OUSLIS Alumni Association Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2011
School of Library and Information Studies
University of Oklahoma – Norman Campus

Present
RD Bell, Cecy Brown, Shari Clifton, Nelson Dent, Valerie Kimble, Carolyn Mahin, Donna Morris, Clair Powers, Sara Pyle, and Marty Thompson

Important Dates
- March 30, 2011 – OUSLIS Alumni Association Reception (5:30-6:30 pm) – OLA Annual Conference – Tulsa, OK
- April 9, 2011 – SLISeration – Oklahoma Memorial Union – Norman, OK

Report from the School
Dr. Cecy Brown, Professor/Director OU SLIS, provided an update about activities at the school.
- She encouraged everyone to attend the lecture by Virginia Walter on April 9 as part of the SLISeration activities
- OU SLIS Faculty evaluations have just been completed
- Following the recent completion of interviews, a new OU SLIS faculty member is expected to arrive in August 2011
- Substantial work has been done on the OU SLIS web site and a Facebook page is available
- It is now possible to obtain the MLIS entirely online
- 178 current students
- OU SLIS continues to work with Development to investigate fundraising strategies
- The OU SLIS booth at the OLA Annual Conference will be staffed by three current students
- Student orientations were abbreviated but feedback concerning the shorter format was positive; incoming, current and prospective students were invited to attend

OUSLIS Alumni Association Reception @ OLA’s Annual Conference
Following the preliminary discussions held at the February meeting specific plans and responsibilities were outlined for the reception at OLA.

Action Items
- Shari Clifton will extend an invitation to all OU SLIS Faculty to attend the reception
- Marty Thompson will serve as the MC for the event
- Dr. Brown will introduce the OU SLIS Faculty and provide a brief update on the school
- Board members in attendance (RD Bell, Valerie Kimble, Carolyn Mahin, Donna Morris and Marty Thompson) will meet around 5:00 pm and modify the room setup as needed
Outstanding Alumni Award
Carolyn Mahin distributed information about the nominees prior to the meeting. After lengthy discussion, members of the Board decided to present two awards this year and recognize the following individuals:

- Lynn A. McIntosh – Executive Director, Chickasaw Regional Library System (CRLS) – Ardmore, OK
- Vicki W. Phillips – Head, Science and Engineering Division – Edmon Low Library, Oklahoma State University – Stillwater, OK

Action Items
- Carolyn Mahin will notify the individuals responsible for the successful nominations and enlist their help to insure that the winners attend the reception at the OLA Annual Conference
- Marty Thompson will introduce these winners at the reception
- Members of the Board were also encouraged to think of individuals who should be considered for this award in the future and work actively to insure that deserving individuals are nominated
- For future events invitations should be sent to previous winners so that they could attend the reception and a picture should be taken of all winners in attendance each year

Student Paper Competition
As reported in the February minutes the Board made a decision last year to change the submission schedule for the student paper competition. Following some discussion at this meeting the dates were revised once again:

- Papers must be submitted by May 1 – May 31
- Winner will be notified by June 1 – June 30
- Winner will be recognized at SLISebration and OLA the following Spring

Action Items
- RD Bell will continue to serve as Chair of this subcommittee for 2011. Additional subcommittee members are Nelson Dent and Clair Powers (if Clair is unable to serve then Valerie Kimble will participate)
- The 2011 Student Paper Award will follow the revised schedule as outlined above
- The page with information about the Student Paper Award will be reviewed and updated
- The 2011 award will be marketed via email, Facebook, Twitter and through OUSLIS faculty to encourage maximum participation

Update on Additional Action Items from the February Meeting

OU SLIS Alumni Association Facebook page
Carolyn Mahin developed a Facebook page for the Alumni Association and reported that there are currently 22 friends

Proposed Dues Increase
Valerie Kimble presented four potential options for a revised dues schedule (options are included below). After some discussion the Board voted to adopt Proposal D with the new rates effective July 1, 2011.
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Respectfully submitted,
Shari Clifton