Minutes
OUSLIS Alumni Association Executive Board Meeting
Friday, February 13, 2009, 3:00 P.M.
School of Library and Information Studies Conference Room, (Rm. 100)

Members present: Janie Allen, R.D. Bell, Shari Clifton, Ellen DeFehr, Verna Graybill, Sharon Jorski, Kathy Latrobe, Carolyn Mahin, Donna Morris, Anna Schick, and Marty Thompson

The meeting on January 31, 2009, was postponed because of inclement weather and moved to February 13, 2009. Also during the interval between the last meeting on September 5, 2008, and this meeting, President Jeffrey Couloureau resigned. Vice President/President-Elect Marty Thompson moved into the office of President.

Approval of minutes: President Marty Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M. The minutes of the September 5, 2008, meeting were approved.

Report from the School by Dr. Latrobe: A search is under way to fill a tenure-track position before the beginning of the fall 2009 semester. Dr. Latrobe invited board members to attend future presentations by candidates. The Master of Knowledge Management degree program was defended before the OU Regents, and the Regents approved the program. The program has approximately 20 students at this present time, but growth is expected.

Alumni association reception at the OLA Conference: The alumni association reception will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. Shari Clifton, member of the OLA Conference’s Local Arrangements Committee, will coordinate the reception along with Janie Allen, OUSLIS Professional Staff/Admissions Secretary. There will be a cash bar and light snacks. The agenda will include a report from Dr. Latrobe, the presentations of both the Outstanding Alumni Award winner and the Student Paper Award winner. Also at the reception, there will be a concentrated effort to solicit membership dues. A table will be set up for Treasurer Cathy Van Hoy to process such transactions.

Student Paper Award Committee Report: Carolyn Mahin reported for the absent Ona Britton. There was only one submission for the Student Paper Award: Oh, the Humanities: Understanding Information Behavior to Foster Information Literacy by Caleb Puckett. On behalf of the Student Paper Award Committee (Ona Britton, Carolyn Mahin, Verna Graybill, and R.D. Bell), Carolyn did recommend the submission was worthy of the award. The board approved the committee’s recommendation. Ona Britton will inform Mr. Puckett of the award. He will be presented with the monetary award at the Alumni Association’s reception at the OLA Conference, and he will be recognized at the OUSLIS Celebration on April 4th. Unfortunately, there is not a slot on the OLA conference grid for presentation of the student paper by Caleb Puckett. The Library Education Division and the University and College Division accepted three other student presentations for the conference program “Inspired Talks by Future Librarians”. Board members were given details on the three presentations selected: Current Issues: Library 2.0 by Risa White; The Information Commons: A Creative Solution for a New Generation of Patrons by Jenny Rempel; and Developing Successful Fair Use Policies for Academic Libraries by Jennifer Prilliman. The board decided to resume its quest to place next year’s Student Paper
Award winner on the OLA Conference grid. To clarify the minutes from the September meeting, Sharon Jorski made a motion for the alumni association to provide the following for the Student Paper Award winner: an invitation to the OUSLIS Alumni Reception on April 20 at the OLA Conference; a Monday night banquet ticket also on April 20; and a one-day conference attendance fee on either Tuesday or Wednesday (the student’s choice). This motion was seconded by Ellen DeFehr. Motion passed. President Thompson thanked the Student Paper Award committee for its work.

Outstanding Alumni Award Committee Report: Ellen DeFehr, Chair, reported on the process of the committee. Board members were asked to provide listservs where the call for nominations could be solicited. Janie Allen volunteered to create the certificate for the winner and to ensure the plaque, which is located at the School, is engraved. Ellen DeFehr will send all components of the Award’s protocols to Stacy Zemeke who will publish the information on the website. After the Committee (Ellen DeFehr and Anna Schick) has made its decision, all members of the board will be made aware of the selection electronically. If there are no objections from the board members concerning the individual selected by the committee, this person will be named as the recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award.

Treasurer’s report: In the absence of Cathy Van Hoy, President Thompson reported the account is at $4,285.13. A current membership list and a financial statement, prepared by the treasurer, were provided to the board members.

New Business: During the interval between meetings, the members were notified electronically of a request from the Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors (OCALD) for the Alumni Association to pay the $50.00 registration fee for two students (total $100.00) to attend their workshop, Effective Assessment for Academic Libraries, on May 19, 2009. The workshop will be held at the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) in Oklahoma City. The speakers for the workshop are Steve Hiller, Director, Assessment & Planning, University of Washington Libraries and Jim Self, Director, Management Information Services, University of Virginia Library. OCALD itself will evaluate the students’ entries. However, the board wishes to clarify these scholarship winners must be currently enrolled students. Donna Morris made the motion for the Alumni Association to pay the registration fees for the two scholarship winners; Shari Clifton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The OUSLIS will be glad to provide space concerning Alumni Association renewals on the SLISelebration information which will be mailed. Further discussion centered on the pros and cons of electronic voting. President Thompson encouraged the board members to seriously consider this issue before the next meeting in March. At the present time, the bylaws dictate that ballots must be mailed out. Sharon Jorski will conduct a bylaws review and will report at the March meeting concerning a possible revision. Volunteers—Shari Clifton, Dr. Kathy Latrobe, and Janie Allen—will coordinate on updating emails and addresses before the Selebration information is sent out.

Nominating Committee Report: This committee presently only has two people: Ona Britton and Marty Thompson. Carolyn Mahin volunteered to serve on the committee. Marty Thompson will
seek out additional members for this committee. This year, nominees will be sought for the offices of Vice President/President-Elect, Treasurer, and two (2) Members at Large.

**Old Business:** Shari Clifton pointed out the board has lost sight of securing a student representative and a faculty representative. Dr. Latrobe volunteered to pursue these representatives.

It was noted only two meetings are left on this year’s schedule: March 27 and July 17, 2009. President Thompson informed the board members he will set the time for the March meeting depending upon the amount of business to transact.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Verna Graybill
Secretary—SLIS Alumni Association Secretary

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

March 27, 2009
July 17, 2009

**ADDENDUM:**

Email of February 16, 2009—
President Thompson informed OCALD about the approval for the two scholarships for the assessment workshop on May 19, 2009. President Thompson will appoint one other alumnus to serve on the nominating committee.

Email of March 4, 2009—
President Thompson informed the board the Student Paper Award winner will be traveling from Tulsa for the Monday night reception and a day at the conference. It was discovered the fee for a student registration at the OLA Conference is cheaper than a one-day conference fee; therefore, President Thompson accepted a motion to pay for one night at the Conference hotel for the Student Paper Award winner. Board members were asked to vote on this motion via an email reply.

Email of March 5, 2009—
President Thompson informed the board members the motion of March 4th, which adds one night stay at the Conference hotel for the Student Paper Award winner, passed.