LSAA Board Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2002

Present: Nancy Gillfillan, President; Susan Barrick; Jean Koch; Linda Miller; Nancy Miller, Brenda Pacey; Mary Ann Pohl; Linda Smith, Interim GSLIS Dean; Ellen Swain; and Roslyn Wylie.

The Board approved minutes from the last meeting with one correction. President Nancy Gillfillan welcomed new board member, Mary Ann Pohl. Pohl is completing Rochelle Hartman's term through June 2002.

Treasurer's Report
Jean Koch reported that this year's budget expenses are coming in slowly. Stocks and CD's are down due to the current national economic situation. LSAA has paid this year's $2500 allocation toward the GSLIS building fund. Next year's payment of $2500 will pay off the Board's $30,000 pledge.

GSLIS Dean's Report:
Linda Smith provided an overview of activities, news, and events at GSLIS, including online continuing education program development, UI budget reduction implications, progress on GSLIS Dean search, progress on GSLIS building improvements, and increased programming efforts of the Center for Children's Books. Smith mentioned that the ALA Downs reception honored Deloris Wilson, a school librarian in Louisiana, and the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

Asst Dean's Report:
Susan Barrick mentioned that Alumni Association representative Ellen Amburg will attend the Board's April meeting. LSAA annual membership statistics are down, however, life memberships have increased due to the Alumni Association's recent life membership discount. Barrick also reported that the GSLIS Dean search is on schedule. The search committee will try to involve GSLIS alumni in the candidate interview visits.

Professional Development Proposal Request
Linda Smith outlined and explained possible LSAA support opportunities for GSLIS student professional development program activities (see attached handout produced by Dale Silver, GSLIS Assistant Dean). The Board discussed items on Silver's handout and expressed strong interest in an online career fair. (See "New Business" for action on this idea.)

Awards Committee
Roslyn Wylie reported that the committee has only one nomination for LSAA awards to date. The deadline for nominations is March 15, so the committee needs the Board's assistance to encourage more submissions and suggest nominations. Dean Linda Smith stated that she will encourage faculty to nominate alumni. The Board discussed ways to disseminate information about the awards through ALA Midwinter meetings, the ALA Downs Awards reception, and the GSLIS electronic newsletter.
Bylaws Committee

Nancy Miller directed lengthy discussion concerning changes to the LSAA by-laws (see attached hand-out, "LSAA Bylaws"). The Board revised Articles V-XI. In regard to Article V, the Board deleted "and publishing of an annual newsletter." In regard to Article VI, the Board changed the title to "Committees" and after discussion concerning whether the slate of officers and directors should be presented at annual meeting, decided to leave the "annual meeting" wording in the document. In regard to Article VII, the Board deleted "UIAA Constituent Association Committee" from Section I as it no longer exists. In regard to Article VIII, the Board replaced "and the elected representative to the UIAA Board" with "liaison" in Section I. In regard to Article IX, the Board deleted Section I, Campus Constituent Committee Representative. The Board deleted Article X and deleted "by the secretary" in Article XI, Section 3. The Board discussed the importance of clarifying position responsibilities and stating term lengths. Brenda Pacey and Jean Koch will work with Nancy Miller to present a revised bylaws document at the next meeting.

Communications/Technology Committee

Linda Miller reported that the LSAA web site is under construction and will be linked from the GSLIS web site. She reviewed the committee's ideas for the new web site's content (see handout). Nancy Gilfillan suggested that it include the LSAA by-laws and Susan Barrick stated that a link to the Alumni Association's electronic database would be useful. Roslyn Wylie also suggested a link to current GSLIS events. The Board will discuss the Spring postcard at the next meeting.

Events

Susan Barrick reviewed the events listed in the meeting agenda (attached). She commented that alumni are working on the Rockford alumni event and that Quad City alumni are interested in assisting in the effort.

Nominating Committee

Brenda Pacey asked Board members to consider extending their terms or volunteering for new positions. Mary Ann Pohl agreed to remain for a full two year term after June 2002. Ellen Swain agreed to continue as secretary. The Board again discussed the importance of clarifying position responsibilities and stating term lengths in order to give prospective members a better idea of their role on the Board.

New Business

The Board discussed Dale Silver's proposal for support of GSLIS professional development activities. Nancy Miller motioned to allocate $300 from the $400 "miscellaneous other" line item in the LSAA budget to be used for GSLIS career fair. Jean Koch seconded the motion and it carried. Susan Barrick volunteered to work with Dale Silver on creating a more integrated proposal for next April's meeting. The Board decided to discuss the possibility of using the GSLIS display cases for the LSAA conference room, and/or reproducing photographs of all the GSLIS building locations for the conference room wall at the next meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2002.