LSAA Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2002

Present: Nancy Gillfillan, Linda Miller, Linda Smith, Jean Koch, Nancy Miller, Mary Ann Pohl, Brenda Pacey, Roslyn Wylie, Susan Barrick, and Ellen Swain. Alumni Association representative Ellen Amburg also was in attendance.

Minutes were approved by the Board with one correction.

Financial Report
Jean Koch reported that LSAA has taken in $4800 to date. She provided an overview of incoming expenses and lamented that LSAA stock values have declined. LSAA will make a final payment $2500 next year from the LSAA Foundation account for the GSLIS building fund.

GSLIS Dean's Report
Linda Smith mentioned that faculty had selected award winners to be honored at the May 12 UIUC Commencement. In addition, GSLIS staff member Sally Aiken will receive the Chancellor's Distinguished Staff Award and Leigh Estabrook will receive the Mother's Association Medallion of Honor and the Beta Phi Mu award. Smith reported on a number of GSLIS activities, including: the receipt of a large number of applications for fall admission; the Certificate of Advanced Study becoming a LEEP option; the formation of GSLIS continuing education state-wide focus groups; virtual job fair activities; LEEP Retreat on August 16-18, 2002; and the UIUC budget situation. Smith also mentioned recent faculty and alumni profiled in recent Library Journal issues.

UIAA Report
Ellen Amburg reviewed Alumni Association activities including: the new Alumni online directory and alumni census results. She reminded the Board that the deadline for the Constituent Association Requests for Additional Funds is April 15. Amburg concluded her report by honoring outgoing LSAA president Nancy Gillfillan with an Orange and Blue Award for her distinguished service to the Board and to GSLIS.

Assistant Dean's Report
Susan Barrick reported that the search for a new GSLIS Dean is going well as onsite/offsite candidate visits are underway. (The Board agreed that GSLIS is in good hands under Linda Smith's direction.) The Board indicated that GSLIS students who have shown interest in LSAA should be invited to the meetings. Barrick also displayed and took orders for new GSLIS shirts.

Awards Committee
Roslyn Wylie reported that the Awards Committee met with Linda Smith and Betsy Hearne and selected the following as LSAA awards recipients: Leadership Award, Julie James '94; Distinguished Alumnus Award, Jane Nida '43; and Distinguished Service Award, Lionelle Elsesser '67. Linda Miller made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Awards Committee and Jean Koch seconded the motion. The motion passed.
Bylaws Committee
Nancy Miller reviewed the By-laws Committee's revisions and the Board discussed and made changes to Article 6 (Executive Board- Section 1 and 3), Article 7 (Section 1, strike last sentence, and revise Section 2), and Article 8 (strike Section 4 text and add parliamentary authority text). Roslyn Wylie moved to accept the revised by-laws for submission to the membership and Nancy Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Communications/Technology Committee
Linda Miller updated the Board on website progress and capabilities, including the submission of award nominations online. Miller also suggested that the spring mailing contain a synopsis of the bylaws changes; and that LSAA continue with the diploma cover program.

Nominating Committee
After consulting with the Board, Brenda Pacey offered the following LSAA nominations: President: Linda Miller; Vice President/President: Roslyn Wylie; Secretary: Ellen Swain; Treasurer: Jean Koch; Past President- Director 2002-03: Nancy Gillfillan; Director 2002-03 (to fill unexpired 2001-02 term): Nancy Miller; Directors (2002-04) Mary Ann Pohl and yet to be named member. Roslyn Wylie moved that the Board accept the slate of nominations (with the exception of the unnamed candidate) and Mary Ann Pohl seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Special Allocations discussion
Susan Barrick and Linda Smith presented the possibility of applying for Constituent funds to support the LEEP reunion week-end. After discussion, Jean Koch motioned that the Board apply for Constituent funding for the LEEP reunion. Linda Miller seconded the motion and it passed. The Board agreed that student outreach projects and other GSLIS events (such as receptions) could be funded from the regular budget. Barrick briefly mentioned that the LSAA alumni gatherings are scheduled although few responses have been received.

Nancy Gillfillan thanked the Board for its work over the course of the year and provided each member with a small pewter figurine. The Board, in turn, thanked Gillfillan for her leadership and agreed that LSAA enjoyed many successes over the past year. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2002.