

Present:

Sue Alman – Faculty Adviser

Sarantos Patrinos – President

Lindsay Downs – Vice President

Emily Johnson – Faculty & Fast Track Liaison

Sherri Griscavage – Secretary

Not Present:

Adrienne Arnone – Treasurer (working at Internship)

New Business:

1. Webmaster Officer needed – At our next general meeting, we need to ask for a volunteer to fill the remaining officer role of Webmaster. Article VI of the Constitution directs SCALA to have 6 officers. It's also in our interest to have 6 officers rather than amend the Constitution.
2. Book Cart Drill Team @ ALA – Sherri Griscavage will lead this project and has identified Hilary Tomaswick as someone who is also interested in participating. Generally 8-12 members participate in this event which will be held at the ALA Conference in Washington DC the weekend of June 26. Practices can be held on the ground floor of Posvar Hall with a reservation.
3. Bake Sales in Spring – We will plan for 3 bake sales to raise money for Book Cart Drill Team & to provide coffee service during Fast Track Weekend.
4. Encourage ALA Membership – we will encourage all students to join and participate in ALA and to use the ALA as a resource for professional information and opportunities. Distribute ALA Core Competencies of Librarianship to members at every meeting.
5. ALA sponsorship of 1 student for conference – Please refer to the email Sarantos Patrinos forwarded on December 15, 2009 from the ALA and Sue Alman. Deadline for submission of a name is Feb. 2. We should make a decision ASAP because the spots will fill up quickly from other schools. ALA will provide registration fees, housing, and food to one student.

6. Web presence & Communication channels - We currently have a Pitt SCALA site, Facebook, and a blog. We need to decide which one to maintain and update regularly with minutes and calendar. Pitt SCALA can be found at <http://www.sis.pitt.edu/~scala/>. Facebook and link to blog can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?ref=name&id=1553980508#/group.php?gid=10720626807> and <http://scalapitt.blogspot.com/>.
7. SCALA email thru Pitt – Sue Alman suggested Sarantos Patrinos contact Mark Steggert with SIS labs management to inquire about the use of this existing email. He can be reached at mark@mail.sis.pitt.edu.
8. Panopto for meetings – Sue Alman suggested we pursue Panopto for our meetings so that all students can view the meetings if unable to attend session. This would also encourage Fast Track Student participation. Chat feature can be used while meeting is in session.
9. Student Services meeting – Sarantos Patrinos to set up meeting with Wes and Brandi to discuss how to increase Fast track student relationship with SCALA. One idea mentioned: is there a Blackboard link?
10. Projects for Professional experience and community outreach and networking – Lindsay Downs mentioned a desire to provide programming around March Teen Tech Week for students interested in school/teen/child/youth librarianship. Sherri Griscavage mentioned programming around self-marketing involving resumes, cover letters, networking. Sue Alman mentioned events around April National Library Week. All involved agreed to set up events where we can network with local librarians.
11. Bridging the Urban Landscape – CLP is looking for volunteers to help with this digital project concerning Pittsburgh neighborhoods and historical photographs. Work includes scanning, researching Pittsburgh, and web design. This is the most heavily trafficked part of the CLP site. Archivist students might be interested in this opportunity for class projects and professional experience. See Sarantos Patrinos for details.

12. Meeting Schedule for Spring Term – need to schedule regular meetings each month that do not conflict with any major courses like LIS 2600 or LIS 2700 or any other where many students are enrolled. Ideally we would like to schedule meeting time at the same time, place, day each month after or before a major class.
13. Officer Meeting Schedule – Sarantos Patrinos suggests once a month in order to prepare agenda for regular sessions. Officers will stay in contact throughout the month as needed.

Old Business:

1. Aviary Cataloging – All the items are in a spreadsheet and various volunteers are cataloging using LOC or WorldCat. Rachel Nash has asked to do more titles. She recently sent Sarantos Patrinos a note with some completed items. The hope is to have a SCALA member lead a team of volunteers to complete this project.
2. Green Building Alliance – Jessica Palmer has developed a relationship with GBA during the fall term while completing a digital library for their collection for a class project. Megan Johnson recently sent a note to Sarantos Patrinos with some items that have been cataloged. The hope is to have Jessica Palmer lead a team of SCALA members to complete the cataloging work there.

Officer Reports

President

Vice President

Treasurer

1. \$750 approximately in the account for expenses.

Faculty & Fast Track Liaison

Secretary

Webmaster