

SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

August 19, 2013

The SLIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Columbus School of Law LIS Suite Rooms 314/315. In attendance were: Rob Schneider (presiding); Chris Corrigan; Ana Elisa de Campos Salles; Jean Lee; and Kathy Kelly.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the June 11, 2013 meeting were approved, with several edits.

Webpage/Email Updates

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved May 2013 meeting minutes had been posted on the SLIS Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); that June updates had been posted on the SLIS Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/june-2013-slis-alumni-news/>); and that August updates to SLIS Alumni news are in the works.

Old Business

Continuation/Progress of merger of SLIS into Arts and Sciences

Bill Kules stopped by and noted that there are ongoing changes to the rooms and signage for LIS space in the Columbus School of Law building, and that the Information Commons will be receiving some additional hardware installations.

Two Summer Socials

Rob Schneider re-capped the SLIS alumni social held during the American Library Association (ALA) conference in Chicago. “Alumni @ The Plymouth” took place Sunday, June 30th, 4:30-7:30 p.m., and drew about 20 attendees. Alumni had a chance to ask questions about the SLIS merger into Arts & Sciences, to discuss the move into the Law School building, and to fill out contact information on CUA Alumni Network postcards. Rob also re-capped the Happy Hour at Penn Social in D.C., noting it drew 9 attendees, the food was affordable, and seating and service was good. Despite some noise from a pub quiz, it was a good opportunity to meet alumni. Rob thanked Chris Corrigan and Ana Elisa de Campos Salles for promoting these events.

Committee Reports-Mentoring Committee

Ana Elisa de Campos Salles referred to the successful event in March on non-traditional jobs in the Federal Government, and noted that the Committee would like to do another event in the fall. Chris Corrigan suggested the Committee consider having a panel presentation, and tables of people who review resumes, and that the event feature both human resources representatives and librarians. He noted that the event could look at issues such as ranking factors and KSAs in terms of how people are scored and what managers are looking for in job applicants. Rob Schneider moved that during the Fall semester the Mentoring Committee should host an HR/Employment-centered event which would focus on the role of HR offices in getting applicants into library positions, and the motion was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports-Membership and Technology Committee

Rob Schneider noted that the Board had agreed the Past President would take leadership of the Membership and Technology Committee. Ana Elisa de Campos Salles noted that the Committee met on July 16th at the National Portrait Gallery, and created a list of listservs and other channels through which we advance what we do, which can be assigned at the beginning of each new term. She noted

they had come up with three questions to look into: who is on our slisalum listserv; whether we can get a list of SLIS alumni from Dean Poos; and whether the slisalum listserv can be made automatic for graduates of LIS. Rob Schneider suggested that we add information on how to subscribe to the slisalum listserv to the bottom of messages we sent out on other listservs. Ana Elisa said we could also take all our information and store it in Google Docs online forms. Rob Schneider noted that Margaret Pooley was now the Academic Systems Manager for LIS, which includes management of the slisalum listserv.

New Business

Board Calendar for Summer / Fall Semester

Summer Picnic

Rob Schneider reviewed plans for the August 24th picnic, noting Aramark will provide the burgers, hotdogs, and some other refreshments; that there will be Japanese lanterns and tablecloths, and possibly an activity (someone recommended a bean bag toss); and that there would be a chance to tour the new LIS quarters in the Law School, and to stop in at the Student Orientation where Rob would say a few words about alumni activities and welcome students to the picnic. Rob agreed to send Board members an email about the picnic which they could promote on other listservs.

Discuss and plan for nominations for the next term

Rob Schneider reviewed the Board positions, and Kathy Kelly agreed to contact Board members to find out who would be leaving their positions in the fall. Rob noted that by the September Board meeting we would have an agenda item for a discussion of nominations.

Declaration of the Right to Libraries

Chris Corrigan discussed the ALA Declaration of the Right to Libraries as an initiative which promotes the value of our profession, and suggested we have signing events for this declaration at our events during the next Board year. The Board voted in favor of including the Declaration signing at its events during the 2013-2014 Board year.

Christmas Party

Board members discussed the need to find a venue and secure financing for this year's LIS Christmas party. They noted last year's event at Bistro D'Oc provided a good location, but that it did not have sufficient accessibility for people with physical disabilities. They proposed having it in the Columbus School of Law building as a way of promoting the new LIS location. They also noted they need to coordinate with Dean Poos and LIS to find an appropriate date for the event.

Next Meeting

The Board agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at the LIS Suite in the Columbus School of Law.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.