

SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

October 8, 2013

The SLIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Columbus School of Law LIS Suite Rooms 314/315. In attendance were: Rob Schneider (presiding); Chris Corrigan; Ana Elisa de Campos Salles; Mark Brzozowski; Carter Rawson; Nzinga Holley-Harris (by teleconference); and Kathy Kelly.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the September 10, 2013 meeting were approved with edits.

Webpage/Email Updates

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved August 2013 meeting minutes had been posted on the Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); and that there had been no September updates submitted to post on the LIS web site's Alumni News page.

Old Business

Nominations for 2014 Alumni Board

Board members discussed the number of open positions on the Board for the 2013-2014 Board year, and the names of potential candidates. Rob Schneider appointed Carter Rawson and Katherine Stinson to serve the second year of two Director positions, to complete the terms of Directors who will not be filling the second year of those terms. Chris Corrigan will contact other potential candidates to assess interest and determine if an election will be required to fill the open two-year Director term which is also available.

Christmas Party 2013 Developments

Louise Gray booked space in Caldwell Hall for the December 13th Christmas party, but Board members are still looking for alternate space elsewhere in the Metro Center area of D.C., such as Cafe Mozart. If an on-campus venue is used, Aramark can be used as the caterer.

Committee Reports

Mentoring Committee

The members of the Mentoring Committee met on October 2, 2013. They came up with proposed dates for the next Mentoring events, January 22nd, and April 23rd. Chris Corrigan contacted Louise Gray for support in looking for venues for those dates. One event will focus on public sector librarianship, and one will focus on the private sector. The events will feature library professionals in management positions and Human Resources specialists who hire information professionals. The event on public sector librarianship may feature personnel from institutions such as the DC Public Library, the Smithsonian, and school libraries. The Board is also reaching out to Bill Kules, Dave Shumaker, and Blane Dessy for help making contacts with medical/health library professionals who may be able to participate in mentoring events. Rob Schneider moved that the dates proposed be accepted; Ana Elisa de Campos Salles seconded; motion passed. Chris Corrigan moved that the Board proceed with the panel speakers proposed for the first event; Mark Brzozowski seconded; motion passed.

Membership and Technology Committee

This committee also met on October 2, 2013. They recommended that the Board set up a Skype-like communication tool, such as Google Hang-Out or Adobe Connect. The license for Adobe Connect is for the Department of Library Science, and Mark Brzozowski will talk with Bill Kules about how the Board might be able to access it. The committee also wants to come up with a plan on how the Board can use Google Docs. This can be used as a tool to collect member data, do surveys, and create documents. Ana Elisa de Campos Salles will set up a workspace.

New Business

Board Calendar for Fall/Spring Semesters

As noted, the Christmas party is planned for December 13th, and the next Mentoring events are planned for January 22nd and April 23rd, 2014. If an election is needed, the Board hopes to close ballots by November 1st, and interested candidates would be asked for information such as a biography or a statement of interest in the open Director position, as well as their email address and graduation year.

Other New Business

Updating Board contact information

The Board will work on expunging old information and obtaining information on new Board members, for our use, and for CPIT to edit the recipients of the Board email alias. Carter Rawson will contact CPIT about who our contact is there.

Rob Schneider thanked the 2012-2013 Board members for their service, and noted he was excited about the new awareness of alumni as a powerful force in the LIS community which had become evident during the process of folding LIS into the School of Arts and Sciences. The Board thanked Rob for his leadership as President during the Board year.

Next Meeting

The Board agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at the LIS Suite in the Columbus School of Law.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.