

## SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes (draft)

October 18, 2010

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: Marianne Giltrud (presiding); John Danneker; Mark Brzozowski; Robin Foltz; Jenny O'Shea; Dave Shumaker; and Kathy Kelly. This was a transitional meeting to close out the 2009-2010 Board year, and gear up for the 2010-2011 Board year. Marianne Giltrud was commended for her contributions as President during the past year.

### *Review of Previous Minutes*

The minutes from the September 13, 2010 meeting were passed.

### *Webpage Updates*

Kathy Kelly reported that she had submitted the approved August 2010 meeting minutes, and September SLIS Alumni news updates, for posting on the Board Documents page and the SLIS Alumni News page of the SLIS Alumni website (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/index.cfm>).

## **New Business**

### *a) Board of Governors meeting report*

Mark Brzozowski, who attended the October 2, 2010 CUA Board of Governors meeting, reported on the meeting. He noted that CUA's new President, John H. Garvey, had attended. The Board of Governors discussed, among other topics, CUA plans to further develop its property and to renovate its fields, buildings, and classrooms. They noted that Annual Giving from CUA alumni presently stands at 8%. They also discussed plans to revive CUA alumni groups throughout the U.S., to have students engage in partnerships with alumni, and to do more with CUA-related reunions. Marianne Giltrud noted that Mark's attendance at the Board of Governors meetings marks a new right granted for SLIS alumni to have a representative with a voting presence on that board, and that this is important for SLIS on various fronts, including the Board of Governors' dealings with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The next CUA Board of Governors meeting will be April 9 2011.

### *b) Report on possible Centennial of Instruction in Library Science on the CUA campus and 30-year anniversary of SLIS as a School at CUA*

Dave Shumaker noted he had talked to Acting Dean Ingrid Hsieh-Yee about prospects for observing these anniversaries, and that he and Marianne Giltrud would be talking to Lisa Carroll of CUA Public Affairs later this week. He noted it would be desirable to have an article about the progress of library science within the CUA heritage and tradition, which could discuss how the profession has evolved. He is hoping there could be a feature in the spring 2011 CUA Magazine, which could reinforce the position of the School within the University. Marianne Giltrud mentioned that the CUA Archives is giving her some good background materials to prepare for these anniversaries, and that their photo collections may also be helpful. The Board discussed prospects for obtaining testimonies from SLIS alumni, and looking into previously recorded oral histories of SLIS alumni, for possible use on the SLIS web site in conjunction with the anniversaries.

### *c) Keynote recommendations*

The Board discussed ideas which incoming President John Danneker had requested for potential keynote speakers for events during the 2010-2011 Board year, to be tied in with themes relevant to the anniversary year. Some ideas included Maureen Sullivan, a candidate for ALA president for 2012; Marsha Bates, a lead editor of the Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science; Lawrence Lessig, Harvard Law professor and founding board member of Creative Commons; James King, Information Architect for NIH; Blaine Dessey of Fedlink; Dave Shumaker, Assistant Dean of CUA SLIS; Kee Maleskey of NPR, David Lankes, a speaker on the future of librarianship, Yochai Benker, Jack N. and Lillian R. Berkman Professor for Entrepreneurial Legal Studies at Harvard Law School; and a representative from HathiTrust, the collaborative digital repository for

U.S. research libraries. The Board also discussed prospects for use of panels at some events. Re: the annual Stone Lecture, the Board looked at the prospect for holding it ca. April 12th.

*d) Brainstorming*

Brainstorming on specific plans for the 2010-2011 Board year was tabled until a future meeting.

*e) Housekeeping*

i. Wiki passwords, file transfers, etc.

John Danneker noted he would like to post documents such as proposed agendas for Board meetings on our Google Docs account in advance of meetings, for purposes of easier collaborative input. Jenny O'Shea mentioned that she could turn over administration of the SLIS Alumni LinkedIn and Facebook accounts to someone else on the Board, and Robin Foltz noted she would ask Eileen Boswell if she would like to take on this responsibility, and if not, Robin could do it.

The Board also noted the memorial service for former SLIS Professor Mathilde Rovelstad would take place Saturday, October 23rd, at 1 p.m. in the CUA Caldwell Hall Chapel, and several Board members mentioned they would try to attend.

*ii. Meeting Dates*

The Board agreed to ask its new members if third Mondays would work for them as Board meeting dates, and if third Mondays don't work, they would propose second Tuesdays. Board members also agreed to keep a document with the Board's teleconferencing information available in the Stone Conference room for easy availability at meetings.