Board-Term Extension

Board Chair Mary Jo Fayoyin and Vice Chair Cynthia Henderson

Sustainability is a strategic focus of the HBCU Library Alliance Board of Directors. The Bylaws were amended in June 2011 to extend the term of Past Chair Loretta Parham, Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library (GA), from one year to two years, with appointment as chairperson of a fundraising committee. The fundraising committee will also include the Chair, the Vice Chair and Executive Director, charged with developing relationships with funders and seeking out and securing new funding sources. The Bylaws revision allows consistent membership on the Fundraising committee and enables a supported transfer of funding relationships across the HBCU leadership.

All HBCU Library Alliance programs: Leadership, Photographic Preservation, and Preserving the Story, are generously funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Grant funding from the Mellon Foundation that completely supports the Leadership Program and staff salaries will end in June 2013.

The term of Board Chair Mary Jo Fayoyin, Savannah State University (GA), and Vice-Chair Cynthia Henderson, Howard University, (DC) will end on June 30, 2012. As members of the Fundraising Committee, they are involved in discussions with the Mellon Foundation on current grant projects and future project proposals. Their expiring term creates a major gap in leadership as the organization seeks new funding contacts and sources.

To strengthen the focus on sustainability, and for continuity purposes, the Board approved a one-year extension of the Board Chair and Vice Chair’s term. The extension will end on June 30, 2013, providing Board leadership necessary time to develop relationships with funding agencies and identify new funding sources.

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