

SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes
March 19, 2009

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Conference room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: Mark Brzozowski (presiding), Rachael Roan, Jenny O'Shea, Jeff Prater, Margaret Weatherford, Kathy Kelly, and Asst. Dean Tim Steelman.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the February 12, 2009 meeting were approved.

Secretarial Report

Kathy Kelly reported that there had been no updated submitted by anyone to the SLIS Alumni News page during February 2009, but that she'd put out a pitch on listservs for March updates, which people could forward to their other listservs.

Old Business

Accreditation Updates

Tim Steelman reported that the ALA COA team arrives tomorrow, and work with them will continue over the weekend and into the early part of the following week, with an exit briefing on Tuesday. There has been a good response from alumni re: attending the 3/22/09 alumni event with the ALA COA group. Mark Brzozowski contacted as many members of the "outstanding graduates" group as he could find, to urge them to attend or alternately submit employer letters.

LinkedIn/Facebook Update

Jenny O'Shea reported there are now 28 members in the Facebook SLIS group, and 44 in the LinkedIn group, some now being current students rather than alumni, since the Board agreed to open the group to the entire SLIS community.

Von Dran Award

The Board reviewed the nominations, and Tim Steelman recorded votes. Lynn Scott Cochrane was chosen to be the recipient, and Rachael Roan agreed to notify her. Kathy Kelly agreed to draft a response to the nominators of the non-winning nominations.

Stone Lecture, April 21st

In regard to reimbursement from vendors, Tim Steelman got one request for more information from one library contracting company, and he responded with details about participation tiers, but heard nothing further. Jeff Prater had contacted another vendor but hadn't heard back yet. Marianne Giltrud will be working on food issues for the reception. Kathy sent Mark a third draft of a proposed Stone Lecture program, with the Von Dran recipient's name now included, and Rachael agreed to work on the Von Dran bio/recipient bio insert for the program.

ALA Visit, Sunday March 22nd

The Visit will be at 3:30 p.m. in the area of the May Gallery, Mullen Library. Mark

thanked the Board for their work on publicizing this event, and Jenny noted it had been noted on the Facebook/LinkedIn group.

New Business

SLIS Career Enhancement Event, April 16, 2009

This event will be 4-7 p.m., so it was proposed that the Board meeting for that night be moved from 6:30 to 7 p.m., and from the usual Marist Hall location to Mullen Library; all agreed. The Board is invited by the Dean to participate if they'd like to help with reviewing resumes.

Medical Library Association meeting - Library School Reunion Sunday, May 17, 2009

This event will be 6 p.m. at a site of the meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. While the Board didn't know of anyone who would be attending the MLA meeting, they noted future conferences they would be attending which might provide a chance for participation in a table, such as the SLA meeting in DC, the AAAL meeting in DC, and the ALA meeting and Chicago.

Alumni Website

Mark suggested that people get together to discuss it, noting he doesn't find it that easy to use. There had been some comment from students about the inclusion of the link to the Professional Organizations page on the Alumni web site, since the page had been originally created for students. Kathy noted that the School was welcome to link to the same page from the students area of the site. Mark will talk with the student webmaster about possible improvements that can be made to the SLIS Alumni web site. Tim Steelman noted that there is a committee which handles content issues related to the overall SLIS site, consisting of himself, Dave Shumaker, and the student webmaster.

Future Board Dates

Future Board dates are 4/16/09 at 7 p.m. in Mullen Library, then 5/21/09, and if necessary 6/18/09, 7/16/09, and 8/20/09.