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Mark Your Calendars!

ATLA Annual Conference
June 21-24, 2006
Chicago, IL

Fall Meeting
Evangelical School of Theology
Myerstown, PA

Winter Meeting
Lutheran Theological Seminary
Germantown, PA

2007 ATLA Annual Conference
June 13-16
Philadelphia, PA

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TEAMWORK

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

SEPTLA Spring Meeting at Lancaster Theological Seminary

Collection Development All-Day Workshop

James Stitzinger,
Books for Libraries, Inc.

James Stitzinger, founder of Books for Libraries, Inc., will be presenting an all-day workshop on collection development. Mr. Stitzinger has a proven track record of building strong theological collections. He developed the collection and building for the library of Calvary Baptist Seminary from 1977-87 and served as Director of Library Services for The Master's College and Seminary (1987-2005) in the Los Angeles area. At the Master's College and Seminary, he developed two separate collections, which currently total 300,000 volumes after just 17 years. He also designed and oversaw construction of a 33,000 square foot library and office facility for The Master's Seminary which was completed in 1998. He is currently serving as a consultant on several major library collection development and building projects.

Program Schedule:

- I. Introduction
- II. Intro of Participants (Please bring your Library's Collection Development Policy)
- Break
- III. The Changing Nature of Collection Development (Managing the hybrid)
- Lunch
- IV. Hands on Issues in Collection Development
- V. Joint Project

The deadline for registering is Monday, May 8, 2006. For more information, including full program schedule, directions and parking pass, or to register online go to: <http://www.atla.com/septla/LTSmtg.html>

The program is made possible by an ATLA Continuing Education grant.

Agenda:

9:00 – 10:00	Coffee & Registration – Hafer Center
10:00 – 11:45	Morning Session
11:45 – 12:00	Election of Officers
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch – Refectory (\$7 per person)
1:00 – 3:00	Afternoon Session

President's Message

May is a glorious month in the Northeast: sunny, pleasantly warm days bring flowers and trees to bloom. Sunshine lights our path from early rising to the long drive home after work. Even the rain falls gently on the earth. In the midst of all this burgeoning beauty, the reality inside our libraries is often less than lovely. Students are in the frantic final days of class, bringing their projects to conclusion, competing for books, computers...and the librarians' time...as deadlines loom. In contrast to the beauty surrounding us outside, the incessant hum of activity in and around our stacks and study tables ties us to our seemingly unending responsibilities in our usual stressful places.

But there is hope ahead! Soon the students will print the last page of that final paper, the mountain of returned end-of-semester books will be re-shelved in their appropriate spots, and the phone will cease its constant ringing. We can take a collective deep breath and relax a bit before the summer semester starts and other library projects begin.

Consider taking a break from the usual routine to join your colleagues in Lancaster, PA on May 18 for a full-day workshop on Collection Development. Led by Jim Stitzinger, the conversation promises to be stimulating and instructive. Bring a copy of your collection development policy so we can share experiences and ideas. We can all serve our seminaries and patrons better by spending time developing our skills and expanding our horizons in the company of other library professionals. I hope to see you there!

—Marsha J. Blake, President
New Brunswick Theological Seminary

MINUTES
Executive Committee
Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association
April 25, 2006

Attendees: President Marsha Blake, past President Cait Kokolus, Secretary Bonnie Falla, Treasurer Dan LaValla, Webmaster Chris Beldan, Teamwork Editor Stephanie Kaceli, Member-at-Large Sandy Finlayson, Member-at-Large Debbie Stern, Chair of Technology Interest Group Jeff Broderick, Chair of Reference Interest Group Gerald Lincoln

Meeting convened 10:30 am by Marsha Blake.

New Business

1. SEPTLA Scholarship for ATLA

Scholarship Criteria:

Maximum of one grant will be awarded per year

Fixed amount of Scholarship/Grant for the ATLA Annual Meeting has been changed to \$300.00

Application deadline by March 15 (Application must be downloaded from SEPTLA Website and emailed to Past President by March 15th)

A substantive ½ to 1 page summary describing the professional benefits one acquired from attending the conference needs to be submitted to the editor of Teamwork by August 15th.

NangTsin Lahtaw (Philadelphia Biblical University) was awarded \$300.00 to attend this year's ATLA meeting in June

2. ATLA Conference

Need to write report and submit to ATLA by June – Steve Crocco willing to do this if information is submitted to him by May 25, 2006.

2007 ATLA Annual Meeting Arrangements

- Melody Mazuk resigned from Local Host Committee and Cait Kokolus is assuming responsibility
- Cait will submit request to listserv for recommended names for 2 Plenary Speakers
- Executive Committee is the Local Host Committee for 2007 ATLA Annual Meeting
- Each point person to submit summary report to Stephanie for Teamwork
- Each point person needs to submit report to Steve Crocco by May 25, 2006 with "Semi-permanent plans" for the 2007 ATLA Annual Meeting. Steve will send an email to the listserv.

3. 2006 Spring Meeting/Full-Day Workshop

Jim Stitzinger will present a full-day workshop on collection development. Members are asked to bring their institutions collection development policies.

Cait Kokolus will prepare and run election

Email flyers to remind members to register online by Monday May 8th.

4. Future Meetings:

- Fall Meeting 2006 – Evangelical School of Theology (T. Heisey) - October 18 or 25, 2006
- Winter Meeting – Lutheran Philadelphia or Biblical Seminary (February 15th or 22nd)
- Next Executive Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM August 16th at Biblical Theological Seminary

5. Treasurer’s Report – Currently have balances of:

Savings Account	\$7540.61
Checking Account	\$1544.36

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 PM

SEPTLA Winter Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2006
Philadelphia Biblical University

Attending

David McClain	Baptist Bible College & Seminary
Jeff Brodrick	
Daniel LaValla	Biblical Theological Seminary
Susan Taylor	
Nancy Adams	Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Terry Heisey	Evangelical School of Theology
Chris Belden	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Lois Reibach	Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries
Bonnie Falla	Moravian Theological Seminary
Beth Fuchs	
Wendy Juniper	
Linda LaPointe	
Christopher Brennan	New Brunswick Theological Seminary
Marsha Blake	
Lyn Berg	
Tim Hui	Philadelphia Biblical University
Stephanie Kaceli	
NangTsin Lahtaw	
Laura Saloiye	
Randy Kemmerer	
Julius Bosco	
Dorothy Black	
Steve Crocco	Princeton Theological Seminary
Christine Schwartz	
Debbie Stern	Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
Jonathan Riches	Reformed Episcopal Seminary
Danae Smith	
Cait Kokolus	St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Todd Wilmot	
Jim Humble	
Sandy Finlayson	Westminster Theological Seminary
Melvin R. Hartwick	
Emily Sirinides	

Minutes of the Winter 2006 Meeting

SEPTLA President Marsha Blake called the meeting to order at 11:05a.m. Bonnie Falla, secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and recorded.

Treasurer's Report:

- All member institutions paid their 2005-2006 annual membership dues.
- The \$1500.00 collected for dues was deposited into the checking account.
- \$20.22 was the interest earned on the savings account in 2005.
- Current account balances is \$1,684.56 for checking and \$7537.02 for savings with \$5000.00 designated for hosting the 2007 ATLA conference.
- The report was accepted and filed.

By-Laws amendments:

Marsha Blake reviewed the proposed By-Laws amendments

Proposed changes to the Terms of Office:

5.5 shall be struck.

Proposed changes to the Duties of the Officers:

6.6.3 shall be replaced with – The Webmaster will report to the Technology Interest Group Chair who will bring any reports and concerns on behalf of the Webmaster to the Executive Committee. The Webmaster may be invited to attend meetings of the Executive Committee, with voice but not vote.

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Proposed changes to the Interest Groups:

8.4 shall be replaced with – The chair of each group will be annually elected by paper ballot in an election held during the Spring meeting by attendees of the respective interest group. Nominations shall be from the floor prior to the election. At that same meeting, the secretary for the coming year will be appointed by the group. The chair will be a member of the Executive Committee meetings through the coming year. Chairs of interest groups may at the same time be officers within the organization.

Proposed changes to the Executive Committee:

9.2 shall be replaced with – The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, interest group chairs, and Editor of *Teamwork*. Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings shall be taken by each member of the Committee in turn.

Nancy Adams said the Catalogers' Interest Group is having a "co-chair" arrangement. One will attend the Executive Committee meeting and the other will chair the group. Christine Schwartz asked if a group must have a secretary. That is how the new By-Law amendment is worded. Lois Reibach moved and Dan LaValla seconded that the proposed By-Law amendments be accepted. Motion carried.

Cataloging Interest Group:

Nancy reported that the group elected Jonathan Riches (new director at Reformed Episcopal Seminary) and Lois Reibach to be co-chairs of the group. Jonathan will attend Executive Committee meetings. They have not yet appointed a secretary.

Reference Interest Group:

In the absence of Gerald Lincoln, Christopher Belden presented Gerald Lincoln's PowerPoint on Information Visualization, the new search interface provided by EBSCOHost. It presents search results in a 2-D or 3-D clustered format. The group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of this type of display. Although a visual display is appealing to many, it will require some adjustment to those used to seeing linear text displays. The software also suggests broader, narrower and related searches based on the terms entered by the user. We questioned who would develop the thesaurus of search terms and what criteria are used to make the suggestions. The group voted unanimously to elect Gerald Lincoln as chairman of the Reference Interest Group to serve on the Executive Committee for the upcoming year. Marsha Blake was elected unanimously to serve as secretary for the same time period.

Systems/Technology Interest Group:

Jeff Brodrick of Baptist Bible College was elected chairman of the Systems/Technology Interest Group by unanimous vote. Jim Humble of St. Charles Seminary was elected secretary by unanimous vote. Chris Belden of Lancaster Theological Seminary gave a presentation on evaluating web sites. The discussion during the presentation revolved around the tasks of a library's web page. Tasks included: To show what's offered, staff info, how to search the library's resources, directions, hours, renewals, databases and indexes, policies, ILL, reference help, floor plan, research tutorial, copyright and information literacy concerns.

Chris passed around copies of two articles:

"Biggest mistakes in web design 1995-2015" <http://www.nonprofittips.com/badwebdesign/>

"How Twenty-Eight Users Helped Redesign an Academic Library Web Site"

Reference User Services Quarterly 44(3): Spring 2005

Some of the main points of these articles are that a web page is made to solve a patron's problems, not as a demonstration of the webmaster's skill; and that a page should minimize clutter and be well organized so that patrons can search easily. Other points touched on in the discussion included making pages accessible to the visually impaired; how sites can be made to move up and down Google's list; and finally, how much control librarians have over the style and content of their web sites. From that discussion it seems that college webmasters usually believe that a link to the library is unimportant for the institution's front page, but it was pointed out that many smaller institutions have a link to the library on their front pages.

ATLA 2007 Conference Report

Steve Crocco reported his and Melody Mazuk's requests concerning requirements of Host group (SEPTLA) for the 2007 conference, explaining that Barbara Kemmis (ATLA Director of Member Services) works closely with the group and answers all questions. The theme is "Firsts" (because there are so many "firsts" in the Philadelphia area).

Responsibilities for the group:

- Opening Reception and final Banquet entertainment—Sandy Finlayson and Cait Kokolus will arrange for this.
- Excursions—Dan LaValla will arrange for these (he can ask others to help).
- Dinner trips—Dan LaValla will find restaurants (he can ask others to help; maybe six people can pick their favorite restaurants).
- Worship services—Karl Krueger will arrange these.
- Information Table—Marsha Blake will schedule people for the table and obtain maps, brochures, etc. (from the Phil. Chamber of Commerce) to place on the table. Stephanie will create a list of restaurants. Bonnie will be one of the scheduled volunteers staffing the table.
- Vendor bags (for each registrant)—Philadelphia Biblical University staff will take responsibility for working with Barbara Kemmis on obtaining the bags and gathering the "stuff" to go in them (Chamber of Commerce can help with this, too).
- Someone will need to set up a Local Host Web Site that will link to the hotel page, Philadelphia transportation, Philadelphia tourism.

Cait Kokolus and Sandy Finlayson wanted more information on who pays for entertainment and the reception and banquet. Barbara Kemmis is the one to contact for information/advice on such questions.

There will be no dorm rooms offered, but the Doubletree (only housing option offered) has very reasonable rates for the conference.

Continuing Education/Program Committee Report:

Todd Wilmot, new chair of the Continuing Education Committee, announced that the speaker for the all day SEPTLA workshop on May 18, 2006, is James Stitzinger. James has an M.S.L.S. degree from Drexel University with specialization in library architecture and collection development. He has been an active librarian for 24 years. He developed the collection and building for the library of Calvary Baptist Seminary from 1977-87 and served as Director of Library Services for The Master's College and Seminary (1987-2005) in the Los Angeles area where he has developed two separate collections, which currently total 300,000 volumes. He will speak on Collection Development and address the following points:

- The Nature of Futuristic Libraries
- Library Assessment
- Writing & Maintaining Collection Development Policies
- Accession & Deaccession Considerations
- Dealing with Complaints
- Identifying parts of the collection that need to be strengthened to keep a balanced collection

- Promoting and optimizing faculty involvement
- Analyzing usage
- Dealing with loss and missing books
- Incorporating Bibliographic Tools into collection development (e.g., ARBA = American Reference Book Association, Carson's New Testament, Commentary Survey and Tremper Longman III's Old Testament Commentary Survey)
- What to do with gift books and special collections

Most of the cost is underwritten by our program grant from ATLA (\$750.00). That will help pay for the air flight, honorarium, and hotel.

Executive Committee Report

Executive Committee Report was included in the February 2006 issue of Teamwork. Past President Cait Kokolus announced the Committee's nominations for next year's officers and asked for nominations from the floor. Since none were forthcoming, Bonnie Falla moved that the nominations be closed and that the secretary forward the slate of nominees to the Teamwork editor for publication in the next issue. The following slate will be voted on during the May 18th, 2006 SEPTLA business meeting:

Dan LaValla for the office of president (one year term; can be re-elected once)

Sandy Finlayson for the office of secretary (one year term; can be re-elected once)

Debbie Stern for the office of treasurer (four year term)

The Past President, who will be Marsha Blake, will be the chair of the Executive Committee (as stated in the By-Laws).

Announcements

The spring meeting will be May 18, 2006, at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA (see description above under Cont. Ed. Com).

The fall meeting will be October 19, 2006, at Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, PA.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Timothy Hui introduced the University Provost, Dr. Todd Williams, who brought us greetings on behalf of Philadelphia Biblical University and offered thanks before lunch.

Institutional News

Baptist Bible College & Seminary:

The library is placing a stand-alone computer in the periodical reading room which will allow patron access to the Oxford English Dictionary Electronic Edition as well as several other digitized materials.

At the end of the semester BBC&S anticipates graduating the first PhD candidates.

Recently, head librarian David McClain corresponded with the library at Saint Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai. "Father Justin" provided some stunning photos taken with their 75 Mega Pixel camera (most common digital cameras in use today are 3 to 8 Mega pixels). Three photos are attached to this e-mail. A photo of the Sinai mountain range, a wall of very old books in the Sinai library, and a page from one of the oldest extant Bible texts. They found it in a wall at the monastery!

Lancaster Bible College:

Lancaster Bible College will be installing another compact shelving unit this summer in our serials area. Planning and fund raising continues for a major expansion and renovation of the Library.

Lancaster Theological Seminary:

Acquisition of two new rooms for archives storage has assisted in the completion of an extensive Seminary records housekeeping project. The staff has now been able to properly house boxes of records temporarily stored in public places within the library. Things look so much tidier! There is an experimental foray into ebooks with the purchase of OCLC's NetLibrary which got off to a rough start when OCLC gave LTS the wrong set of ebooks to go with the right set of catalog records.

Moravian Theological Seminary

Dr. Christopher M. Thomforde has been appointed the 15th president of Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary. Dr. Thomforde will assume Moravian's presidency on August 1, 2006. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University in 1969, a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University in 1974, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2000. Since 2001, he served as president of St. Olaf College.

Lehigh Valley Library Consortium comprised of Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem Area Public Library, Allentown Public Library and Easton Public Library recently received an LSTA grant for \$90,000.00. This grant will be used to replace the consortium's online catalog hardware. The hardware is the first step towards a software upgrade expected to take place this summer.

Librarian Beth Fuchs and 2 colleagues at the Bethlehem Area Public Library, Jane Gill and James Talarico, co-wrote a successful LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) Digitization Grant for \$25,000 recently awarded from the Pennsylvania Office of Commonwealth Libraries. The grant is for the expansion and enhancement of materials available on the Bethlehem Digital History Project website (<http://bdhp.moravian.edu/>), particularly on the education of young women.

New Brunswick Theological Seminary

Christopher Brennan started as Director of the Gardner A. Sage Library on January 2nd. He is returning to theological librarianship, having served as Assistant (later Associate) Librarian for Technical Services at Colgate Rochester Divinity School from 1985 to 2001. Most immediately before his present position he was Associate Director of the State University of New York College at Brockport (a suburb of Rochester, New York).

New Brunswick has a new President. He is the Rev. Dr. Gregg A. Mast. Doctor Mast brings an interesting background to this position, having served as a pastor in a number of parishes in the United States and South Africa, past President of the General Synod of the denomination that runs the Seminary (the Reformed Church in America), and most recently the Director of Ministry Services of the RCA. His recent inauguration was an occasion of great joy to the institution and the library staff is glad to welcome him aboard!

Palmer Theological Seminary

The Austen K. deBlois Library made news around the world with a discovery in their missionary archives: the original manuscript of Beethoven's Grosse Fugue for Piano (4 hands). The manuscript was auctioned in London by Sotheby's on December 1st and sold for £1 million (\$1.78 million). The manuscript, along with several others, was given to the Seminary in 1952 by Margaret Treat Doane. Heather Carbo, Circulation and Serials Assistant made the momentous discovery.

Other good news: the Seminary has announced the appointment of 2 new faculty members, effective July 1, 2006: The Rev. Dr Al Tizon will be Assistant Professor of Evangelism and Holistic Ministry and Director of Network 9.35; and the Rev. Dr. George Hancock-Stephan as Assistant Professor of Christian Heritage.

Philadelphia Biblical University

The Library Lobby is currently under construction. The Lobby is being repainted, re-carpeted, and some minor construction is being done. The Library has also ordered a new circulation/reader services desk, shelving, and OPAC station. The Lobby will have a completely new configuration once the desk has been installed. The Library staff is hoping to have the project completed by March 21, 2006.

The Library has just implemented Serials Solutions' federated search engine, Central Search, and Article Linker. Demonstrations to the faculty are underway and introduction to the students will occur in mid-March. Serials Solutions is also providing all MARC cataloging and updating for our 7,200 electronic journal titles. As of November, all of our electronic journals, including holdings, are included in online catalog.

As a result of last spring's SEPTLA's meeting, the Library changed our primary acquisitions vendor to Blackwells.

The Library was a recipient of ATLA's ATLAS for Alumni/ae grant. We are able to provide access to ATLA's ATLAS for Alumni/ae to all degree holders of the University. The grant was made available in January 2006 and the response has been good.

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

RCC has a new faculty member in Talmud who started in Fall. RCC will be looking for a new professor of Aramaic and Biblical Hebrew for next fall.

The part-time archivist is making good progress on the Eisenstein Reconstructionist Archives, containing papers of the movement's founder, Mordecai Kaplan. The library has received many of Kaplan's personal books that the archivist has shifted from the archives to the library. The college will embark on its first distance learning in the fall, geared towards non-matriculated students.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Library has promoted Todd Wilmot and Jim Humble. In addition, the library has hired a new Evening Circulation Supervisor, Brynne Norton. The library will be hosting a faculty in-service training day on Feb. 24, 2006. The library is also instrumental in implementing WebCT on campus.