

**COSELL Annual Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Montgomery, AL**  
**April 14, 2005**

**1. The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.**

**2. Minutes**

The minutes from last year's business meeting on March 25, 2004 were accepted.

**3. Election Results**

Three new board members were elected and sworn in. They are:

- Rhea A-L Ballard-Thrower, Vice-Chair
- James Heller, Member
- Pedro Padilla-Rosa, Member

**4. Treasurer's Report & Membership**

Bill Beitema provided the Treasurer's Report. As of April 14, 2005, there was a balance of \$3,651.75. 2004 dues were included on the report at totaling \$940.00 while 2005 dues were listed as \$540.00. Thus a total income from 2004 and 2005 dues was reported as \$1,520.00. Expenses in the amount of \$845.00 were reported.

As of April 14, 2005, 29 members out of a possible 54 members had paid their dues.

**5. Continuing Business**

Pam Williams did obtain an OCLC symbol for COSELL. It is COSL.

Discounts to COSELL members for the following electronic products are available:

- GOBI Go Between
- Lexis Nexis U.S. Serials Set
- CQ Judicial
- Wilson ILP

**6. New Business**

There is a need to update the COSELL web site.

Rhea Ballard-Thrower is in charge of a project that will involve ascertaining and then linking the records and briefs for COSELL states to the web site.

Discussion about digitizing the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit records and briefs also ensued. Interest was expressed.

COSELL agreed to donate \$600.00 to SEAALL to defray costs.

COSELL sponsored two roundtables at SEAALL.

- ***Chat Reference*** was moderated by Billie Jo Kaufman. Eight people attended. Discussion ensued as to what virtual reference was and whether there was an enough of a law school library community interested so as to spread the load among the libraries. Everyone was asked, “who might consider using virtual reference?”
- ***Counting Electronic Resources*** was moderated by Carol Avery Nicholson. 12 people attended. A lively discussion of definitions ensued. Questions were raised, including:
  - what should be counted?
  - how should it be counted?
  - what are core electronic titles?
  - what is a database?
  - who is allowed to access electronic resources?

## **7. Announcements**

Departing board members, Steve Jordan and Susan Lewis-Somers, were thanked.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Smith-Butler, Secretary