Minutes
OUSLIS Alumni Association Executive Board Meeting
Friday, September 5, 2008, 3:30 P.M.
School of Library and Information Studies Conference Room, (Rm. 100)

Members present: R.D. Bell, Ona Britton, Shari Clifton, Ellen DeFehr, Verna Graybill, Kathy Latrobe, Carolyn Mahin, Teresa Matthews, Donna Morris, Anna Schick, and Marty Thompson

In the absence of President Jeffrey Couloureau, Past President Ona Britton conducted the meeting.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the July 25th, 2008, meeting were distributed electronically as well as immediately before Ona Britton called this meeting to order. Several corrections were needed on the section dealing with the school report. The secretary will make the needed corrections. A motion was made by Dr. Kathy Latrobe to accept the minutes as corrected; Donna Morris seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s report: Cathy Van Hoy was unable to attend; therefore, Ona Britton presented the treasurer’s report. The balance of the account as of July 31, 2008, was $4,224.29. Nine (9) individuals have joined or renewed their alumni membership. We now have a total of 69 current members.

Report from the School by Dr. Latrobe: The fall semester is underway and very busy. The enrollment in the school continues its upward trend. Additional revenues are also being generated through service classes to the university community. Dr. Ann Carlson Weeks from the University of Maryland’s International Children’s Digital Library will be the guest speaker at the SLISelebration on April 4, 2009. Dr. Weeks is the Director of Collection Research. Dr. Latrobe will speak to Dr. Cece Brown about the Faculty Representative position.

Old Business: Ona Britton, who is serving as the contact person for the Student Paper Award, distributed several items which she has updated for the competition: a cover sheet, the instructions to participants, and a contact sheet. She also distributed an evaluation form which will be used for judging the papers.

It was reported the Library Education Division of OLA has agreed to sponsor the presentation of the Student Paper Award winner at the Annual Conference, April 20-22, 2009. However, the time slot will include not only the winner of the Student Paper Award but also other selected student presentations as well. Marty Thompson made a motion for the alumni association to pay the one-day conference fee for the winner of the Student Paper Award. R.D. Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Concerning the Outstanding Alumni Award, Ellen DeFehr is the chairperson of the committee, and working with Ellen on this task is Jeffrey Couloureau and Anna Schick.

New Business: Former board member, Nelson Dent, had begun a project of developing new alumni association web pages. Teresa Matthews volunteered to continue and supervise this task.
She will work to develop web pages which will feature such items as news, announcements, and a listing of past winners of both the Student Paper Award and the Outstanding Alumni Award. Association members’ profiles may also be included. Teresa will work closely with Stacy Zemeke who has access to the server. Further discussion centered on increasing the visibility of the association. Marty Thompson presented the possibility of video-conferencing future meetings. Additionally, electronic voting may be implemented.

Teresa Matthews made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; Shari Clifton seconded. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Verna Graybill
SLIS Alumni Association Secretary

FUTURE MEETINGS:
January 30, 2009
March 27, 2009
July 17, 2009