

## LIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

July 8, 2014

The LIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m., in the Information Commons/LIS Suite in the Columbus School of Law building. In attendance were: Chris Corrigan (presiding); Katherine Stinson; Rob Schneider; Elizabeth Mariani; Mark Brzozowski; Carter Rawson; Bill Kules; and Kathy Kelly.

### *Review of Previous Minutes*

Chris Corrigan moved to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

### *Webpage/Email Updates*

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved April 2014 meeting minutes had been posted on the Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); and that April updates had been the most recent updates posted on an April Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/april-alumni-news/>) linked from the LIS web site's News and Events page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/category/news/alumni/>). She has received news to submit a July Alumni news page for posting. Chris noted that there had been about 15 SLIS/LIS alumni at the ALA conference June 26-July 1, 2014 in Las Vegas.

### *Update from Dr. Kules*

Accreditation – He spent a lot of time at ALA on Accreditation matters. He asked if we want to have a Fall Town Hall Meeting to give an update on where we are as a department, what we're doing to get ready for accreditation, and have time for discussion of the Alumni Survey – where alumni think challenges and opportunities are. Rob said we could promote the event to the wider alumni community. Bill asked about timing; Board members suggested end of September.

## **Old Business**

### *ALA Annual – Recap*

Bill Kules, Chris Corrigan, and Ana Elisa de Campos Salles attended; there were about 15 people total who attended the LIS Alumni gathering. John Danneker, a former President of the SLIS Alumni Board attended. The event was convenient to attend, since it was in the conference hotel. Bill said congrats to Chris on getting the DC Budget Resolution passed at ALA. Bill also noted a lot of sessions were devoted to diversity at the conference. He said it's something the program needs to be doing, preparing graduates to work with a diverse population. Chris noted ALA has started a Diversity Task Force. Bill noted ALA's accreditation standards get updated phrases about underserved populations.

### *Picnic*

Orientation and the picnic will be Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chris emailed a menu to Louise Gray; he noted he made a 30% reduction in the menu. Louise asked him about RSVPs. Bill noted LIS had asked adjuncts and students to RSVP, but alumni were not asked for RSVPs. If we don't do RSVPs for alumni, we can give LIS an estimate. We currently have 16 RSVPs on our Facebook event page. We had about 60 total attendees last year. We have decorations from last year. We're going to encourage people to bring blankets. Chris will bring a boom box. The picnic will be from 12 noon to 2 p.m. New student orientation will wrap up by noon; then we'll have the picnic, then Joan Weeks presents more about the lab. LIS will ask to have parking relaxed that day. Elizabeth asked if we want to have any hand-outs. Chris asked what happened to list of graduating student's emails. Bill will ask Louise

about that. Individual Board members will bring six packs of beer and one of them will try to bring a cooler.

### *Mentoring Program for the Fall*

We were going to do one in the Spring for HIT, it was postponed, so we are re-scheduling for the Fall. Health Informatics Job Fair at Johns Hopkins in September which we co-sponsor, in the early Fall. So our event should be later, in October. Chris asked Elizabeth to follow up with her contacts to find out what dates work for them in October. Bill suggested one event per semester is plenty. Chris would like to invite John Danneker at some future mentoring event in which we feature academic libraries. Rob suggested we could also feature Think Tank libraries. Renate usually does a law libraries panel sometime during the year.

### **New Business**

#### *Board Officers for 2014-2015*

Mark's position is ending. Kathy's position is ending. Chris asked who would like to stay on for new terms. Rob will be leaving the Board. Chris will become Immediate Past President. Elizabeth will continue to complete the second year of her term. Katherine and Carter would like to serve as Directors. Mark can reach out to Elizabeth Greeley to see if she's interested in being nominated as Vice-President/President-Elect. Mark will notify the Board about Elizabeth's response.

Rob Schneider nominated Mark Brzozowski for a new Director term, Katherine Stinson seconded. Motion passed.

Chris Corrigan nominated Kathy Kelly for a new term as Secretary, Rob Schneider seconded. Motion passed.

Elizabeth Mariani nominated Katherine Stinson for a new term as Director, Chris Corrigan seconded. Motion passed.

Rob Schneider nominated Carter Rawson for a new term as Director, Elizabeth Mariani seconded. Motion passed.

#### *Next Meeting*

The Board agreed that the next Board meeting will be in September 9, 2014, 6:30 p.m. in the Information Commons.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.