

## LIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

November 11, 2014

The LIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m., in the Information Commons in the Columbus School of Law building. In attendance were: Ana Elisa de Campos Salles (presiding); Chris Corrigan; Liz Greeley; Katherine Stinson; Mark Brzozowski; Carter Rawson; Katie Rodda; Jean Lee; and Kathy Kelly.

Ana Elisa de Campos Salles noted that the LIS Open House had taken place on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, and that Liz Greeley and Mark Brzozowski spoke at the event. Mark noted David Stokes said he'd like them to come back to other open houses.

### *Review of Previous Minutes*

Mark Brzozowski moved to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting, with some edits. Katherine Stinson seconded. Motion passed.

### *Online Updates*

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved September 2014 meeting minutes had been posted on the Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); and that October updates had been posted on an October Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/october-2014-alumni-news/>) linked from the LIS web site's News and Events page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/category/news/alumni/>). She also mentioned that the LIS Alumni Board page needs to be updated, and passed around a page to get updated information from new Board members or any member whose work information had changed. Ana Elisa asked about the Von Dran online nomination form, and noted she will test it to see if it works.

### *Alumni mailing list – spam issues*

Ana Elisa noted Carter had asked about alumni board list spam issues. Ana Elisa suggested we have Elizabeth Mariani put in a ticket to discontinue an old SLIS Alumni Board email distribution group.

### *Mentoring Event – Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:30 p.m.*

Katie Rodda will send emails to those who have RSVPed to send them info about their mentors. Mark Brzozowski asked if Louise Gray can obtain relaxed parking; Katie noted there will be relaxed parking near Pangborn Hall. Seven mentees have signed up. A few others said they couldn't make it because of class conflicts. The majority of people who signed up are people interested in cultural heritage, though some people selected more than one area of interest. Katie will assign each person to at least two mentors. Katie asked if we got anyone to represent the academic library sector. Carter Rawson will see if someone from Mullen Library could speak to represent that sector. Ana Elisa de Campos Salles will give Katie any email addresses of mentors she doesn't have. The event will be in Przybyla Room 327, and food trays from Safeway will be available. Ana Elisa encouraged any Board members who could attend to go to support the event.

### *Holiday Party*

Ana Elisa said that the first venue was too expensive, so now we're going with The District Chophouse. She had wanted it to be on a Friday, but the venue had only week days available. The event is at present set for Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30 in The Vault, a nice room. The Association of Graduate Library and Information Science Students (AGLISS) is helping with the room rental. In the coming week Ana Elisa will work on food and drink issues with the Department and AGLISS. The total price

should be around \$2,200. It's in the Gallery Place area, and there's an elevator in the restaurant, so the venue is accessible. She asked about raffle prizes. Katie said they were initially thinking of book donations, but now are thinking of monetary donations. We could put money towards library students' service projects of some kind. Mark Brzozowski asked if the restaurant could be asked to donate something. Chris Corrigan mentioned that at previous meetings we had indicated we'd like any raffle money to go to Stone Scholarship Fund. AGLISS might give out water bottles to people who purchase a ticket. Mark will ask about any CUA prizes which could be presented. Chris will see if DCLA will donate a ticket to its annual banquet. Chris suggested a ticket to an event at Strathmore; others mentioned tickets to sports events might be of interest. Ana asked if anyone would ask if the CUA Barnes & Noble Bookstore would donate a voucher for an item at the bookstore, and Jean Lee agreed to look into it. Ana Elisa will ask about tickets at the E Street Theatre. Ana Elisa will start working on text for an announcement. We can play music off an iPod docket. Kathy Kelly suggested we get an earlier start next year, to ensure we do not hold the event on the same night as the DC/SLA party. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each.

### *Committees for Board Tasks*

Ana Elisa asked if anyone had thought about what committees to serve on. There are 3 committees: the Mentoring Committee, which would create and organize mentoring events; the Nominations and Elections Committee (which would handle nominations for the Von Dran Award, and for Officers for the Board); and the Advocacy Committee, which would organize the membership list, and the general promotion of alumni events. Carter asked if we need a Nominations committee to be thinking of Board elections all year round; Ana Elisa suggested they'd have plenty of work to do on the Von Dran and Board nominations. Chris said he felt these actions should be allotted to directors. He's concerned that we go to a lot of meetings. He mentioned that Rob had suggested the Advocacy role would be a good role for the Immediate Past President. Chris suggested we could work to update the Constitution to make clear the Directors would have specific roles. The Board discussed the pros and cons of changing the Constitution to do this, and discussed the potential shape of committees. Directors would be chairs of specific committees. The Board agreed they support the three committees Ana Elisa proposed. Chris suggested we vote to retract the results of a vote in a previous year to tie in Immediate Past President be in charge of membership. Chris made this motion, Ana Elisa seconded, motion passed.

Chris mentioned he's interested in library leadership. He would like to prepare a mentoring program on "what goes on upstairs," and pull in library leaders to speak at the event. Chris agreed to be the Chair of the Mentoring Committee. Katherine is interested in serving on the Nominations and Elections Committee. Carter suggested we think about co-chairs for committees. Ana Elisa said we could concentrate on the existence of the committees for now. Liz Greeley suggested next year we could have the roles defined. Carter Rawson volunteered to chair on the Advocacy Committee. Liz Greeley indicated she could help with the Advocacy Committee. Ana Elisa will ask Bill about whether the Board can raise money. Kathy Kelly said she could help with Advocacy Committee.

Carter moved that we create two new standing committees, Advocacy and Mentoring, and that we modify the Nominations Committee to be called the Nominations and Elections Committee, with definitions to be determined later. Ana Elisa seconded. Motion passed. The Mentoring Committee has Chris Corrigan and Mark Brzozowski; Nominations Committee has Katherine, Elizabeth Mariani, and Ana Elisa de Campos Salles; and the Advocacy Committee has Carter Rawson, Liz Greeley, and Kathy Kelly.

### *Stone Lecture – April 2015*

Ana Elisa mentioned that last year we were able to reserve a room on campus very early. This year the

university seemed like they will not assign rooms until mid-semester. The request has been entered to use 204/205 in the Law School, and the cafeteria area downstairs for the food. The room seats 265 people. The tentative speaker is the Linda Absher, who does the Lipstick Librarian blog. We are aiming for a Friday, possibly April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ana Elisa will look into updating Raymond Von Dran webpages for 2015.

*Next Meeting*

The Board agreed that the next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, December 16, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Information Commons. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.