Amended Minutes***
OUSLIS Alumni Association Executive Board Meeting
Friday, July 25, 2008, 3:30 P.M.
School of Library and Information Studies Conference Room, (Rm. 100)

Members present:  R.D. Bell, Sharon Bish, Ona Britton, Shari Clifton, Jeffrey Courouleau, Ellen DeFehr, Verna Graybill, Kathy Latrobe, Carolyn Mahin, Anna Schick, and Marty Thompson

The meeting was called to order and chaired by President Ona Britton. Meeting began with self-introductions.

Report from the School by Dr. Latrobe: ***The School’s two new hires are Kelvin White, Assistant Professor, and June Abbas, Associate Professor. White is from UCLA and an archives specialist. Abbas is from UNY at Buffalo, and a digital libraries and organization of materials specialist. The new hires are replacing Danny Wallace and Lotsee Patterson. A faculty representative and a student representative to the Alumni Association Executive Board will be chosen when the fall semester begins. The OU Board of Regents has approved online delivery of all the classes in the BAIS degree program. Dr. Latrobe commented the process had been time-consuming, but she is happy to see this. On-site classes from the other degree programs will continue in Norman and Tulsa. Students will be allowed to choose between online and on-site classes.*** [Several sentences of this school report were amended at the September 5, 2008, meeting.]

Treasurer’s report: Cathy Van Hoy was unable to attend; therefore, President Britton presented the treasurer’s report. The balance of the account stands at $4,104.43, as of May 31, 2008. Every one was reminded to re-join and pay dues. Members of the board should encourage colleagues to join. Potential membership is 243; however, only 60 have paid and sent their renewals. Renewals are easy as the form is available online. Cathy Van Hoy maintains a database of members.

Approval of minutes: Printed copies of the March meeting minutes were distributed. A correction to the minutes was pointed out: Dr. Ray’s university should be designated as Northeastern Oklahoma State University. Sharon Bish made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Ellen DeFehr seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business: The following events and dates were announced: the SLIScelebration will be on Saturday, April 4, 2009, and the OLA Annual Conference will be held April 20-22, 2009.

A discussion on the Student Paper Award was held. In the past, the student paper was read at the OLA Annual Conference. Members of the OLA program committee will be contacted about adding this to the 2009 conference. It should be possible for the program committee to hear this request as soon as the August meeting. Also UCD, Library Education, and Recruitment and Retention will be contacted concerning possible sponsorship. To facilitate timing for the Annual Conference, it was agreed the deadline for the Student Paper Award entries will be December 15, 2008. Winner will be chosen by February 1, 2009. Ona Britton volunteered to be the contact person for the student paper entries. The rules concerning eligibility will be revised and posted on the website. Dr. Latrobe and her faculty will encourage all students in the endeavor. The
Student Paper Award Committee will report to the executive board who will then approve the Student Paper Award winner. Dr. Latrobe encouraged the group to proceed with setting up committees. Those who were unable to attend this meeting can volunteer later.

Volunteers for the three committees were as follows:

- **Nominating Committee**
  - Ona Britton
  - Jeffrey Courouleau
  - Marty Thompson

- **Outstanding Alumni**
  - Jeffrey Courouleau
  - Ellen DeFehr
  - Anna Schick

- **Student Paper**
  - Ona Britton—contact person
  - RD Bell
  - Verna Graybill
  - Carolyn Mahin

Ona Britton reported the Outstanding Alumni Award nomination process lacks consistency and standardization. Jeffrey Courouleau volunteered to work further on developing criterion for this award. The Outstanding Alumni Award sub-committee will report to the executive board who will then approve the winner.

Possible dates for future meetings were discussed. Marty Thompson made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; RD Bell seconded. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Verna Graybill,
Acting Secretary—SLIS Alumni Association

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**
September 5, 2008, 3:30 P.M.
January 30, 2009, 3:30 P.M.
March 27, 2009, 3:30 P.M.
July 17, 2009, 3:30 P.M.