

SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes

November 19, 2008

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: Mark Brzozowski (presiding), Fran White, Jeff Prater, Rachael Roan, Marianne Giltrud, Jenny O'Shea, Kathy Kelly, and Tim Steelman.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the October 23, 2008 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Secretarial Report

Kathy Kelly noted that a revised Board birthdays list had been sent out. She noted that no news had come in for the SLIS Alumni News webpage during November, and suggested Board members send out announcements of updates to the page on additional listservs to keep the news coming in. She noted that when closing down the 2007-2008 files, there was not much documentation in the election file, and suggested printing out any webpage devoted to elections next year before the page is taken down, and announcing the tally results of votes for candidates. She reminded anyone collecting votes on Board administrative matters which get cast over email to turn in hard copies to her for the files. She suggested that new Board members be added as recipients of the cua-slis-alumni-board email list.

Accreditation Updates

Marianne Giltrud reported on the current activities for the ongoing SLIS accreditation review, noting that Karen O'Brien from the ALA COA had recently attended a SLIS full faculty meeting, and that the Program Presentation draft is due to be turned in to ALA on November 21, 2008.

Facebook/LinkedIn Groups

Jenny O'Shea reported that there hadn't been much growth on the SLIS Alumni Facebook group, but that the LinkedIn group was up to 19 members. Mark suggested Jenny create a flyer promoting the groups.

Christmas/Holiday Party

Mark reported that he'd met with AGLISS, which would provide food for the December 2nd party. The School will provide money for beverages. Board members gave funds to Rachael towards purchase of

the 1st prize Barnes and Noble card for the cookie bake-off awards. Jeff Prater agreed to buy the second and third prizes from Mount Vernon. The Board discussed who could come early or stay later to set up or clean up.

Wiki

Tim Steelman noted he can set up a Wordpress wiki for the Board's administrative electronic files, with no limit to the number of administrators. It will be password-protected.

New Business

Outstanding Graduates/SLIS CUA Alumni Achievement Award Winners lists

Kathy Kelly passed around two lists and suggested they be posted on the SLIS Alumni Gateway web site: the Outstanding Graduates list (this is the same as the plaque on the wall in the Information Commons in Marist Hall); and a list of SLIS Alumni who have won the CUA Alumni Achievement Award. Mark said he'd sent the electronic versions to the Board for review. He also suggested the School consider promoting Beta Phi Mu, so students during their student years could be aware of the possibility of receiving this honor later on. Tim Steelman suggested the Board could promote Beta Phi Mu.

Stone Lecture and Von Dran Award Committee

Rachael Roan agreed to chair a Stone Lecture and Raymond Von Dran Award Committee. The Board agreed they should communicate with each other about the workflow needed for the upcoming April 21, 2009 Stone Lecture and Von Dran award to be presented that night.

Meeting Dates

Jeff Prater suggested changing the January 2009 Board meeting from January 15th to January 8th, due to a conflicting event, and the Board agreed. Other Board meeting dates, unless changed later on, are still: February 12, 2009; March 19, 2009; April 16, 2009; May 21, 2009; and if needed June 18, 2009, July 16, 2009; and August 20, 2009.

As noted above, the next SLIS Alumni Board meeting is January 8, 2009.