SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes January 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: John Danneker (presiding); Marianne Giltrud, Mark Brzozowski, Robin Foltz, Eileen Boswell, Shannon McMahon, Jean Lee, and Kathy Kelly.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the December 14, 2010 meeting were passed with a few corrections.

Webpage Updates

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved minutes from the November meeting had been posted on the Board Documents page (http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm), and noted that the Board had not received any SLIS Alumni news updates since November. Board members agreed to remind alumni they can send in news for posting on this page (http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/alumnews.cfm).

Continued Business

Reports/continued discussion on 30/100th anniversary year events in 2011

Update on Planning Meeting

Marianne Giltrud reported on news from the Centennial Working Group meeting which she and Robin Foltz had attended on the previous evening. Marianne noted that there is a lot of information on the planning wiki, including text of the article for *CUA Magazine*, which will come out in March 2011. She noted the group had discussed the proposed centennial webpage, the March 31 Stone Lecture, the upcoming presentation of the CUA Alumni Achievement Award to a SLIS alumna in April, and a fall anniversary/centennial event. Regarding the webpage, Marianne noted that Matt Banta would work with Public Affairs to develop the page, which may feature elements such as a guestbook and announcements. Eileen Boswell and other board members noted the page may help with efforts to collect more information on SLIS alumni. It was noted that Shannon was working with the CUA Archives for items that could be displayed at centennial events, and John noted such items could contribute to a traveling exhibit to be used as needed at other events. It was also noted that Dave Shumaker is the contact for getting info on monitors and classroom laptops.

Update on Planning for the Stone Lecture

Board members noted they had received one nomination for the Von Dran Award thus far, and John Danneker noted CPIT had confirmed that new board members have been added as recipients of the SLIS Alumni Board email address (to which the Von Dran nomination form submits nominations). Board members noted they can post the Von Dran Award nominations open message on additional listservs, and could ask other contacts to post on listserves to which Board members do not subscribe. It was agreed that past submitters should be told they should resubmit previous nominations if they ask about how to have previous candidates considered again this year. It was noted that the Dean had indicated the School could pay for food for the Lecture; that contact info for Elizabeth Stone's daughter, who is normally invited to the lecture, is now on the planning wiki; that the Board is still waiting for Elizabeth Aversa's topic for the lecture; and that past winners of the Von Dran award should be invited to the event. It was noted that perhaps the Board should notify Raymond Von Dran's widow of this year's award plans.

Alumni Weekend Event Planning

The Board noted that the centennial event would take place on Thursday, October 20. It would be marketed as a big event with speakers, and Acting Dean Ingrid Hsieh-Yee has some speakers in mind. It was noted Ingrid would like this to be promoted as a School event, with support from the Alumni Board. The Board then discussed possible venues for the event, and whether the Board should emphasize that they would like to recommend involvement of the DC Public Library (DCPL) in some way, since the first teachers of Library Science courses on the campus in 1911 were from DCPL. The Board agreed to send John ideas on connections with DCPL, or bring ideas to the next meeting.

New Business Upcoming Events of Note

The Board noted that the School would be doing some meet and greet gatherings in the Information Commons in the near future, and that the 2/25/11 Bridging the Spectrum symposium would include Board President John Danneker and Director Eileen Boswell as speakers.

Confirmation of Meeting Times for Winter/Spring Months

The Board agreed to continue the second Tuesday schedule for Board meetings for now. Next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2011.