

SLIS Alumni Board Meeting Minutes January 23, 2007

The meeting commenced in the Stone Room in Marist Hall at 6:30 p.m. In attendance: Jeff Prater (presiding), Kathy Kelly, Margaret Weatherford, and Dean Hale. Christina Ramirez attended by teleconference. Jerome Offord, Barrie Howard, Larry Roeder, Stephanie Salmon, and Linda Hasman were unable to attend.

The minutes from the previous meeting (11/14/06) were approved, and Kathy Kelly noted she would send them on to the new SLIS Administrative Assistant, Anita Coleman, for posting on the Alumni Board Documents webpage.

Jeff Prater noted that Larry Roeder was preparing a draft mission statement for the Alumni Board, which would be sent out over email, and would be ready by the next meeting of the Board (March 28, 2007).

The Board discussed the upcoming Stone Lecture, noting that the Pryzbyla Center's Great Room A & C had been booked for 4/11/07 from 6-9 p.m. for the event, and that Dr. Deanna Marcum will be the speaker, addressing the subject of library education. The lecture would commence at 7 p.m. Dean Hale noted that the School could arrange for some catering from the university. Board members agreed they could promote the event on listservs, after the lecture's title is known.

Margaret Weatherford noted that she would look into the possibility of arranging an alumni event to coincide with the ALA conference in DC (June 21-27, Washington Convention Center). The event might involve an outing at a restaurant in the Adams Morgan area of DC with which an SLIS alumnus has a connection. It was agreed that by Feb. 23rd the Board would have a place for this alumni event identified. It was noted that Anne Marie Hules was a good person to get in touch with about conference events.

The CUA Alumni Achievement Award was discussed, and it was agreed the Board should move forward with the nomination of Judy Russell (Superintendent of Documents and Managing Director, Information Dissemination at GPO). Kathy Kelly agreed to contact GPO Public Affairs to get Judy's MSLS date and other information to send on to the Board. Dean Hale noted that library jargon should be avoided in the reasons for nomination write-up. Kathy also agreed to pull together some biographical information on Judy for review.

The SLIS Alumni listserv and SLIS Alumni webpages were discussed. It was noted that including simple unsubscribe instructions within the postings somehow might help solve the problem of alumni sending unsubscribe messages to the whole slisalum-l list. The Board agreed to continue discussion of whether to have a separate listserv or condense some of the listserves. The new Administrative Assistant, Anita Coleman, will manage the slisalum-l list. Board members can also submit minutes and other documents for her to post on the Alumni Board webpages. Jeff Prater will also look into getting access rights to updating this portion of the SLIS web site.

Dean Hale distributed the new SLIS Program Goals and Objectives, and noted she'd also send them via email to the Board. This document had been sent to ALA in regard to addressing the accreditation status of the School. Comments or suggestions about the program goals can be sent to Dean Hale. The new Program Goals will also be added to the SLIS web site when the new Administrative Assistant gets up to speed.

Announcements

Dr. Pierce's farewell party is Saturday, January 27, 2007, in the Information Commons.

There will be a Career Day with CUA AGLISS, ASIST, and SLA in late March 2007. Tiffany Smith, CUA SLA president, is a contact).

There will be a joint Potomac Valley Chapter of ASIST/CUA ASIST event in April, speaker to be determined.

On February 13, 2007, there will be an event called "Ahead of the Curve: The Future of Internet Policy and What It Means for You".

A SLIS Colloquium Series has been started, to feature daytime lectures in the Information Commons. Details are available on the SLIS web site.

There will be a SLIS picnic in May or June 2007. Mark Brzozowski will be graduating soon, but he may have details about the picnic.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Room in Marist Hall.