

SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes
September 10, 2013

The SLIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:34 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; Mark Brzozowski; Jean Lee; Bill Kules; and Kathy Kelly.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the August 19, 2013 meeting were approved.

Webpage/Email Updates

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved June 2013 meeting minutes had been posted on the SLIS Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); and that August updates had been posted on the LIS web site's Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/august-2013-alumni-news/>).

Old Business

Summer Picnic

Board members agreed that the summer picnic on August 24th outside the Columbus School of Law had gone well, and had drawn about 60 attendees. Louise Gray of LIS had ordered the picnic food from Aramark.

Christmas Party 2013 Developments

Chris Corrigan noted he communicated with Dean Poos, Louise Gray, and Bill Kules about planning for the upcoming Christmas party, and that Dean Poos had noted the only date which would not be good would be December 6th. Board members agreed it would be good to have the party on a Friday, and to possibly seek funding support from the CUA Alumni Affairs Office. December 13th was suggested as a potential date for the party, and the Law School Atrium as a possible venue. Bill Kules suggested setting a date first, then focusing on arranging for a space. The Board agreed to try to work around any known dates for holiday events of other local library associations.

Committee Reports

Mentoring Committee

Chris Corrigan noted he had emailed the head of Human Resources for DC Public Library regarding being on a panel for a mentoring event. The Board agreed the topic for the next mentoring event would be Human Resources matters in relation to filling library jobs. Chris will meet with the Association of Graduate Library and Information Science (AGLISS) next week and will mention the planned mentoring event theme. Bill Kules mentioned he appreciates the work on mentoring which the Alumni Board is doing, and suggested another role it could play is in helping the School leverage the Alumni network to connect prospective students with alumni in the profession; this could give them information on areas of interest, and demonstrate the strength of the LIS program. He noted the next LIS Information Session is November 13, 2013, an online session with Adobe Connect from 12-1 p.m., and that there will be another session in January.

Membership and Technology Committee

Rob Schneider mentioned this committee hadn't met yet, so there is nothing new to report.

New Business

Board Calendar for Fall Semester

The next Mentoring event will be sometime during the Fall semester.

Stone Lecture 2014 Announcement

Chris Corrigan discussed the invitation to American Library Association (ALA) President Barbara Stripling as the Spring 2014 Stone Lecture speaker. The Board agreed that April 4, 2013 was a potentially good date for the event, which falls ahead of CUA Orientation (April 10th) and Easter (April 20th). The Board expects the event may draw a large attendance, and will work with Dean Poos's office and Louise Gray to find a suitable venue.

Nominations for New Board Members

Kathy Kelly reported on the content of a document she had compiled about the status of Board member positions, in terms of who will be leaving the Board, and which positions will have openings in the Fall. She noted that in Fall 2013, there will be these three openings: 2 one-year Director positions, and 1 two-year Director position. Bill Kules noted he could reach out to Health Information Technology (HIT) graduates for potential nominees, and the Board discussed names of other alumni whom they knew were interested. Chris Corrigan will reach out to potential nominees.

New Alumni Board Name – SLIS to LIS?

Rob Schneider raised the issue of changing the SLIS Alumni Association name to LIS Alumni Association around the end of this current Board year. He noted we would have to reach out to alumni in order to obtain approval to change the name in the SLIS Alumni Association Constitution. The Board agreed to have further discussion on this when evaluating the Board year at a future meeting, to set any needed deadline and publicize any change made. The Board voted in favor of proposing the name change from SLIS Alumni Association to LIS Alumni Association, and sending the matter to the larger group of SLIS alumni as called for in the Constitution.

Other New Business

Communication Equipment

The Board agreed it would like to think about using Skype to support some of its communications needs. Bill Kules may be able to arrange this.

Next Meeting

The Board agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the LIS Suite in the Columbus School of Law.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.