

**LIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes**  
*September 8, 2015*

The LIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m., in the Information Commons in the Columbus School of Law building. In attendance were: Ana Elisa de Campos Salles (presiding); Chris Corrigan; Katherine Stinson; Mark Brzozowski; Carter Rawson; Elizabeth Mariani; Dr. Choi, and Kathy Kelly.

*Review of Previous Minutes*

Chris Corrigan moved to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2015 meeting. Mark Brzozowski seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

*Welcome Dr. Choi*

Ana Elisa de Campos Salles welcomed Dr. Choi as the new faculty representative to the LIS Alumni Board. Dr. Choi announced several events, including the September 15 Town Hall meeting to inform about accreditation review progress, for which LIS will share the draft in October. Dr. Hsieh-Yee will lead the forum in LIS Room 204, 7-8 pm. Dr. Choi also announced the upcoming LIS alumni reception, to be held October 2, 5:30-7 pm in the Library of Congress Madison Building Madison Room. In addition, Dr. Choi announced that on October 21 LIS will host a Symposium speaker from the Vatican Archives. She also announced that tuition has gone down. She said we have 40 new students coming into the program, with a total of about 90 in the program.

*Webpage Updates*

Kathy Kelly noted the approved minutes from the June meeting had been posted on the Alumni Board Documents page (<http://lis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>), and that some August updates had been posted on the LIS Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/august-alumni-news/>). She indicated she would announce the August updates on the slisalum listserv, and the DC/SLA listserv, and that Carter had agreed to announce such updates on the fedlib listserv.

*Alumni Picnic debriefing*

Kathy Kelly, Ana Elisa de Campos Salles, and Elizabeth Mariani attended the Orientation weekend picnic on August 29. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Kathy noted that alumni from the 1960s to the present had attended.

*Fall Alumni Event – Friday, October 2*

As announced by Dr. Choi, the alumni reception will be Friday, October 2 from 5:30 – 7 pm in the Library of Congress Madison Building's Madison Room.

**New Business**

*Fall Mentoring Event – Tuesday, November 3*

This will be a workshop on how to get money to help pay for library school tuition. It will discuss the timelines for applying for different scholarships.

*Board Responsibilities*

Ana Elisa noted these had been the committees established on the Board:

Advocacy Committee: To organize and expand membership list and assist in the creation and promotion of alumni events – Carter (Chair), Liz, and Kathy.

Mentoring Committee: Organize mentoring events – Chris (Chair) and Mark.

Nominations & Elections Committee: for Von Dran Award and Alumni Board – Katherine (Chair), Elizabeth, and Ana Elisa.

Ana Elisa plans on continuing to work with Mark on the Mentoring Committee, which Mark will Chair.

Katherine will continue as Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee.

The Board agreed to make Elizabeth Mariani head of the Advocacy Committee. Kathy and Carter will be members.

Chris noted he thinks there has been some frustration about responsibilities, but that it's not right to leave the lion's share of the work to the President. He suggested that if we can't cover the roles through volunteering, perhaps we can do it through specifying that the directors be in charge of specific roles.

#### *Board Continuity*

Ana Elisa distributed a copy of a document Kathy Kelly put together about status of Board positions as of this date. Ana Elisa summarized the content. We are looking for a Vice-President/President-Elect. Chris suggested the Board year start in May instead of November. Ana Elisa suggested this might be easier for a new President to get used to their role as President. Ana Elisa noted the By-Laws mention that the Board will meet during the Academic year, September-May, or as needed. Chris noted that we are active year round, since even during the summer we are planning for fall events. Chris moved that the Board year for 2015-2016 run from Nov. 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. Carter seconded. Motion passed. The Board agreed this meant that the current Board year will still end October 31, 2015. So the 2015-2016 Board year will be shortened.

Ana Elisa asked if anyone wants to be Acting President until June 1. The Board can name a point of contact person during her 6 week vacation; she leaves next week and will be back November 1. Mark moved that Ana Elisa continue as Acting President until May 31, 2016. Katherine seconded. Motion passed. Ana Elisa made clear she will need help with preparations for the Stone Lecture. Ana Elisa designated Mark as a point of contact for the Board during her absence, and noted that Chris Corrigan will preside over the October 2015 meeting.

#### *Planning for Holiday Party, 2016 Stone Lecture, and Spring Mentoring Event*

The holiday party is set for Friday, December 11. Emily Wagner will use some AGLISS money to get a string quartet from the Music School to play at the party. We hope to get the CUA McMahon Hall foyer as the venue. Ana Elisa will follow up with Emily Wagner about the proposed venue.

For the Stone Lecture, we need to set the date and coordinate with LIS. Then we need a list of people to contact as potential speakers. We can try to get the travel stipend through GSA funds. Any Board members with speaker ideas can send them out on the Board mailing list. Ana Elisa mentioned she had put various documents from the past Board year on our Google drive. She will share it with the LIS Alumni Board mailing list. Elizabeth suggested we keep a list of potential speakers on the drive. Elizabeth will work on a Board year timeline.

The Spring Mentoring Event may feature librarians to speak about themselves and their careers.

*Next Meeting*

The Board agreed that the next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Information Commons. Chris moved to adjourn; Katherine seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.