

SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes April 12, 2011

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

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the March 8, 2011 meeting were passed.

Webpage Updates

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved minutes from the February 8, 2011 meeting had been posted on the Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>), and that some March updates had been posted on the SLIS Alumni News page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/alumnews.cfm>). Robin Foltz agreed to check on whether the SLIS Alumni index page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/index.cfm>) had had a link added to the Centennial page (<http://slis.cua.edu/centennial/>).

Continued Business

Reports/continued discussion on 30/100th anniversary year events in 2011

1. *Debrief of Stone Lecture* – Eileen Boswell suggested that the Von Dran Award information page and award nomination form be edited to make improvements such as including a field for the nominator's phone number, additional forms of contact for the nominee, how to write a good nomination, and whether the nominator would like the nomination to be confidential. The Board noted they might wish to use the Board's Google account to work on revisions. The Board also discussed the large attendance (physical and virtual) of the Elizabeth Aversa lecture, the many Centennial year mugs and tote bags sold, and large donations given to the Stone Scholarship Fund.
2. *Report from Board of Governors' meeting and debrief of Alumni Luncheon* – Mark Brzozowski reported on the recent CUA Board of Governors meeting which he had attended as the SLIS representative. He noted that CUA had done a survey of its undergraduates and graduate students as part of its strategic planning for the next 5-10 years; that the university wants to do more to recognize undergraduate life and education, and to increase Hispanic enrollment; and that it wants to further develop its land holdings. He also noted that Amy Wilson of the University Development Leadership Network had met with CUA alumni in Philadelphia, and that this group wants to do more to help CUA alumni find jobs. Mark reported that the university will start celebrating its 125th anniversary on April 12, 2012, marking the landmark with 125 hours of events and 125,000 hours of service to the community. The Board also discussed the **April 9, 2011 CUA Alumni Achievement Award luncheon** and the award to SLIS alumna Judith Russell (MSLS 1968). They mentioned the notable attendance of the SLIS community, filling two tables. Kathy Kelly mentioned she could add photos to a SLIS memory book if anyone could donate photos taken that day.
3. *Updates/reports from Centennial meeting held April 4th* – Marianne Giltrud and Robin Foltz discussed two initiatives coming out of this meeting, the first a 9/30/11 gala, and the second the 10/20/11 panel of library and information science luminaries. The panel would include Anne Caputo, a past president of SLA, Maureen Sullivan, 2010 ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year and candidate for ALA President-Elect for 2012-13, and Susan Hildreth, the new

director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The gala would be a formal ticketed event, probably held on campus, and would include support from vendors. They noted that there will be a commemorative booklet, which Matt Banta would edit, and that Barrie Howard and Marianne Giltrud would work on a marketing plan, which would include use of social media. The Centennial Steering Group would work on other decisions, such as whether there would be a Mass option before the gala, and whether the gala would feature an event such as a silent auction. The Board agreed that would like to explore ways to feature DC Public Libraries at the event, due to the DCPL connection with the start of library education on the CUA campus.

4. *Exploring the DCPL connection further* – Eileen Boswell mentioned that DCPL librarian Bill Turner had given her the name of a DCPL professional who could help us learn more about the DCPL/CUA connection with early library education in DC. Shannon McMahon noted she is doing research for a timeline, and can send Eileen further info. The board noted the fascinating early 20th century historical events in DC history, CUA history, and in the history of the library profession and related professions.

New Business

Presentation of SLIS strategic direction/future planning

Bill Kules, Faculty representative to the SLIS Alumni Board, presented an overview of SLIS strategic direction and planning. He noted that SLIS faculty had started meeting in January and February to identify some initiatives, and would be sharing ideas with alumni and adjunct faculty to seek feedback. He noted that the priorities are: 1) The Health Information Technology (HIT) program; 2) the Online and Weekend Learning (OWL) program; 3) the School OWL (school library media program); 4) the 4 + 1 program, an initiative to recruit Humanities undergrads to get joint undergraduate/graduate credits; 5) a Cultural Heritage Information Management (IM) initiative; and 6) a recognized need to support scholarship and research, especially among faculty. Some other more general initiatives would include a focus on the Law Librarianship program, and Intelligence Analysis course offerings which could evolve into a new program. Robin Foltz asked if there are ways for the SLIS Alumni Board to be a presence to support the new programs, and Bill noted he will give our feedback to Ingrid Hsieh-Yee.

Graduation (May 14)

SLIS graduation will take place Saturday, May 14th, at 11:30 a.m., in the CUA Law School Atrium. John Danneker noted he will say a few words to graduates about getting involved as alumni, and would be in the receiving line to congratulate graduates. The other Board members are welcome to attend.

The next SLIS Alumni Board meeting was set for May 10, 2011.