



## SCALA GENERAL MEETING—03/04/08 5PM SIS 502

### 1) Executive Board Reports

#### a. Vice President Carver

- i. snail mail confirmation of booth purchase received, along with several promotional brochures which detail the activities, events, and speakers at ComicCon
- ii. will be ordering raffle prizes from Amazon and the ALA by the next meeting
  1. grand prize= pack of graphic novels
  2. other prizes will be comic books or individual graphic novels as well as ALA posters featuring graphic novels (Neal Grampa is the celebrity on the poster, last name may be butchered due to an ill-timed sneeze)
- iii. Will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for those wishing to cover a shift at ComicCon

#### b. Webmaster Elia

- i. has completed the following items:
  1. creating a SCALA Facebook
  2. creating an RSS feed for the events calendar (which anybody can add an event to)
  3. creating a job links resource

### 2) Old Business

#### a. Fast Track Weekend

- i. Joe has been in close communication with Carol Grunbeck, the president of the SIS alumni association
- ii. the following events will be located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of SIS:
  1. mock interviews, phone interviews, and resume reviews (10:30-12, 1-3)
  2. networking lunch (12-1)
- iii. Joe is putting together an informational brochure as well as a sign-up sheet for the mock interviews, working from last year's brochure



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- iv. resume reviews will be lead by Erin Brigden from Career Services (who would like to remind SCALA members that her office offers mock interviews and networking opportunities throughout the year)
  - v. limit one phone interview and one mock interview per student
  - vi. all MLIS students, both FT and OC welcome!
  - b. Drill Team
    - i. after carefully creating a budget with Dr. Alman and discussing with her SCALA's corporate fundraising opportunities, the Drill Team has been shelved for 2008 participation with the expectation that next year's SCALA officers will begin the process earlier than did this year's officers and so lead Pitt to participation in 2009
    - ii. lessons learned:
      - 1. for 6 people to participate, it would cost \$4550
      - 2. because of Pitt rules, our only known allowable corporate sponsor is a bindery in Ohio
  - c. Duck Tours
    - i. agreed to have Duck Tour event at Fall Orientation
    - ii. budget of \$555 to reserve entire DUKW (seats 30, including 2 differently abled persons)
    - iii. a portion of seats will be set aside for incoming SIS students
    - iv. students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the tour, but SCALA will absorb entire cost of Duck Tour itself
- 3) New Business
- a. Membership Increase
    - i. according to our most current figures, compiling Facebook and attendance data, we have had a 58% increase in membership since June 2007
    - ii. NMRT application submitted and we're looking good, we should hear about how we did in the next 4-6 weeks
  - b. Hot Air Balloon Event



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- i. suggested as “SCALA by Land, Air, and Sea” by Rhett, SCALA member and former Officer
  - ii. hot air balloon rides sponsored by SCALA for a fun summer activity
  - iii. take off point is not far from Pittsburgh
  - iv. great group discounts are available, but the expense is still so great that participants would be required to cover some of their own expenses
  - v. definite interest expressed by group
  - vi. Zieja brought up the potential for an insurance issue, since SCALA is a Pitt organization
  - vii. Plan B: if hot air balloons are a no-go, these ideas may work instead:
    1. Pittsburgh Incline
    2. tour of Pitt Observatory
    3. base jumping from Cathedral of Learning
- c. Social Committee: Third Thursdays
- i. suggestion of Ross adopted: Third Thursdays
  - ii. no planning, no cost, no pressure, but do wear something identifying like a nametag
  - iii. ~90 minutes at a local watering hole within walking distance of campus
  - iv. flyers with full details will be put up in SIS
  - v. everyone in building welcome
  - vi. Thursday, March 20: 9pm at the Fuel and Fuddle
- d. Community Outreach
- i. suggested by Alyssa Arder: collaborative SIS effort to do a food drive for a local food bank
  - ii. Joe will check with Kelly Shaffer about permissions SCALA may need to carry this out
  - iii. drop-off point will be in SIS library, but for at few days at least a more active campaign in the lobby will take place



- iv. event will take place in April, bookended between Fast Track Weekend and National Library Week
- v. might do an event where admission is a can or initiate a competition with another graduate school at Pitt