SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes May 10, 2010

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Conference room in Marist Hall. In attendance: Marianne Giltrud (presiding), John Danneker, Kathy Kelly (by teleconference), Jenny O'Shea, Robin Foltz, Mark Brzozowski, Kera Manion and Ryan.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the April 12, 2010 meeting were approved.

Secretarial Report

At first, Kera requested this item be removed from the agenda. However, Jenny asked for clarification about whose duty it is to submit items to the web staff for posting at SLIS; so, it was decided that it is normally the role of the secretary to submit items to the web staff. The Board decided to rename the Secretarial Report to Web Report.

Old Business

ALA Conference

The Board decided that we wanted to arrange an event at a restaurant instead of a hospitality suite. John sent a list of possible venues prior to the board meeting. After some discussion and recommendation from John, it was decided that Busboys & Poets is our first choice and Fado is our second. The Dean and Marion Gosney (alumni relations) are both willing to contribute \$500. Since we are a non-profit, we will receive a %15 discount. The Board chose to buy food not drinks for the event and Marion is going to do the registration for us. Mark suggested that the ALA event be mentioned at graduation. Marianne asked for Board members to send an email to their listservs. John suggested the Board supply a guestbook and a "take away" for alumni to share what they've been doing. Robin is going to look into placing postage on the cards prior to the event. Kera asked if Marion was going to share contact information for people who register. Marianne said she would ask.

Meeting Dates in the Summer

The Board decided to meet June 14, July 12, August 9 and September 13.

Graduation

Mark Brzozowski will be the representative at graduation. Marianne will ask Marion for the pins and Robin said the School is giving graduates bookmarks.

New Business

SLIS representative to CUA Board of Governors

Mark is interested in being on the Board of Governors, but he requested that Marianne clarify with Marion Gosney about the duties of the position. Jenny is stepping down as Vice President/President-Elect; therefore, Marianne appointed John to that position. If John leaves in the near future, Kera agreed to become Vice President/President-Elect. The Board also discussed the need for a succession plan.

Elections

The Board would like to extend the length of the terms for the direction positions and secretary. John suggested that the director positions be staggered; so, there is continuity on the Board. John also suggested that in the fall that the secretary and two director positions would be elected to two year terms, while the other two director positions would be elected to a one year term. The Board agreed to this suggestion and decided not to lengthen the president and vice president-president-elect positions. Marianne asked that we obtain a copy of the Constitution to start the process of changing the length of the terms.

Picnic

The date of this year's picnic is August 28th. The Board decided that we would like to do the picnic again this year. Everyone is to think about it and the Board will discuss the picnic at the June meeting. Robin asked for a budget estimate and Mark said about \$500.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.