

## SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

June 11, 2013

The SLIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. in the Marist Hall Stone Conference room. In attendance were: Rob Schneider (presiding); Chris Corrigan; Ana Elisa de Campos Salles; Mark Brzozowski; Nzinga Holley-Harris (by teleconference); Jean Lee; Bill Kules; and Kathy Kelly.

### *Review of Previous Minutes*

The minutes from the May 7, 2013 meeting were approved, with one edit.

### *Webpage/Email Updates*

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved April 2013 meeting minutes had been posted on the SLIS Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); that May updates had been posted on the SLIS Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/may-2013-slis-alumni-news/>); and that she was seeking June news.

## Old Business

### *Announcement of merger of SLIS into Arts and Sciences*

Bill Kules addressed the merger of SLIS into the School of Arts and Sciences, noting it had been approved by the CUA Board of Trustees at their June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, and that there is a planned move for SLIS into the Law School building. He noted that advantages of the move into the Law School include resolution of accessibility issues, being closer to the rest of the campus, and safer use of the building at night, as well as access to its cafeteria and lounge. SLIS will have a section of the third and fourth floors of the building. A disadvantage is that SLIS will be losing some of the total space it has now. The move will be complete by August 20<sup>th</sup>.

### *Alumni Socials at large conferences*

The Board discussed the upcoming alumni social to be held during the American Library Association (ALA) conference in Chicago. “Alumni @ The Plymouth will take place Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30 p.m. SLIS has had 15 RSVPs to date for the event. Alumni Relations is providing CUA postcards, and Dean Poos has approved funds for the reception.

### *Mentoring Committee*

Chris Corrigan noted that the committee hasn't met recently, but that he had been involved in a project with the District of Columbia Library Association (DCLA) Web Design Committee with the SLIS LSC 610 class to get help from students to redesign the DCLA web site. The improved site may be viewed at <http://www.dcla.org>.

## New Business

### *New technology and membership responsibilities*

Rob Schneider proposed that a Membership Committee be the official responsibility of the Immediate Past President, since the person in that position will have gained a lot of experience with the tools the School has available to assist with membership matters. The Board voted in favor of this proposal. The Board also agreed there should be an Alumni ad Hoc Technology Committee, which would make recommendations to the Board establishing communications standards; a platform for managing membership records; data collection methods; and assignments for publicity at the beginning of the

Board year, as well as standards for Membership tools. At the beginning of each term would figure out ways in which we can promote our events, and examine such issues as use of Google docs for storing data, and how to better use technology to get the word out about alumni events. Ana Alisa de Campos Salles, Rob Schneider, Chris Corrigan, and Mark Brzozowski volunteered to be on this committee, and agreed to come up with some ideas for tools we can use on an ongoing basis.

#### *Board Calendar for Spring/Summer*

Rob Schneider noted that the summer picnic will take place on August 24<sup>th</sup>, during student orientation, and that the event could be a hybrid event with support provided by both Aramark and the Alumni. The Board agreed it could be promoted as an opportunity for attendees to visit SLIS in its new location at the Law School. The Board also discussed potential dates for a possible summer happy hour event, noting that Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> as a potential date of interest for an event at a DC venue such as Penn Social.

#### *Nomination Activity for 2014 Alumni Board*

Board members agreed to think about recruiting nominees to fill any open positions for the 2013-2014 Board year.

#### *Next Meeting*

The Board agreed that there would be no Board meeting in July, and that the the next meeting would be held Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.