



## PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

### Minutes of the September 19, 2013 Board Meeting 118 Mervis Hall - University of Pittsburgh.

**Executive Board Present:** Eve Wider, *President*, Margarete Bower, *President-Elect*, Leslie Eibl, *Secretary*, Carolyn Biglow, *Treasurer*, Jennie Crowley, *Treasurer*, Barb Spiegelman *Director*, and Rachel Callison *Director*

**Committee Members Present:** Lynn Berard, *Mentoring, Networking, & Consultations*, Rachel Callison, *Web Manager*, Chris Heil, *Awards*, Carrie Wardzinski, *Employment*

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Eve Wider called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was emailed on September 16, 2013 and was approved as amended.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting were approved.

#### V. OFFICER REPORTS

**President** - (Eve Wider) Everything is going well and encouraged all to vote in the SLA Board of Directors elections. She also noted that members attending the SLA annual conference in Vancouver will need have a passport to attend and that she will be planning a social event related to this in the spring.

**President Elect** - (Margarete Bower) provided a report of new business from a Joint Cabinet Meeting (see new business).

**Treasurer** - (Carolyn Bigelow) provided an update about the budget and stated that the chapter doesn't have a negative cash flow because there weren't many events that needed to be paid for. The 2012 allotment of \$717.75 was received and the total cash and bank accounts and pooled funds is \$10,262.37. Linda Broussard (HQ) has been receiving bank statements every quarter so at the end of the year all that needs to be sent is the last quarter report. We should be able to have the Promising Professional award funds available for next year as well as funds for room fee and awards for the annual business meeting.

**Secretary** - (Leslie Eibl) Nothing to report.

## VI. COMMITTEE TEAM REPORTS

### **Member Relations Team:**

**Awards:** (Chris Heil) Discussed promising professional award winner. Brooke Hyatt has joined the committee and Deb Martin wrote an article for the confluence. Brian Steinmetz sent a reminder email for this year's awards and the committee will send another reminder at the end of October. Different options for the December meeting were presented and this started a group discussion. Group offered suggestions for time, date, place, and type of food to include at the meeting. Please continue to send Chris ideas thoughts on this topic. Committee hopes to review award nominations prior to Thanksgiving and is preparing for next year's awards. A question arose whether the Promising Professional award criteria should be kept as is (include chapter members and students) or changed to be only be for chapter members. After discussion, it was decided that it should be kept as is in that it this helps grow the chapter.

**Employment:** (Carrie Wardzinski) Noticed that there appear to be more academic job opportunities.

**Member Data:** (Amy Watson) will send a report later.

### **Communications Team:**

**Confluence:** (Amy Raimondi; Eve reported for Amy). Amy would like to thank those who wrote for last Confluence and to please let her know of any ideas for the Confluence.

**Discussion List:** (Amy Watson) nothing to report.

**Archives:** (Donna Beck; Eve reported for Donna) Documents were recently received from Lynn Berard, Nancy Flury Carlson, and Amy Watson. These items will be filed. If there are any thoughts or ideas, please let Donna know.

**Website:** (Rachel Callison) Distributed handouts, demoed the new site, and noted that anyone can have a role in the website. She noted that while much of the information has been migrated over to the on the site, eventually we'll need to add editing roles with regards to chapter work. Chris asked about using the Wiki. Rachel mentioned they the wiki is still there and we can discuss continuing to use and/or the best ways to use the wiki at a future date.

**Mentoring, Networking & Consultations:** (Lynn Berard & Denise Callihan) Lynn has been working with Margarete Bower on a program involving the University of Pittsburgh students. There was a happy hour summer.

**Student Groups:** Eve Wider discussed reaching out to distance students and Chris Heil suggested contacting the schools to help with outreach. The University of Pittsburgh (SLA-PSG) group seems to be doing well. Clarion graduate library program is now entirely online, so student are as well.

**Program and Events:** (Margarete Bower) September 30 program will be Nancy Flury Carlson presenting on e-portfolios and creating a professional presence online and will be held in Langley Hall. Another program is being planned at the Barco Law Library in November. Pat Roncevich, a law librarian at Pitt, will be presenting a session about using GIS in the law library and will show some local examples.

#### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**No old business**

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Eve Wider reminded members to vote in the upcoming elections and asked for more information about the candidates. Also, the Executive Board needs to set up a nominating committee. Whereas the (current) president cannot be involved in nominations process, the president-elect is typically involved/as noted in the bylaws. The executive board should contact Brian Steinmetz to help with nominating committee chair.

Margarete Bower reported the status of a proposed amendment from PRAC. The recommendation to the SLA board was to conduct a survey about discussing a change in the SLA name. After a number of postponements and votes, both division and chapter cabinets recommend that PRAC send a survey.

#### **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chris Heil announced that nominations are open for chapter awards. Lynn Berard mentioned that this is also true of the national level.

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Eve Wider motioned to adjourn at 7:42 PM.

Lynn Berard moved and Leslie Eibl seconded.