SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes August 9, 2011

The meeting was called together at 7 p.m. in the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: John Danneker (presiding); Robin Foltz; Eileen Boswell; Shannon McMahon; Carter Rawson; Colleen Semitekol (by teleconference); Assistant Professor Jane Zhang; and Kathy Kelly.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the June 7, 2011 were approved with one edit.

Webpage Updates

Kathy Kelly reported that the approved minutes from the May meeting had been posted on the Board Documents page (http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm), and that some July 2011 updates had been posted on the SLIS Alumni News page (http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/alumnews.cfm). Robin Foltz noted that dates of past Board meetings had been removed from the SLIS Alumni index page (http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/index.cfm).

Continued Business

Reports/continued discussion on 30/100th anniversary year events in 2011 Updates, and mark your calendars!

The Library Luminaries panel is scheduled for October 20, 2011. John Danneker noted that Maureen Sullivan, 2012-13 President-Elect of the American Library Association (ALA) had contacted him, noting that she has been scheduled to be in Chicago for another event the night of the Library Luminaries panel, but has decided to keep her commitment to take part in the Luminaries panel. The panel will also feature Susan Hildreth, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and Anne Caputo, a former president of the Special Libraries Association (SLA). John also noted that the proposed Gala could not take place on the date originally planned (9/30/11), since the CUA President has to be in Rome at the time. The Board discussed expanding the October 20th event to include a reception, instead of doing a separate Gala on another date.

Assistant Professor Jane Zhang noted she had met with the Dean about the anniversary events. The School proposes that prior to the panel there could be a reception, for which attendees would pay, and an opportunity to make a donation with a pledge card. The CUA President, Provost, and SLIS Dean would speak before the Library Luminaries panel begins. John Danneker raised a question as to whether Deanna Marcum would have a role in the panel event if there is no separate Gala, which would have featured her as a speaker; and Eileen Boswell suggested there should be some specified role for the SLIS Alumni Board at the event.

New Business

Picnic report

Kathy Kelly and Shannon McMahon reported on preparations for the SLIS picnic, to be held Saturday, August 27, 2011, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Messages were sent out on various listservs, and Eileen put out a message to the SLIS Alumni LinkedIn group. John Danneker will make up buttons for SLIS Alumni Board members to wear, and will speak to orientation students for 5 minutes shortly before the picnic begins. Allie Dryden will provide nametags for attendees, and has completed arrangements for catering with Aramark. Eileen Boswell will check with Louise Gray about putting a 1-pager about SLIS Alumni activities in the orientation packet.

Planning for fall meetings and elections

John Danneker noted the Board had used to meet at 6:30 p.m. on second Tuesdays during the academic year, and set the first fall 2011 meeting on the same schedule, for September 13, 2011. Regarding elections, John noted he would look at the Board minutes from last year to clarify lengths of terms as voted on by SLIS alumni last year, and any related changes that need to be inserted into the SLIS Alumni Association Constitution and Bylaws document. He suggested that for any positions that will be open, we have a call for nominations by September 30th, and voting by early October.