

**SLIS Alumni Board – draft meeting minutes  
March 8, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: Robin Foltz (presiding), John Danneker, Marianne Giltrud, Mark Brzozowski, Eileen Boswell, Michelle Lubatti, and Kathy Kelly.

*Review of Previous Minutes*

The minutes from the February 8, 2011 meeting were passed with one edit.

*Webpage Updates*

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved minutes from the January SLIS Alumni Board meeting had been posted on the Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>), and that some February updates had been posted on the SLIS Alumni News page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/alumnews.cfm>). Robin Foltz noted that the Board's email address had been posted more prominently on the SLIS Alumni web site, and that she would ask that she would ask that a link to the Centennial webpage (<http://slis.cua.edu/centennial/>) be added to the site as well.

**Continued Business**

**Reports/continued discussion on 30th/100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year events in 2011**

*I. Updates on/planning for the Stone Lecture*

*1. Von Dran Award nominees and voting*

The Board reviewed all nominations for the 2011 Raymond Von Dran Memorial Award, and voted to present the award to Lea J. Uhre, Director of the Executive Office of the President (EOP) Library. They also discussed potential edits to the Von Dran Award webpage, such as including a field for the nominator's phone number to the nomination form; offering more information on how to write a good nomination; and stating whether the award is intended for individuals only or whether it is open to teams.

*2. Review of status of the Stone Lecture event*

Robin Foltz explained that the event's budget had been scaled back, and that Aramark (rather than Whole Foods) would now be used for catering. Board members noted that the event would start at 7 p.m., and that AGLISS will be there to help with setup, and with sale of Centennial mugs and bags, along with collecting donations to the Stone Scholarship Fund. Marianne Giltrud displayed the logo and title graphic for the bags and mugs. The Board also discussed details regarding the planned live stream of Elizabeth Aversa's talk, entitled "A Passion for Libraries – Or, Why We Do What We Do".

*II. April 9<sup>th</sup> Alumni Award luncheon planning*

The Board noted that several of its members had registered for the 4/9/11 CUA Alumni Achievement Award luncheon, and Marianne Giltrud said that the SLIS alumni and other members of the SLIS community who registered would be seated together, and that Liz McLean will be the student representative introducing the SLIS alumna recipient Judith Russell (MSLS 1968), who is now Dean of the George A Smathers Libraries of the University of Florida, and formerly served as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Superintendent of Documents at the Government Printing Office, the first woman and second librarian to hold this position. Marianne Giltrud has been coordinating details of SLIS participation in this event.

## **New Business**

### *Presentation of SLIS strategic priorities and discussion*

This discussion, to be led by Bill Kules, was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

### *Next meeting location plan*

Eileen Boswell informed the Board that there are 3 DC Public libraries open until 9 p.m. Tuesdays, in terms of the Board's earlier proposal to hold a Board meeting at a DC library. The Board decided that due to time constraints, they will keep the next meeting at Marist Hall.

### *Role of Board in maintaining employment opportunities for grads*

John Danneker told the Board he had received a question on this subject from a SLIS graduate.

Marianne Giltrud noted that she is working with a Careers in Federal Libraries group, and Robin Foltz mentioned that she had plugged the SLIS Alumni LinkedIn page as a networking tool at a recent SLIS Open House. The Board also discussed the School's prospect for a better employment opportunities tool; and referring grads to mentors in library groups such as DC SLA and to speed mentoring events.

The next SLIS Alumni Board meeting was set for April 12, 2011.