

UNYSLA Fall Board Meeting – Thursday, September 24, 2009
Craftsman Inn, Fayetteville, NY

Submitted by A. Ben Wagner, Secretary
Approved by email vote – October 10, 2009

Attendance: Linda Galloway, Elaine Lasda Bergman, Alexis Mokler, Amelia Birdsall, Allison Perry, A. Ben Wagner, Christian Miller, Susan Kendrick

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m. by Linda Galloway, President.
2. The minutes of the July board meeting were approved via email prior to this meeting.

3. Board Reports

Please refer to our new wiki for all submitted reports at:
<http://wiki.sla.org/display/UNYSLA/Officer+Reports>. A hard copy of these reports will be attached to the print copy of these minutes submitted to our chapter archives. Only a few highlights are provided below and are not intended to take the place of reading the actual reports.

- President (Linda Galloway) – Recommended Practices will be finalized by January 31, 2009. Linda is our SLA Alignment Ambassador. A main goal is to increase chapter membership.
- President-Elect (Elaine Lasda Bergman) – Fall meeting ready to go. Plans to attend leadership summit and assist with spring 2010 meeting.
- Treasurer Report (Christian Miller) – Year-to-date report (9/23/2009) shows total income of \$7,557.59 and total expenses of \$6,520.84, for a net income of a \$1,036.75. Our bank balance as of 9/23/2009 is \$16,350.33. It looks like our fall meeting will break even or generate a very small profit.
- Vendor Relations, Director (Charles Lyons) – Sponsorship and rates page were created. Secured two sponsors for the fall meeting: Ebsco (\$100) and Morningstar (\$300).
- Membership & Recruitment, Director (Amelia Birdsall) – Contacted new members. Reviewed membership roles and found 20 living in Upstate NY that had joined NY Metro. Unit membership as of September 2009 is 127.
- Communications Chair (via email, Susan Kendrick) – Karlen Chase and Dawn Wilson were recruited to update UNYSLA job postings. Moving all material from old web site to new web presence.
- Public Relations Chair (Allison Miller) – Elaine and Amelia will contact Allison to discuss setting goals for public relations.

- List Manager (Alexis Mokler) – 226 current active list participants. 2 new members joined since July. 22 currently on UNYSLA Board. Planning to send out email inviting more people to join before the next meeting.
- Nominating Committee (Mary Beth Bobish) – - Used Survey Monkey for online balloting. Received 34 ballots and 2 paper ballots. Election results were: President-elect, Amelia Birdsall; Secretary, Susan Kendrick; Director of Membership & Recruitment, Alexis Mokler. Beth Brown and Rachelle were part of the nominating committee.
- Awards Committee (via email Beth Brown) – No awards will be given this year, mostly due to lack of applicants.
- Library School Liaison – Albany (Amelia Birdsall) – Spoke to incoming students at orientation meeting. Collected names of interested students which will be followed up.
- Library School Liaison – Syracuse (Linda Galloway) – Spoke to incoming students in large IST 511, introductory library class.
- Local Area Meetings – Syracuse (Allison Perry) - held two meetings, April 30 and July 22.
- No other library school liaison or local area meeting coordinator reports were received.

4. Old Business

- A) Recommended Practices Document - Linda G. will complete by 1/31/09.
- B) Raffle ticket information fall Meeting - Raffle tickets \$1 – each 6 for \$5. Board agreed to give each attendee 1 free ticket.

5. New Business

- A) SLA Alignment Project - Linda G. is our 'Alignment Ambassador'
- B) Christian Miller will provide us with a list of older documents from the COP. The board will need to decide what to do with them.
- C) Chapter Directory name change for UNYSLA – A motion was approved to change our official name to New York Chapter—Upstate. Linda G. has received the go-ahead from HQ and will put this issue up for a vote to UNYSLA membership. Our proposed directory listing will be New York Chapter -- Upstate.
- D) Future meeting registrations:
 - Reduced rate for unemployed information professionals? - We decided we could not offer this, but will consider requests on a case-by-case basis.

- Non-paying attendees should also register -- special code for fee-waived participants? - Linda G. requests that in the future we have all attendees register, even non-paying guests or speakers. This will make meeting planning easier and more efficient. Action item: Linda G. will ask Susan Kendrick to see if the spring meeting registration form can be set up to allow registration for non-paying attendees.
- E) Spring 2010 meeting plans – date is likely April 23, 2010 and location is likely western New York.
- F) A motion was approved to propose a change in the bylaws, effective 2011, to extend the Secretary's term to two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.