

ARLIS/NA

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ARLIS/NA Central Plains Chapter Meeting

May 2, 2014

Submitted by Jennifer Akins

Members in attendance: Jenny Akins (Secretary-Treasurer), Andi Back, Tracey Boswell (Chair), Susan Craig, Suzy Frechette (Newsletter Editor), Skye Lacerte, Kay Logan-Peters, Mikael Kriz (Webmaster), Carmen Orth-Alfie, M.J. Poehler, Rina Vecchiola, Ellen Urton.

Guest: Sarah Sherman (Chapter Liaison)

Opening

Tracey welcomed everyone and thanked members for their basket donations, the travel award and their participation in the chapter.

There are two chapter officer positions available for January 2015: Secretary-Treasurer and Vice Chair/Chair-Elect. Tracey asked members to start thinking now about applying or sending in nominations. There will be a vote on these positions at our fall meeting in November. Also, if anyone is interested in becoming the Newsletter Editor of *The Irregular*, please let Tracey know. Otherwise, Suzy Frechette will continue in the position.

Spring Meeting 2014 – Kansas City

The spring meeting will be held in Kansas City, June 12 – 14. M.J. reported that there will be a Thursday evening dinner. On Friday, the business meeting will be at the Nelson-Atkins and sessions include a panel on community engagement and artist files. Please contact her if you would like to participate in the artist files' session. There will also be a tour of the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art. Saturday morning, there will be a visit to Kansas City Public Library and a discussion of their programming, challenges and special collections. More details will be sent soon.

Fall Meeting 2014 – St. Louis

The fall meeting will be held in St. Louis, November 6 - 8. Mikael reported that it will include a tour on Thursday afternoon to the new International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum. Mikael asked if \$150 per night is too expensive for the hotel. That is the discounted rate he was able to get for Hotel Ignacio which is conveniently located near Saint Louis University and in Grand Center, an arts and entertainment district. Friday will include the business meeting, a presentation and a possibly a roundtable discussion focusing on a new approaches to instruction and outreach. Tours will include the newly renovated Saint Louis Public Library and Saint Louis Art Museum, which has a new addition. Plans are still being finalized.

Proposal to Host ARLIS/NA 2017 in St. Louis

The ARLIS/NA Executive Board recently contacted our chapter about our interest in hosting the annual ARLIS/NA conference in 2017. After a positive preliminary survey, Rina, Skye and Jenny created a proposal for our chapter to host in St. Louis which was distributed to the chapter listserv last week. Members were asked to vote either by email or at today's chapter meeting on presenting this proposal to the ARLIS/NA Executive Board. There is support from the Washington University in St. Louis library administration and the Saint Louis University Dean of the Libraries.

Sarah Sherman, the Chapters Liaison, reported that three other chapters were contacted, but so far we are the furthest along. The ARLIS/NA Executive Board need proposals to vote on as soon as possible as planning starts three years out. Questions about the chapter obligation and workload were addressed.

Sarah reported that co-chairs do the majority of the planning and exhibits are planned with greater assistance from TEI than in previous years. We could potentially reach out to other chapters if needed, and during the conference members from across ARLIS/NA can help.

The vote total, including those received by email, was: 11 in favor, 2 not in favor. Sarah Sherman will take our proposal to the ARLIS/NA Executive Board on Monday, May 5th. She will notify our chapter when more information is available.

Chapter Chairs Meeting

Tracey reported on trends from other chapter chairs including, adding more substance to meetings; increasing student memberships and placing those students on their executive boards; having poster sessions at their meeting and inviting library school students to participate; online payment; virtual meetings and fundraising to bring in speakers. TEI and Robert Kopchinski can assist us if we would like to set up virtual meetings. Some chapters are renaming themselves to be more inclusive to those in their areas (e.g., DC MD VA will now be the Mid-Atlantic chapter).

Secretary-Treasurer Report

Jenny reported that there are 29 current members, including two of whom are new: Gerrienne Schaad of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City and Kate Blalack of the Woody Guthrie Center in Tulsa.

The chapter balance as of March 31, 2014 was \$4,135.92.

Jenny will provide a full Secretary-Treasurer report at the Spring business meeting in Kansas City.