

SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes

September 13, 2010

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: Marianne Giltrud (presiding); Mark Brzozowski; John Danneker; Dave Shumaker; Eileen Boswell; Jenny Shea (via teleconference); and Kathy Kelly. Dave Shumaker is joining the meetings as the faculty representative.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the August 9, 2010 meeting were passed. It was noted that Liz McLean, AGLISS representative to the SLIS Alumni Board, would like to receive the approved SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes from now on.

Webpage Updates

Kathy Kelly reported that some August updates had been added to the SLIS Alumni News webpage, and that the approved minutes from the July SLIS Alumni Board meeting had been posted on the Board Documents page.

Reflections on SLIS Picnic of August 27, 2010

The Board reviewed the benefits of having catered this event, in terms of the increased ability to mingle with students, and of having held the event during new student orientation weekend. It was suggested that a guestbook could be used at future events, to help with reviewing attendance rates, and that starting the event earlier in the evening, as soon as student orientation ends, might be helpful.

Old Business

a) Elections - The Board noted that the vote regarding the proposed changes to the Constitution/Bylaws document had been concluded, with 26 yes votes, and 2 no votes. It was noted that in regard to any future proposed changes to the document, the Board may wish to use a mechanism like Google forms, to enable greater ease in showing changes. The nominations for the new Board included Robin Foltz as Vice-President/President-Elect; Mark Brzozowski as Director; Abbey Gerken as Director; Shannon McMahan as Director; Eileen Boswell as Director; and Kathy Kelly as Secretary. John Danneker would move from his Vice-President position to President, and Marianne Giltrud would move from President to Immediate Past President. Because of the changes to the Constitution/Bylaws enabling staggered Director terms, Eileen Boswell and Mark Brzozowski would hold 2-year terms, while Abby Gerken and Shannon McMahan would hold 1-year terms. Jenny O'Shea would serve as a volunteer. The Board discussed getting an early start next cycle for Board nominations, and using listservs to seek nominations.

b) Homecoming - The Board discussed the prospect of an informal get together during the October 2010 CUA Homecoming weekend, at a downtown location such as Post Brasserie or La Tasca. Eileen Boswell agreed to look into conditions for such an arrangement at Post Brasserie, after which the Board would decide whether to proceed with such an event.

c) Wiki - Marianne Giltrud and Eileen Boswell noted they had set up a CUA SLIS Alumni Board Gmail account, and that a SLIS Alumni Survey had been generated out of it. The Board discussed prospects for storing Board working documents in this account, and other information such as contact information for important contacts.

New Business

a) Survey - The Board discussed the survey Marianne Giltrud had sent out to assess alumni interest in the SLIS Alumni Association, and in the proposed celebration of 100 years of library science education on the CUA campus. Marianne Giltrud noted there had been a high interest in

the proposed 100th anniversary event, and some interest in fundraising, networking, and recruiting students to SLIS.

The Board went on to discuss prospective elements of the centennial event, including whether to hold it during the summer to coincide with the July date in which the first library science courses were taught on campus in 1911; whether to have an event with a keynote speaker, and involvement of the DC Public Library system; promoting the event at other SLIS events throughout the year; getting items into the CUA Magazine about the anniversary; and putting together a proposal to submit to CUA Alumni Relations for possible support. The Board noted that it can use its SLIS Facebook and LinkedIn pages to promote this event. While discussing the year ahead, the Board also discussed prospective dates for the next Stone Lecture, and agreed to continue brainstorming about potential speakers.

Meeting Dates

The next SLIS Alumni Board meeting was set for October 18, 2010.