

**School of Information Sciences (SIS)
SIS Alumni Society (SAS) Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2006
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Panera Bread, Blvd. Of the Allies, Oakland, PA**

Agenda

- 6:00 Meeting Items
1. LIS Day
 - a. Review of Brochure (handout)
 - b. Review of participants for LIS Day
 - c. Discuss presenters for workshops
 - d. Discuss resume reviewers
 - e. Telephone interviewers?
 - f. Discuss mock interviews
 - g. Review timeline for notification and RSVPs
 2. General Updates (Tara Czekaj)
 3. Old Business
 - a. Tele20- 20 yrs. of the Telecommunications Program
 - b. Distinguished Alumni Awards
- 7:30 Meeting Adjournment- Schedule next meeting

In attendance: Barbara Zaborowski (President), Karen Grunebach (President Elect), Denise Callihan (Past-President), Kimberly Gregory (Secretary), Tara Czekaj (SIS Liaison), Nancy Alstadt. The meeting agenda is above

Call to Order: Barb Zaborowski brought the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

LIS Professional Days This year, LIS Professional Days will take place on one weekend only, and it is scheduled this year for Saturday April 8, 2006. Events include presentations, resume review and mock interviewing. This event will be promoted during the third week of March. Review of the brochure produced by Barb was done. Pitt faculty would like to be involved in this event.

Banner Award status

- The deadline for banner award status has been pushed back until July, not April as in other years.
- Qualifications are more difficult to achieve; the problem for SAS remains the ability to award scholarships.
- Discussion centered around the allocation of donations of SAS members to SIS and whether or not this could be designated by the giving members of SAS as having met that qualification if they choose to allocate these personal contributions to such.
- Also suggestion to have a computer terminal available during LIS Professional Days for the volunteers to easily join the Pitt Career Network, furthering the achievement of this particular goal.

Tele 20

- The fall of 2006 marks the first registrations accepted into this program.

Distinguished Alumni Award

- Last award given to Barbara Spiegelman in 1997, and posthumously in 1998
- Discussions about how other universities do this, are the qualifications set on a university level as opposed to a "school level". Tara to research what the other schools at Pitt do.
- Barb suggested we develop a list of guidelines and discuss with Dean Larsen.
- Also suggested to have an active link on the SIS webpage listing the awardees with links to their information.

- It will be 20 years for the Telecommunications Program in 2006 (marking first classes taught) through 2008 (marking first degrees awarded). Andy asked that if we can think of ideas for the celebration, especially at Homecoming next year, to let him know. The faculty would like to have exposure.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm.

Next meeting is **March 6, 2006 – venue TBD.**