

**Summary of 2005-2006 Board Year to Date (by Barrie Howard)**  
**Monday, August 14, 2006**

Dear Colleagues,

First, the final meeting of the 2005-2006 Alumni Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Elizabeth W. Stone Memorial Lecture Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Marist Hall. We will be discussing welcoming the next Board, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, the Elizabeth W. Stone Lecture Series, and looking ahead.

Secondly, in an e-mail thread regarding the Constitution and By-Laws Patricia asked if anyone has a copy of these. There is a publicly-accessible copy available from <http://slis.cua.edu/alum/bylawsx.html>, and has been there as long as I can remember. Unfortunately, they apparently have not been updated since January 13, 1997 (Note from Kathy Kelly, interim Secretary, inserted in this document on 8/27/06: it was later discovered that Brien Kinkel's Board had actually edited by bylaws somewhat during the 2003-2004 board year; that board had added the provision that members of the Board [except for Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President] will serve for two-year terms). Back in January we created a governance committee, chaired by Brien, to work on updating the documents. It never got off the ground, and Brien resigned in April so this action item has gone fallow. I intend to pick up where Brien left off in the coming year.

Speaking of the January meeting, I have attached a copy of the meeting minutes in which we decided to have year-round meetings and that face-to-face meetings are important in order to support an active Board. It was also decided to look into other methods of meeting, e.g., by teleconference, and that needs to be considered as well. Since there has been some discussion about level of involvement in light of attendance at face-to-face Board meetings, it will be important to continue this discussion with the new Board when they convene in September.

I wanted to also take this opportunity to provide some background documents regarding the recent work of the Board. As referenced in the prefatory document sent out before the September 19, 2005 meeting "DRAFT2\_alumni.doc" Dean Hale was interested in "Increasing the number of alumni involved in SLIS planning" and to "Increase the advise given to the dean by alumni." At this point, only Brien Kinkel, Linda White, Nichelle Cherry, Robyn Rebollo, and myself were on the Board. Nichelle provided the "2003 2004\_Board\_Handbook.doc" by e-mail after the meeting. We did not meet in October, but worked on recruiting Board members. Anatol Steck, Carrie Berard, and Stephanie Salmon had expressed interest by the end of October. Dean Hale sent out a message updating the Board on the accreditation issue on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. In November there was a meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> (with no extant minutes) and Patricia Kidd joined the Board this month. There was no December meeting, which was scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> but the school was closed.

The "Draft2\_alumni.doc" document framed the discussion of the January 9<sup>th</sup> Alumni Board meeting. Larry was not yet on the Board, and of the remaining Board members at this time, me, Kathy, and Stephanie were present. See the "SLISBoardMinutes0106.doc" for a record of what was discussed. To my knowledge there was no meeting in February, while we were working on officer elections.

With the new Board officers in place on March 8<sup>th</sup>, Robyn Rebollo was elected secretary. She did not take minutes at the March meeting (see "RE: March meeting's minutes"), at which those of us remaining in attendance were me, Patricia, and Stephanie. It was agreed that the alumni association's review of the goals and objectives of the program on April 18<sup>th</sup> would also be the meeting for that month. Larry Roeder expressed interest in the Board, which was full at first. With the resignation of Anatol Steck and Brien Kinkel around April 1<sup>st</sup>, Larry replaced Anatol within a

week, which was approved by the Board. There was no replacement for Brien since he was indeed the Past President and not officially an elected officer.

The April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes "StakeholdersMeetingNotes" are attached. A separate roster was passed around, and of the current Board members, me, Kathy, and Stephanie were in attendance. The May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was yet another meeting which focused on the accreditation issue and involved more alumni than just the Board, see "AlumniBoardNotes," with me, Kathy, and Stephanie in attendance.

The June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was canceled because there was no power in Marist due to a storm. There was a meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>, but Robyn was not in attendance and there are no minutes. Basically the discussion was between Dean Hale, Kathy, me, and Stephanie regarding the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. There is a meeting planned for August, and Kathy Kelly will be the stand-in secretary to take minutes as Robyn Rebollo has resigned because she is moving to Australia this Wednesday.

The reason I've composed the lengthy account is that it has been a rocky year for both the School and the Alumni Association/Board. Since wanted to document what I knew of the activity of the whole Board. In addition to what I have outlined, the Events Committee has been very active over the spring and summer, meeting at the barbeque on June 4<sup>th</sup>, with Marion Gosney from the Office of Alumni Relations and Kathleen Ennis from the development office on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the director of the O Street Mansion on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Kathy Kelly for her earnest commitment to making the anniversary event happen.

I have high hopes for the year ahead. It's evident that we still have some obstacles to allowing everyone that wants to participate in the business of the Board to do so. I have confidence we will be able to work with the new Board in rectifying these issues and getting better at what we do. I have some excellent nominations for next year's Board and plan on closing the nominations soon. Voting will be finished within a couple of weeks and we should have our new Board members named by the August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Best wishes,

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