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HBCU LIBRARY ALLIANCE APPROVES NEW GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND APPOINTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

ATLANTA (October 12, 2017) – On September 29, 2016 former LYRASIS CEO and former HBCU Library Alliance Board (HBCULA) member Kate Nevins facilitated a session to discuss a new governance structure. Central discussions from that meeting included the new HBCULA structure, newly elected members and retiring board members.

Members in good standing approved changes in the HBCU Library Alliance Bylaws regarding governance. Under the new structure, the Board will consist of five (5) elected and two (2) appointed voting Directors. Elected Directors will represent: one (1) public HBCU institutional member, one (1) private HBCU institutional member, one (1) 1890's HBCU institutional member; and two (2) at-large HBCU institutional members, one of which will be other than a dean/director of the library. The two appointed voting Directors will be experts chosen and appointed by the Board of Directors and may be from an HBCU institution, from an institution that is not an HBCU, unaffiliated with an institution, a member or not a member. The newly elected and appointed Board of Directors are:

- Monika Rhue, Chair, Johnson C. Smith University (NC)
- Jean B. Greene, Vice-Chair, Hinds Community College, Utica Campus (MS)
- Morgan Montgomery, Secretary, Claflin University (SC)
- Deanna Marcum, Treasurer, Ithaca S+R (NY)
- Mantra Henderson, Immediate Past Chair, Mississippi Valley State University
- Debbie Hess Norris, University of Delaware
- Tasha Lucas-Youmans, Bethune Cookman University (FL)
- Adrienne Webber, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

The Board's first meeting took place Tuesday, August 15, 2017, and a range of topics were discussed to include membership dues, priority initiatives, and an improved strategic plan. "I am excited about the new Board team and our combined skills to strengthen the HBCU Library Alliance membership. I look forward to the contributions and perspectives of our elected and appointed members," says Monika Rhue, HBCU Library Alliance Board Chair.

To learn more about HBCULA, visit their website at <http://hbculibraries.org/>, follow the Pulse! blog at <https://hbculibraryalliance.wordpress.com/> or like them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/hbculibraryalliance1/>.

About HBCULA

The HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of information professionals dedicated to providing an array of resources designed to strengthen Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents. Created in 2002 by deans and directors of HBCU libraries and incorporated in 2006, the HBCU Library Alliance is governed by a Board of Directors elected by and from the membership. Members of the HBCU Library Alliance are those HBCU institutions so

designated by the White House Initiative on HBCUs. HBCULA works to transform and strengthen its membership by developing leaders, preserving collections, and providing continuing education on innovative trends in librarianship.

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