

SLIS Alumni Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2006

In attendance: Jerome Offord, Margaret Weatherford, Stephanie Salmon, Barrie Howard, Larry Roeder, Kathy Kelly and Marty Hale attended on site in the Stone Room. Jose Palacios called in. Other members were inadvertently lost due to a teleconferencing equipment double-booking.

Barrie Howard explained that the Board is in transition; that the new Board would elect officers this month, and that bylaws revisions were projected for completion by November. It was decided that the Board would be called the 2006-2007 SLIS Alumni Board, rather than inserting "Interim" into its title.

It was noted that Jerome Offord, Larry Roeder, and Jose Palacios are the members of the Bylaws Committee. It was noted that the Bylaws Committee would meet Sept. 19th 6:30 p.m. at Cosi in the Dupont Circle area to begin revising the Bylaws.

Dean Marty Hale took a vote on officers, and the following positions were acclaimed:

Jerome Offord – President

Jeff Prater – Vice President/President-Elect

Kathy Kelly – Secretary

Stephanie Salmon – Treasurer

Barrie Howard – Immediate Past President (a non-elected position)

Barrie Howard noted that the present committees include the Constitution and Bylaws Committee; Events; Outreach; Fundraising; and Stone Lecture Committee. Margaret Weatherford was asked to give a report on Fundraising at the next meeting, since there is some sense within the university's Alumni Office that the Alumni Boards of the Schools should not be too directly involved in duties that may be more geared to the Development Office.

Marty Hale noted that the Treasurer position is somewhat minimal, since the Board collects no dues. Board members could keep receipts for things and seek reimbursement from the School.

It was noted that due to the volume of work the Board was doing for the SLIS 25th anniversary tea, the School would sponsor the upcoming holiday party, proposed for Dec. 7th in the Information Commons.

Marty Hale provided info to the Board about two prominent SLIS alumni whom she thought should receive letters from the Board: 1) Josephine Fang, a Professor at Simmons College; she is well-known in international librarianship and cataloging, and there was to be a reception in her honor on Oct. 11th in Boston; and 2) Eileen Brannigan Longworth, an alum who graduated in the 70s, whose career as a Library Director in a public library system in New Mexico was recently profiled in the Albuquerque Journal. It was agreed that information would be given to Jerome, who would send the letters.

Kathy Kelly and Stephanie Salmon provided some details on preparations for the upcoming SLIS 25th Anniversary Tea to be held at the O Street Mansion on October 14, 2006.

The Board voted in favor of quarterly meetings, and noted that the next meetings would occur Nov. 14th (6:30 p.m. in the Stone Room in Marist, with further info to follow about teleconferencing); February 13, 2007; May 8, 2007; and August 14th, 2007.