

**Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries  
Annual Dinner and Business Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2003**

**DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF MEETING:** April 2, 2003, 7:00 p.m., Cotton Blossom Sternwheeler, Mobile, AL

**CALL TO ORDER**

Marcia Boosinger called the meeting to order after dinner.

**MINUTES**

Kim Weatherford announced that the meetings from the April 10, 2002 business meeting were in the August 2002 AACRL newsletter. The minutes were approved by the membership via e-mail following last year's meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mary Alice Fields did not give a formal report, but said the chapter is in good shape. She said if you owe money, give it to her; if you need money, ask her for it.

**NOMINATING REPORT**

Jean Thomason gave the nominating report. Officers for 2003-2004 are as follows:

President: Patty Pilkerton  
Vice-President/President-Elect: Deborah Grimes  
Past President: Marcia Boosinger  
Secretary: Kim Weatherford  
Treasurer: Kate Ragsdale  
Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison: Kathy Barone  
Legislative Liaison: Eric Kidwell  
Newsletter Editor: Della Darby  
Webmaster: Bob Schrimsher

**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

Marcia Boosinger recognized members of the Executive Board for 2002-2003. Certificates were presented to Jean Thomason, Patty Pilkerton, Kim Weatherford,, Mary Alice Fields, Della Darby, and Bob Schrimsher. Kathy Barone and Eric Kidwell were not present.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Patty Pilkerton delivered Eric Kidwell's legislative report. Suzanne Peterson from Samford University will be our representative to Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.

**PROGRAM**

Patty Pilkerton introduced the speaker, Dr. Michael Thomason. He is the director of the University Archives at the University of South Alabama (USA) and the managing editor of *Gulf South Historical Review*, published by USA. Dr. Thomason distributed a map of Mobile ca. 1725. He talked about Mobile's history as a port city and its diversity as a result of being "a town without walls." He said that Mobile has always been a conservative town, despite its diversity. In 1813 Mobile became part of the United States as a "prize" of the War of 1812. Mobile experienced exponential growth in the 1940s during World War II. Population is ethnically and racially diverse, with many African-Americans and people of Irish, German, and Jewish descent. Dr. Thomason also talked about Mardi Gras and its role in helping newcomers become part of the community. Following his talk, Dr. Thomason answered questions. Marcia Boosinger presented a book on Alabama architecture to Dr. Thomason. She then passed the gavel to Patty Pilkerton.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Patty Pilkerton adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Weatherford, AACRL Secretary