

## LIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

*February 24, 2015*

The LIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Information Commons in the Columbus School of Law building. In attendance were: Ana Elisa de Campos Salles (presiding); Liz Greeley; Katherine Stinson; Chris Corrigan; Mark Brzozowski; Carter Rawson; Elizabeth Mariani; Anita Kinney; David Stokes; and Kathy Kelly.

### *Review of Previous Minutes*

Chris moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting. Mark Brzozowski seconded. Motion passed.

### *Online Updates*

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved November 2014 meeting minutes had been posted on the Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); and that January updates had been posted on a January Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/january-2015-alumni-news/>) linked from the LIS web site's News and Events page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/category/news/alumni/>). David Stokes noted he'd posted news about the death of former LIS professor Mary Edsall Choquette on the LIS web site.

### **Old Business**

#### *February 10 Mentoring Panel debriefing*

Ana Elisa de Campos Salles created a spreadsheet about attendees of the recent mentoring event, as a potential starter database. About 15 people indicated they'd like to receive news about events. Ana Elisa thanked everyone who was able to attend, and thanked Chris Corrigan for coming up with a good theme. After the event, Keith Fiels said he would pay to be on a panel like that because the questions were so good. Mark Brzozowski thought it was good that Chris followed up with emails to speakers and attendees. Chris asked when the video of event might be available, and the Board said it would follow up with Technology Services to check on its availability.

### **New Business**

#### *Von Dran Nominations – Voting*

The Board discussed the template for the Von Dran plaque. It is normally sent to Washington Trophy. Kathy Kelly will send Carter Rawson the info on how to work with Washington Trophy to get the award.

Ana Elisa de Campos Salles filled in a chart asking for everyone's total rankings for each candidate. Carter noted we had had a good selection of candidates. Ana Elisa tallied the rankings from present voting members. The Board discussed the importance of nominators writing good nominations, giving details of how they met the standards of innovation, collaboration, and leadership. Elizabeth Mariani suggested we consider doing the metrics in a different way. Elizabeth will look into different options for doing the metrics for the award in the future. Ana Elisa moved that we extend voting until Sunday, Liz Greeley seconded. Motion passed.

### *Stone Lecture, April 24*

Ana Elisa de Campos Salles moved that we approve Linda Ueki Absher, The Lipstick Librarian, as speaker for the Stone Lecture, Chris Corrigan seconded, Motion passed. She wants to talk about stereotypes of librarians, and how we promulgate the stereotypes. Ana Elisa reiterated that she wanted to go for something light this year. The speaker has confirmed her attendance, and it coincides with business she has in town. Anita Kinney, president of SLA-CUA and Treasurer of GSA, said AGLISS has a new AGLISS president, Emily Wagner, who will be in a good position to seek AGLISS funding for events. Ana Elisa noted we should invite the new AGLISS president to the next LIS Alumni Board meeting. Anita Kinney proposed that AGLISS sponsor the event. The Board discussed whether the LIS Alumni Association could sponsor it with AGLISS, and possibly GSA.

Ana Elisa noted we can reduce our funding on the food order for the lecture, and that cutting out food wasn't a problem at the recent mentoring event. Chris mentioned it's nice to have food for the lecture for networking purposes. We can get a P card to allow for catering. The Board discussed getting food from other places. The Board discussed whether we can charge for events, in terms of how it would work with attempts to raise funds for the Stone Scholarship Fund, at the event, and a desire not to charge students. If we keep food costs below \$2,000, we can buy whatever food we want. If we serve alcohol, Aramark has to pour it. Elizabeth Mariani will ask Aramark about their rates.

The Board talked about the program for the event. Chris has the program from last year, and Ana Elisa obtained a bio from the speaker. David Stokes indicated he could do social media postings about the event. The location will be Room 204 or 205 in the Law School. Elizabeth mentioned the desirability of mingling space. Ana Elisa mentioned that for the post-lecture reception, we have the area where the LIS picnic had been.

### *Vice-President/President-Elect*

In May we can put out a call for people to run for the Board. The only open position is the Vice-President/President-Elect slot. Ana Elisa encouraged Board members to think about people who might run for the Board, that it's good to cast a wide net. Carter asked if we could promote it at the Stone Lecture. Mark mentioned we could make pitches at graduation. Ana Elisa will put together an email to promote on listservs. Elizabeth will look into whether we can get a user account for LinkedIn. Ana Elisa updated the SLIS Alumni and Community LinkedIn group page recently. We would make ballots go through the alumni email list.

### *Other positions*

We could promote a call for nominees for the Board around May, since students who will be graduating will be paying attention. Ana Elisa asked Board members to think about their roles and commitment to the Board in the next month or two, and to let her know if they would still like to finish their terms on the Board, or if they would like to take the call for nominees to run for the Board as an opportunity to step aside in favor of new people.

### *Next Meeting*

Ana Elisa asked if second Tuesdays were good for the Board. The Board agreed that the next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Information Commons. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.