

SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes

July 16, 2009

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Marist Hall Stone Conference Room. In attendance were: Mark Brzozowski (presiding), Marianne Giltrud, Jeff Prater, Margaret Weatherford, Jenny O'Shea, Kathy Kelly, and Tim Steelman.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the May 21, 2009 meeting were approved.

Secretarial Report

Kathy Kelly reported that some July updates for the SLIS Alumni News page would be sent to the webmaster for posting soon, but there could be delays due to the SLIS web site re-design.

Old Business

Accreditation Update

It was reported that SLIS is now re-accredited through 2016. Dean Kelley and the CUA Provost had met with the ALA COA during the recent ALA annual conference in July to receive the Committee on Accreditation's decision. Mark Brzozowski sent out the news on the slisalum listserv, and got several emails back from alumni who were grateful to receive the good news.

The Assistant Dean shared that the Dean is very appreciative of the participation and support of SLIS alumni which was instrumental in ensuring a favorable outcome at the ALA annual conference in Chicago, IL.

SLA Annual Conference Report

Professor Dave Schumaker, Asst. Dean Tim Steelman, Marianne Giltrud, Margaret Weatherford, Jenny O'Shea, and various other SLIS alumni attended the Alumni-Student Connect event on June 15th at the SLA conference, at which SLIS had a networking table. Margaret Weatherford noted that AALL would be in DC in a few weeks. Dave Shumaker and Professor Renate Chancellor will probably go.

LinkedIn/Facebook

Jenny O'Shea noted quite a few people had joined the SLIS groups in these social networking tools. She reported there were now 52 members in the LinkedIn group, and 36 in the Facebook group.

Alumni Board Wiki

Mark Brzozowski reported he had set up a separate email account with which to receive documents for posting on this wiki.

New Business

Accreditation: Where Do We Go From Here?

It was reported that there will be a party of some sort to celebrate the recent re-accreditation, and that additional information may become available about ALA COA comments. Also, the School will start to make plans for the next re-accreditation process.

Alumni Board Policies, Elections, and Publicity

The Board voted in favor of having all open positions on the Board be announced as open for nominations. Nominations will run through Sept. 16, 2009. Elections, if needed, will take place after 9/18/09, until October 4, 2009. The Board voted to open up nominations after the current meeting through 9/16/09. The Board also voted to emphasize that Director positions are open to remote attendees, that is, those who participate by teleconference.

SLIS Barbecue/Picnic

A SLIS barbecue/picnic is planned for 8/29/09, 12-4 p.m. The CUA Office of Alumni Relations can send electronic postcards, and Board members will use listserv announcements to promote the event. Mark Brzozowski reported he had received 24 responses about the picnic on Survey Monkey about their preferences for the event. Board members agreed to arrive early to help with setup the day of the event.

Homecoming Event

There will be a SLIS Homecoming event on Friday, Oct. 23rd, which may possibly coincide with the re-accreditation celebration. Venue will be determined later.

Stone Lecture

It was announced that the 2010 Stone Lecture will feature Clifford Lynch as speaker on April 20, 2009, and that it will take place in Caldwell Hall Auditorium.

Future Board Dates

Future Board dates are to be determined.

