

ILSSA General Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2006

The meeting opened with a brief welcome, and then the **CafePress merchandise** fundraising experiment was discussed. ILSSA members may buy apparel and gift items with the SILS logo on the CafePress website. The web account with correct prices, a resized logo, and a variety of shirts, mugs, caps, tote bags, etc. will be available at <http://www.cafepress.com/ilssa> soon.

Community Development Summer Project

Plans are being made for summer service learning projects, but we are still open for more suggestions and volunteers. More information is forthcoming as plans solidify.

ILSSA email address

The ILSSA email address, ilssa@ils.unc.edu was announced, and people were encouraged to use it. Brian Landau, the technical coordinator, monitors this email. You are also welcome to email any of the individual officers with needs or concerns.

Bake Sale

ILSSA is planning a bake sale fundraiser to be held the Monday, March 20th. A discussion of where to hold the bake sale during the meeting included ideas of reserving space in the pit, or on the lawn next to Lenoir. It was decided that it would be most advantageous to hold the bake sale on the lawn due to its prime location near dining services, and the difficulty reserving space in the pit. An email will be sent out closer to Spring Break with more details. *Note: the original date discussed in the meeting was Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th, but since the meeting we discovered that was during Spring Break.

SILS Fitness listserv

The instantly successful SILS-fitness listserv was officially announced. SILS-fitness is a list of people interested in working out with fellow SILS people. People interested in joining the listserv should contact Mary Katherine at mkbarnes@email.unc.edu to join.

Planetarium

ILSSA is planning a trip to Morehead Planetarium for sometime in late February. Three shows are now playing in Morehead: "Extinction," about killer asteroids narrated by William Shatner, and "Life of the Universe," narrated Roy Williams, play every Thursday through Saturday night, and a show about the current Carolina sky runs all nights. The cost will be \$4.25 for the first show and \$2.00 for any additional shows for students. An email will be sent giving more details about this event.

Movie Night

SCALA and ILSSA will be hosting a movie night at 8:00pm on Wednesday, February 8. We will be watching "Party Girl," with pizza and drinks. During the movie night, SCALA will be sharing important announcements and discussing their annual book sale.

LAUNCCH Event Planned

LAUNCCH has invited SILS Professor Jerry Saye to give a lecture and slide presentation on his experiences as a Fulbright Scholar in Slovenia. General members of ILSSA are encouraged to go to this LAUNCCH event on February 16 at 2 pm in Davis 214.

New ILSSA Website

ILSSA's Technical Coordinator Brian Landau has redesigned the ILSSA website, which was unveiled at the meeting. Before and after shots were shown, and new aspects of the website were demonstrated. A calendar is now available online, and anyone can contact Brian to add their event to the ILSSA web calendar. A new photo section is available, where SILS students, faculty, and staff can upload pictures to share with the SILS community and general public. The SILSWiki was shown to the attendees of the meeting as a "sneak preview," and the Wiki Launch Party was announced. The Wiki Launch Party will be January 31 at 5pm, and will include not only food, drinks, balloons, and merriment, but also a training and orientation session to aid people in populating the Wiki.

Questions

With that the announcements and news from the officers was concluded, and the meeting progressed with some questions posed to the general ILSSA members. **Questions included:**

Do SILS student organizations get involved with diversity initiatives/programming? Chancellor James Moeser has been encouraging more active **diversity initiatives and programming** campus-wide. ILSSA welcomes any ideas to more actively promote diversity within SILS. There is also a need for a student representative to the SILS Diversity Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the Diversity Committee should contact Megan Perez or Dr. Carr.

Q&A Sessions: Is there any interest within the general membership of ILSSA for Professional Development (resumes, grant searching, interviews) Q&A sessions? One idea is programming a panel of professionals and asking them to talk about their experiences and answer questions that students might have about various tracks of librarianship. Another idea was to have a panel of recent SILS graduates to answer questions about the transition from school to career. A lot of interest was shown in these Q&A sessions.

Another question posed was whether or not there was any interest in a **workshop on outreach**—what outreach means for different types of libraries, and how outreach strategies can be successfully applied within the field. Interest was also shown in this workshop.

A call for **speaker suggestions** was made. ILSSA is very interested in bringing such people as John Seeley Brown or Paul Duguid, authors of *The Social Life of Information*, Library of Congress Reference Librarian and Library Guru Thomas Mann (perhaps along with Mann, a panel to debate ideas concerning digital vs. “brick and mortar” libraries). The author of *Freakonomics*, Steven Levitt, may also be a good speaker. Any suggestions for possible speakers should be emailed to ilssa@ils.unc.edu or [Megan Perez](#).

SCOSAA Announcements

Dawne Howard, president of SCOSAA, announced a **tour of the State Archives and trip to the North Carolina Museum of History** in Raleigh would take place at 10am on Saturday, February 18. There is a sign-up sheet outside the SILS library. No sign-up is necessary to attend, but SCOSAA would like to have a rough estimate of the number of people to expect. Another SCOSAA event currently being planned is to bring an **archivist from New Orleans to speak** about disaster recovery. This event is being planned for late this summer or early next fall.

Looking to the Future

The ILSSA General Meeting concluded with the reminder that SILS will be celebrating its **75th Anniversary** next year, which means that there will be several commemorative events taking place. As SILS looks back on its history, it will also be looking forward to the construction of a new building in the coming years.