

SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes
May 22, 2007

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: Jeff Prater (presiding), Margaret Weatherford, Kathy Kelly, and Dr. Mary Edsall (faculty representative to the Alumni Board). Cristina Ramirez was on travel and Linda Hasman was on maternity leave.

The minutes from the March 28, 2007 meeting were approved.

On the matter of Constitution and Bylaws issues, Jeff Prater reported he had met with Marion Gosney of the CUA Office of Alumni Relations, and that she had told him she could send him examples of the CUA Alumni Association's Bylaws, Constitution, and Policies/Procedures.

The Board discussed announcing upcoming events, especially the upcoming SLIS Alumni reception to be held during the course of the ALA Conference in DC. (This event will be Sunday, June 24, 2007, from 5-7 p.m at Clyde's Restauarant of Gallery Place, 707 7th St. NW, Washington, DC 20001; RSVPs go to: Sara Richards Burton at 202-319-5301 or richarsj@cua.edu.) It was agreed that Dr. Hsieh-Yee would be asked to announce it on the Virginia Library Association (VLA) and Maryland Library Association (MLA) listservs; that Jeff Prater would announce it on ASIST; that Margaret Weatherford would announce it on LLS DC; that Kathy Kelly would announce it on DC SLA; and that Mary Edsall would announce it on the Ex Libris and SAA listservs. The possibility of having a hard copy invitation sent to DC area alums was discussed; Jeff Prater said he could inquire about the cost of that option.

It was noted that although there is a new student Webmaster at SLIS, the Alumni Board should continue sending meeting minutes to Anita Coleman for posting on the Alumni Board Documents webpage, for the near future.

The Board discussed recruitment of new members for the upcoming new Board year. It was noted that Tiffany Smith, Allison Shea, and Marianne Jig, recent SLIS graduates, were interested in joining, and that it would be helpful to find out if the outgoing AGLISS president might like to join.

It was noted that the SLIS Alumni listserv is still a work in progress, with various issues still to be worked on.

It was noted that the April 11, 2007 Stone Lecture had over 90 attendees, and that \$450 had been raised for the Stone Scholarship Fund. The Board agreed to start thinking of potential Stone Lecture candidates for the 2008 lecture; some names mentioned included Andrew Pace, Ken Thibodeaux, Brewster Kahle, and James King.

The Board noted that graduation ceremonies may be a good time to honor former graduates; and that the Board would like to work on a "Notable SLIS Alumni" list to be

added to the Office of Alumni Relations web site's "Notable Alumni" webpage. It was also noted that Homecoming weekend may be another good occasion to introduce the new Dean to alumni.

The Board agreed that the last meeting of 2006-2007 board year would occur in July, and that it may be desirable also to have an informal meeting during the summer with the new Dean, after he or she is announced. There was some discussion that the 2007-2008 Board should meet on a monthly basis to keep up momentum. The Board expressed a desire to be more involved in networking and fundraising, noting that it would need to find out more about the Development Office's SLIS fundraising effort.

The Board agreed they would also like to learn more about SLIS alumni representation in the CUA University Council, which can have representatives from every School.

Dr. Edsall reported on the status of the Dean search, noting that an offer had been made and was under negotiation with the first-choice candidate, and that Dean Hale would be leaving SLIS at the end of May. At the time of this Board meeting, no interim dean had yet been announced. It was noted that the departing Dean Hale had recently received an outstanding achievement award from DCLA.

Jeff Prater provided the Board and Dr. Edsall with a SLIS Alumni Board contacts list, and noted that email should be sent to both his work and personal email accounts.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2007, 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall, with teleconferencing information to be sent out as the meeting approaches.