

SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes

August 9, 2010

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Information Commons in Marist Hall. In attendance were: Marianne Giltrud (presiding); John Danneker (via teleconference); Eileen Boswel; Jean Lee; Robin Foltz; and Kathy Kelly.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the July 12, 2010 meeting were approved, with minor changes.

Webpage Updates

Kathy Kelly reported that the June 2010 meeting minutes and the July updates to the SLIS Alumni News page were posted on the SLIS Alumni web site. Robin Foltz asked if the Board would like the School to design a form for submission of alumni news, and the Board agreed that that would be of interest.

Old Business

Picnic for 8/27/10, 4-7 p.m.

The Board discussed preparations for the planned picnic for the SLIS student/faculty/alumni community, including logistics, potential menu, and how to keep the event inexpensive. The Board voted in favor of looking into catering, so Board members could concentrate on networking with students and alumni at the event. They discussed the prospect for using Aramark or external caterers such as Whole Foods, to be supplemented with beverages and supplies left over from the Stone Lecture and additions of dessert items such as cookies. The Board agreed to send promotional information about the picnic to the listservs they subscribe to as we moved closer to the picnic.

Wiki

The Board continued discussing the means for implementing a wiki to support Board business, noting that Marianne Giltrud had sent us a sample external wiki governance statement to help us think through some of the issues. It was noted that Google Sites could be the wiki tool, and that it could have various levels of ownership, editorship, etc. The Board noted they'd like it to be easy to manage hand-offs of wiki duties to various people, and possibly to support surveys. Marianne Giltrud and Eileen Boswell agreed to work to set up a CUA SLIS Alumni site in Google.

Homecoming Weekend Event (Oct. 1-3, 2010)

The Board discussed prospects and potential themes for a SLIS Homecoming Weekend event. The October 1-3, 2010 weekend also features the CUA Board of Governors meeting, which Mark Brzozowski has agreed to attend. The Board noted they were leaning towards a happy hour type of event, possibly at a location like Brasserie Post at Gallery Place. It was agreed we would look into details of how to arrange such an event.

Finalizing Elections

The Board discussed the prospect of using a Google Docs form for voting for Board positions, or SurveyMonkey, along with information on alternate means of voting, such as email. Marianne Giltrud agreed to send out the proposed changes to the SLIS Alumni Association Constitution and Bylaws document to the Slisalumni listserv, so that SLIS alumni could vote on these proposed changes, which must precede the SLIS Alumni Board elections. These proposed changes related to lengths of terms of officers on the Board and clarifying which positions on the Board are voting member positions.

New Business

100th Anniversary Event

The Board members noted they are interested in planning an event to mark the 100th anniversary of the teaching of library science on the CUA campus; the anniversary of the centennial is July 2011. They agreed to discuss ideas for this event at the next Board meeting.

Upcoming SLIS Alumni Board meeting dates

The projected date for the next Board meeting is 9/13/10. While the meetings have generally been on the second Monday of each month, it was noted that the Columbus Day holiday falls on the second Monday of October (10/11/10), so that the October meeting is tentatively planned for 10/18/10, the third Monday.