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HBCU Library Alliance Announces Sixth Biennial Membership Meeting

Atlanta, GA – August 26, 2014 – The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance will hold its sixth biennial Membership Meeting from October 26 to 28, 2014, at the Hilton Garden Inn and the Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library in Atlanta, Georgia. The HBCU Library Alliance is the consortium of the libraries of White House designated HBCU institutions. The HBCU Library Alliance exists to serve and strengthen member libraries through leadership development, staff training and collection preservation.

The meeting theme is “Transforming Libraries for the 21st Century and Beyond: Sustaining the HBCU Library Alliance”. Sessions will address scholarly communications, assessment, marketing and promotion, as well as celebrate the 125th year of the 1890s Land Grant Institutions. The HBCU Library Alliance Membership meeting provides members a chance to network, share professionally and conduct strategic planning for the future direction of the 12-year-old organization.



The keynote speaker is Lorraine J. Haricombe, Dean of the University of Kansas (KU). KU is a founding member of the Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions, and Haricombe serves as the Provost's designate for open access implementation at the University of Kansas. She is chair of the SPARC Steering Committee, a member of the ARL/AAU Task Force on Scholarly Communication, and serves on the PubMed Central National Advisory Committee.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to further the advancement, and to celebrate the success, of libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the Membership meeting gives us the chance to acknowledge and collaborate with each other in person. This meeting will also recognize the many contributions of founding partner Kate Nevins, Executive Director, LYRISIS, in the establishment and continued success of the HBCU Library Alliance," states Cynthia Henderson, Executive Director of the Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library at Howard University and Chair of the HBCU Library Alliance Board of Directors.

"With this Membership meeting, we will recognize our Black land-grant institutions that were established, and we will seed our strategic plan for the next three to five years," says Sandra Phoenix, HBCU Library Alliance Executive Director.

For more information about the HBCU Library Alliance, please visit www.hbculibraries.org.

About the HBCU Library Alliance

The HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of institutions dedicated to providing resources designed to strengthen the libraries and archives of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents.