announce this need at the Business Meeting and place a call on the ALA web site immediately. We should aim at being able to choose the new Series Editor at the ALA EC meetings at the November, 2006 ASA.

Abioseh remarked that we need to draw up specific guidelines for the Series Editor. We also need to identify which Committees are Standing and which Ad Hoc.

Eustace replaced his original motion with one asking that the Publications Committee be reconstituted and given the responsibility of helping to insure the timely production of all the ALA's publications. The motion was seconded and passed.

28,, 29., and 30: postponed

(16. Revisited: Report from the 2006 ALA Conference Convener: Kofi Anyidoho):

- The Conference had at least 310 paying registrants, In addition, there were about 100 nonpaying guests, colleagues from the University of Ghana who are not ALA members.
- Registration for tours:

Volta Lake:	c.40
Two-day Cape Coast/Elmina:	15
Four-day Cape Coast/Elmina:	80
- The Conveners had difficulty determining ahead of time how many actual participants there would be; this lack of information impacted on the expenses for the Conference preparations. Therefore, in the future, it would be helpful if all

those who submitted papers but could not come would so inform the Conveners.

- **Biggest Headache:** whether there would be funds enough to pay for all the costs. It had been hoped that the National Theatre would be back functioning by the time of the Conference, but it wasn't. There were not enough accommodations on campus, and the National Conference Centre was too expensive. Consequently, most attendees were forced to stay at the Royal Palm Beach Hotel.

Additionally, the promised NYU funding fell far short of what had been expected. When all the accounts are reconciled, the Conveners will know where they stand financially.

- Many of the speakers who could come did not request an honorarium. All of them have a particularly close relationship with Ghana, hence the Conveners' decision not to have one main keynote address but, instead, to have plenary roundtables
- Kofi acknowledged the support of the EC and of PAWA, which hosted and bore all the expenses of the Fonlon-Nichols Award Ceremony.
- He hoped that the next time there is an ALA conference in Africa, the Conveners will realize that funding the WOCALA luncheon speaker is their responsibility.

The EC expressed its sincere thanks to Kofi, the other Conveners and the Conference organizing committee.

(22. Revisited: Future Conference Venues):

2009: North Carolina A&T University: Chimalum Nnwanko not present; report given by **Gibreel Camara:**

Unfortunately, North Carolina A&T is going through administrative change; there is no stable administration to work with at the present time. He and Nnwanko will keep in touch with the EC as matters as the University restructuring progresses.

The EC requested that there be a report on the possibility of a 2009 ALA meeting at North Carolina A&T by the EC meeting at the November, 2006 ASA.

2010: Rutgers University: no report

Thelma announced that she was working on a possible Conference venue for 2010 in Durban, South Africa. She will have more information at a later date.

2011: University of Mali: Paul Diakhite & Drissa Diakhite: not present and no report.

(8. Revisited: Employment Committee: Huma Ibrahim):

She has no report but will submit a report at a later date to the *Bulletin*. Huma will contact other members of the Committee for information and hopes the Committee will field a workshop at the 2007 ALA Conference.

Abioseh suggested that the Committee determine its objectives and report back to the EC. This suggestion led to the idea that all the Committees should present written objectives and accomplishments to the EC.

31. New Business:

- Mark passed around copies of an article from the *N.Y. Daily News* of May 15, 2006 that reported on the most recent Regents Exam on global history asking how Africa benefited from imperialism. His question was whether the EC should respond to this article and the exam. The EC agreed that we should respond, and Eustace, the President-to-be, will write a formal letter to the *N.Y. Daily News*.

Folabo further recommended that Eustace's letter be sent to the Embassies of the British and French, who have passed resolutions espousing the point of view that colonialism was beneficial to Africa, and to UNESCO. The amended motion to this effect was seconded and passed.

It also was decided that we should have a workshop on this subject at the 2007 West Virginia Conference.

- Eustace reported that the ALA election resulted in Thelma Ravell Pinto being the new Vice-President and Ngwarsungu Chiwengo and Fahamisha Brown added to the EC Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Meeting of Sunday, May 21st.

Present: Folabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Debra Boyd, Fahamisha Patricia Brown, Ngwarsungu Chiwengo, Amy Elder, Tony Hurley, Anthonia Kalu (for Becky

Clarke), Keiko Kusunose, Mark Lilleleht, Soraya Mekerta, Eustace Palmer (President), Thelma Pinto, Abioseh Porter, Emmanuel Yewah.

The meeting began at 7:18 a.m.

1. Ratification of the Agenda From the New President:

The Agenda will be continued from the previous meeting.

2. Ratification of Any Available Un-ratified EC Minutes:

There are no un-ratified EC Minutes.

3. Remarks by the New President; Introduction of New EC Members; Assignment of Tasks Arising From the Annual Business Meeting:

Eustace expressed gratitude for the moving installation ceremony at last night's celebration. He welcomed Ngwarsungu Chiwengo, Niyi Afolabi, Anthonia Kalu, and Fahamisha Brown as new Members of the EC Board and congratulated Thelma Ravell Pinto on being elected the new Vice President of ALA. Chiwengo will be the new Deputy VP.

Eustace noted that he has been charged to write two official letters on behalf of the ALA (see previous EC Minutes). He also needs to update the *Handbook* in collaboration with JoAnne and Abioseh. He requested that any changes in the *Handbook* the EC wishes to make should be sent to him, and a draft of all the changes will be sent around to the EC for approval.

4. Motion to Destroy the 2006 Ballots:

The ballots have been destroyed.

5. Review of Committees:

Eustace explained that it is necessary that we identify the members of all ALA committees and determine if they are Standing or Ad-Hoc. Definitions of the two different kinds of committees should go into the *Handbook*.

- The **Finance Committee** was moved and seconded to be made a Standing Committee. The main charge to the Finance Committee is to determine the financial policy of the organization, working together with the ALA President.

Recommended members, subject to their agreement:
Folabo Ajayi-Soyinka (Chair), Robert Cancel, Ngwarsungu Chiwango, Tony Hurley, Joe MacLaren, Adlai Murdoch, Janice Spleth

- The **Awards Committee** was moved and seconded to be a Standing Committee.

Recommended members, subject to their agreement:
Debra Boyd (Past President), Becky Clarke, Wangui wa Goro, Tony Hurley, *ex officio*, George Lang, Soraya Mekerta, Eustace Palmer (*ex officio*), Thelma Ravell Pinto (Chair), Abioseh Porter, Aliko Songolo,

For the Fonlon-Nichols Prize, the ALA President is automatically added *ex officio* to the Prize Committee.
- The **Travel Grant Committee** was moved and seconded to be a Standing Committee.

Recommended members, subject to their agreement:
Ngwarsungu Chiwango, Anthonia Kalu (Chair), Janis Mayes, plus representatives from each of the Caucuses.
- The **Publications Committee** was moved and seconded to be a Standing Committee.

This Committee is charged with ensuring the continuity of ALA publications.

Recommended members, subject to their agreement:
Susan Andrade, JoAnne Cornwell, Carol Boyce Davies, Kandioura Drame, Eileen Julien, Anthonia Kalu, Janis Mayes (Chair), Mimi Mortimer, Eustace Palmer, Aboseh Porter, Ousseynou Traore, Emmanuel Yewah, Editor of the *Newsletter* (*ex officio*), *JALA* Editor (*ex officio*), Series Editor (*ex officio*).
- The **Issues Committee** was moved and seconded to be a Standing Committee.

Recommended members, subject to their agreement:
Tadesse Adera, Folabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Debra Boyd, Fahamisha Brown, Ngwarsungu Chiwengo, Carol Boyce Davies, Olabisi Gwamna, Ken Harrow, Alfred Kisubi, Daniel Kunene, Mark Lilleleht (Chair), Janis Mayes, Sada Niang, Molara Ogundipe.
- The **Teaching and Research Committee** was moved and seconded to be a Standing Committee. This Committee has been charged to meet and discuss its role and to report to the EC at the ASA meeting.

Recommended members, subject to their agreement:
Patricia Alden, Odile Cazenave, Ngwarsungu Chiwengo (Chair), Carrol Coates, Meredith Gadsby, Carmela Garritano,

Dorothy Hurley, Marjolijn de Jager, George Joseph, Sonia Lee, Judith Miller, Don Morales,

- The **Media Relations Committee** was moved and seconded to be a Standing Committee.
Recommended members, subject to their agreement: Fahamisha Brown (Chair), Joseph McClaren, Donald Morales
- The **Constitutional Reform Committee** was moved and seconded to be a Standing Committee.
Recommended members, subject to their agreement: Debra Boyd, Elizabeth Boyi, Robert Cancel, JoAnne Cornwell, Kandoura Drame, Thelma Ravell Pinto (Chair)
- The **Employment Committee** will remain an Ad-Hoc Committee.
Recommended members, subject to their agreement: Cecil Abrahams, Apollo Amoko, Koffi Anyinefa, Fahamisha Brown, Roberta Hatcher, Huma Ibrahim (Chair), Mark Lilleleht, Dayna Oscherwitz, Angelita Reyes.

All of the above motions passed.

Fahamisha moved, and it was seconded, that Standing Committee appointments should be made annually and should always include a member of the EC. The motion was defeated.

Debra moved, and it was seconded, that the ALA President annually name a Chair of the Teaching and Research Committee. The Motion passed.

Eustace remarked that information from all Committees should be copied to the "Information Center." The Committees, their charge, their status, and their membership will be revisited at the EC meetings at ASA in November.

6. Discussion of the Conference Just Ending and Recommendations to the Next Convener(s):

Thelma moved, and it was seconded, that the EC thank the Ghana Conference Conveners for an extremely successful Conference and for setting up an ALA desk at the registration area. The motion passed.

The Vice-President was charged with communicating their responsibilities to future Conveners.

7. Checking of Details for the New Letterhead:

This task will be worked out.

8. Nominations for Next ALA Elections:

Thelma asked for nominations for the ALA elections. There will be a call for nominations on the ALA web site.

9. Other Business:

Mark suggested adding a line to the membership form for donations to be given to ALA. He also requested that the Secretary quickly provide EC Members with lists of Committee members. with correct e-mail addresses.

We will publicize the need for a new Series Editor and a new site for ALA Headquarters.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

