

LIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

October 14, 2014

The LIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m., in the Stone Conference Room in the Columbus School of Law building. In attendance were: Chris Corrigan (presiding); Rob Schneider; Mark Brzozowski; David Stokes (new Recruiting Coordinator for LIS); Elizabeth Greeley; Ana Elisa de Campos Salles; Katie Rodda; Carter Rawson; Katherine Stinson; Elizabeth Mariana, Bill Kules; and Kathy Kelly.

Chris introduced Katie Rodda, the new Association of Graduate Library and Information Science Students (AGLISS) President, then asked Board members to introduce themselves.

Review of Previous Minutes

Chris Corrigan moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2014 meeting, with one edit. Ana Elisa de Campos Salles seconded. Motion passed.

Webpage/Email Updates

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved July 2014 meeting minutes had been posted on the Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); and that September updates had been posted on a September Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/september-2014-alumni-news/>) linked from the LIS web site's News and Events page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/category/news/alumni/>).

New Business

Questions for the Board – David Stokes

David Stokes announced LIS is going to have an Open House on campus on October 29, 2014, from 6-8 p.m., and the Board is welcome to promote it. He invited the Board to send an alumni rep, and Mark Brzozowski and Elizabeth Greeley offered to go. David also noted LIS is working on a CUA alumni mixer to be held on November 6th at the 2014 conference of the Virginia Association of School Librarians in Roanoke. He also asked about how to get alumni updates; Kathy agreed to send them to him when she sends out notice of the alumni updates once a month. He also asked if we'd like CUA to come to any of our workplaces to do Open Houses.

Statement on how LIS reflects the CUA Mission – Bill Kules

Bill Kules noted that he's spoken of the 4 main priorities he and the Department are working on before. Now that LIS is a department, many things have changed. Now that that is in place, LIS is looking forward. The four priorities we have now are: 1) enrollment and recruiting, which David Stokes is helping with; 2) Catholic mission; 3) accreditation; and 4) the planning process for the program. Bill is working with faculty to develop an annual schedule of what LIS does when. On Catholic identity, one of the key discussions which recurs is that the upper administration asks how LIS is advancing the mission of the university. Bill noted we serve a number of Catholic institutions, but we've been asked to think more broadly about how LIS as a field is tied in with the history of Catholic thought. There's a lot of overlap between Catholic teaching and core principles of librarianship, and other areas where there may seem to be conflicts. He distributed a draft statement on where the LIS field and the LIS program fit in with the CUA mission. Rob Schneider suggested information is important to all societies and institutions, not just democratic ones. Ana Elisa de Campos Salles suggested mentioning not just the Middle Ages, but the present time, in relation to what the Church has contributed to the field. Bill noted the draft statement adds to, rather than replaces, the current mission statement on the LIS site. Mark Brzozowski mentioned we should emphasize the tradition of service. Bill said the

biggest comment he is hearing is that we are serving the Church through the many different permutations of activity that range from where our alumni work and what they're doing to serve diverse communities. He said another key takeaway is that he should complement the Middle Ages portion by updating it with continuing examples. He hopes to have this iteration done and on the web site by the end of the semester.

Bill said in terms of accreditation, the next big action is that the committees are putting together chapter outlines. They're reaching out to their members to participate in that process. He hopes to have a Town Hall meeting this semester, but it may not happen until early next semester. He is re-activating the LIS Advisory Board. He also wants a forum for the students to be engaged in the process.

LIS Alumni Board Email List – Kathy Kelly

Kathy mentioned that the Board had noticed a staff member of LIS was subscribed to the LIS Alumni Board email distribution group (cua-lis-alumni-board@cua.edu). Bill said he'd check with this staff person tomorrow. Chris suggested it just be Board members on the list, and we can cc others who should have a copy of the messages.

Web Presence Issues – Kathy Kelly

Kathy mentioned that there are 2 LinkedIn pages – one a “Company” page, linked from the LIS homepage; another the CUA SLIS Alumni and Community page, a “Group” page started by alumna Jenny O'Shea in 2008. The first page has little content; the second is more heavily utilized. Chris Corrigan noted Ana Elisa de Campos Salles is going to organize committees for special tasks, and this type of issue could be worked on by a committee. Bill Kules suggested that whoever is on that committee should also talk to David Stokes about it.

Committees for Board Tasks – Ana Elisa de Campos Salles

Ana Elisa said that now that we're in stride with planning our events, we can stay more organized during times of transition. It would be a good time to start some committees, such as a Mentoring Committee to plan two mentoring events per year; a Nominations Committee, which could take care of Von Dran Nominations, and nominations for Board members; and a Communications Committee, to look at promoting events, etc. Rob Schneider expressed concern about whether there will be too many committees; Chris Corrigan suggested that we tie in directors' roles with specific committees, and that this would be a good way to divide up legwork on the Board. Ana Elisa will send us an email about this subject.

Old Business

Mentoring Event

Ana Elisa de Campos Salles noted that Mark Brzozowski, Katie Rodda, and Chris Corrigan stopped by the Mount Pleasant Branch Library to discuss the event to be held November 13th (5:00-7:30). Katie Rodda said AGLISS would be holding the event to help students and recent alumni who are job-hunting. There could be reservations for resume review; she's created a Google form by which attendees can specify their area of interest, and time available. There will also be walk-in attendees who could have resume reviews as well. They've reserved a room in the Pryzbyla building. Ana Elisa, Katie, and Mark are looking into lining up mentors for the event. There will be round tables for each discipline, and rectangular tables for resume reviews. It can be promoted on the student and alumni listservs and social media pages.

Holiday Party

Ana Elisa de Campos Salles said the Holiday Party date is tentatively Dec. 5th, and that we hope to hold

it at Cabin Lounge in Dupont Circle. She said the price is \$2,600 with gratuity and tax. AGLISS can pay \$,1500, haven't heard back from Alumni Affairs about potential support yet. We can look at District Chophouse as another possible venue. We still have a reservation for Pryzbyla Great Room C. Bill Kules can look into how much the Department may be able to contribute. Katie Rodda noted there may be a book donation option for a school in DC, with book donors getting a free gift. Chris thanked Katie for AGLISS support. The raffle will raise money for the Stone Scholarship Fund. The Board will think about raffle prizes, and will announce at the next meeting what they'll donate. Chris suggested that Board members should refrain from winning raffle prizes.

Constitution and ByLaws Document

Chris noted we discussed this subject at the last Board meeting, referring to changes approved by LIS Alumni in 2010 concerning lengths of certain Officer terms on the Board. Kathy Kelly said she's been in touch with Ana Elisa de Campos Salles to obtain an editable version of the document. She will add the agreed-on language discussed at the last meeting and get the revised version posted on the LIS web site.

Transition of Power

The Board members acknowledged their appreciation of Rob Schneider, Immediate Past President, since this was his last day of service on the Board, and their appreciation of Chris Corrigan, President, who will be transitioning into the role of Immediate Past President when Ana Elisa de Campos Salles becomes President in November.

Next Meeting

The Board agreed that the next Board meeting will be on November 11, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Information Commons. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.