SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes
February 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: John Danneker (presiding), Robin Foltz, Mark Brzozowski, Eileen Boswell, Shannon McMahon, Jean Lee, Bill Kules, and Kathy Kelly. John noted that since Dave Shumaker will be teaching several evenings per week, Bill Kules will join us this semester as the SLIS Faculty Representative.

Review of Previous Minutes
The minutes from the January 11, 2011 meeting were passed with one edit.

Webpage Updates
Kathy Kelly noted that the approved minutes from the December SLIS Alumni Board meeting had been posted on the Board Documents page (http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm), and that some January updates had been posted on the SLIS Alumni News page (http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/alumnews.cfm). Robin Foltz noted that Matt Banta had posted the Library and Information Science Centennial Celebration page on the SLIS web site (http://slis.cua.edu/centennial/). Robin also noted she will contact Matt about making the Board's email address more prominent throughout the SLIS Alumni pages, and adding a link to the Centennial Celebration page to the SLIS Alumni index page.

Continued Business

Reports/continued discussion on 30th/100th anniversary year events in 2011

I. Updates on/planning for the Stone Lecture

1. Von Dran Award update
Robin Foltz noted she will continue to work on the details for coordinating the award work. Eileen Boswell noted she had posted notice of the nomination period on several listservs and on the SLIS LinkedIn page. Kathy Kelly noted she had asked Margaret Prater post it on the Law Libraries of Washington DC (LLSDC) listserv. The Board also discussed prospects for inviting the nominator of the award recipient to attend and possibly participate in some way with the award presentation. Board members plan to read over all nominations and be prepared to discuss and vote at the next Board meeting in March.

2. Review of sponsorship letter
John Danneker noted that since the School is already picking up costs for the Stone Lecture, we would hold the sponsorship letters for use for the October anniversary event.

3. Review of status of event
The Board discussed food and beverage options, noting that at last year's lecture, food catering had been arranged with Whole Foods, coffee and tea with Aramark, and that beverages had been purchased from Costco. The Board noted that Marianne Giltrud is in touch with the speaker, Elizabeth Aversa, about logistics for her talk.

II. DCPL thoughts and involvement
John Danneker and the Board discussed prospects for involving DC Public Library in the Centennial events. Eileen Boswell noted that Bill Turner will be locating a DCPL historical contact to put in touch
with her. John noted he will send the Board links to recent articles in the news about DCPL. The Board discussed prospects for possibly holding a Board meeting at a public library sometime in the future.

III. Any other updates?
The Board noted that Acting Dean Ingrid Hsieh-Yee has asked Marianne Giltrud to send her a note on where the 30/100 anniversary event stands. The Board also discussed the photos being used for the event, and prospects for saving them for re-use as an exhibit for other future events.

New Business
Upcoming events of note
The Board discussed upcoming events, noting the next Bridging the Spectrum symposium will take place 2/25/11, and that the next SLIS Open House will take place 2/15/11 in the Pryzbyla building. The Board discussed the need for a 1-page flyer about SLIS alumni information for distribution at events, and Eileen Boswell offered to draft one. The Board also discussed the willingness of members to speak at SLIS events, and Bill Kules said he could raise the subject at a faculty meeting or with Ingrid Hsieh-Yee.

Request from CUA SLA Student Group for contact list/ideas for special libraries alumni
The Board discussed the SLA student group’s outreach to the Board about how to locate SLIS alumni who work in special libraries. The Board discussed raising the issue of such contacts with Bruce Rosenstein, who has kept contact info for students who’ve taken his Special Libraries class; and John Danneker offered to place a message on the slisalum listserv regarding the SLA student group's request.

Confirmation of meeting times for winter/spring months
The next Board meeting was set for Tuesday, March 8, 2011.