

**Suncoast Information Specialists
Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 2, 2013**

Date/Time: Saturday, February 2, 2013, 12:00 – 3:15pm.

Location: The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art Library, Sarasota, FL

Host: Mēgan Oliver with Gail Donovan and Sarah Norris

Catering: Carr's Cafe

Attendance: 28 members, 2 guests

Minutes by: Alison Smith

Socializing and Networking

- 12:00 - 12:20pm Meet & Greet
- 12:20 - 1:00pm Business Meeting / Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:30pm Panel discussion titled *The Fantastic Challenges of Librarianship: Digital Solutions*.
- 2:30 - 3:15pm Tour of library and special collections by Mēgan Oliver.

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Introduction

12:20pm – Round table introductions by SIS President Bill Harris. Bill thanked the staff of the Ringling Museum of Art for hosting the meeting.

Old Business

Minutes

Minutes from the December 2012 meeting were approved by the membership.

Treasurer's report

By Treasurer Jodi Geever

Our current balance is \$2100.86. Current income for the year is \$340, not including any proceeds from present meeting. Total expenses come to \$84.21.

New Business

Scholarship and Membership Announcements: By SIS Membership Coordinator Jessica Riggins

The 2013 membership dues are still being collected. The membership fee is \$10. SIS members can pay while attending the meeting, by mail to TBLC, or online through the SIS website.

The Suncoast Information Specialists is still accepting applications for two student and two librarian/library staff scholarships to attend the 2013 Florida Library Association Conference at Wyndham Resort, Orlando, Florida. The deadline to apply is March 1st. Applications are online on the SIS website. Each scholarship offers approximately \$150 for recipients. It is a great

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opportunity for students to attend the conference. Interested members can find more information on the SIS website. Contact Jessica Riggins with any questions.

A member questioned which scholarships to apply for if the applicant is a student as well as library staff. Additionally, members questioned what the cutoff point was for students after graduation and whether librarians who are currently unemployed are able to apply. After some discussion, Bill Harris suggested the board should revisit the issue to create a clearer distinction for members applying as well as better phrasing on the application.

Call for Newsletter Announcements: By SIS Newsletter Editor Megan O'Brien.

Please email Megan O'Brien with announcements for the newsletter. Her contact information can be found on the SIS website.

Announcements

Open to floor

FLA Undergraduate Scholarships: By Scholarship Chair Caroline Reed

FLA needs more applicants for the association's undergraduate scholarships. The scholarship is open to BA and AA students. Please encourage fellow library staff members working on their undergraduate degree to apply.

USF SOLIS Meeting: By Treasurer Jodi Geever

The USF SOLIS group will be attending a tour of the Safety Harbor Public Library on Friday, February 8th at 4pm. If anyone would like to join, they can RSVP via the SOLIS Facebook page.

USF Alumni Society Meeting: By President Bill Harris

The USF LIS Alumni Society will be having a meeting on Wednesday, February 6th at 6:30pm. Jennifer Obermaier, Assistant Library Director of the Clearwater Public Library, will be speaking. Everyone is welcome to attend. The society is currently working on planning meetings on other USF campuses as well as the east coast of Florida.

Regarding the USF LIS Alumni Society meetings, members discussed concerns about parking areas on the Tampa campus. A member also mentioned the Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library as a good source for meeting rooms.

Closing

The meeting was closed at 1pm. Program ended at 2:30pm.

Program

The Fantastic Challenges of Librarianship: Digital Solutions panel discussion by Mēgan Oliver,

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Assistant Librarian at the Ringling Museum Library, Gail Donovan, Reference Librarian at The Jane Bancroft Cook Library at New College, and Sarah Norris, Technical Services Librarian at The Jane Bancroft Cook Library at New College. Mēgan Oliver gave a tour of the Ringling Museum library and special collections following the panel.