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ARLIS/NA Midstates Chapter Meeting

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Minutes Recorded by S. Salisbury, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Attendees: Burns, Burson, Evans-Cantrell, Fernandez Keys, Gates, Haines, Hausladen, Hehman, Keogh, Korenic, List, Meeks, Parker, Price, Robichaud, Rosa, Salisbury, Stigberg, Templeton, Trendler, Vander Brock, Wilson.

Approval of meeting minutes from Fall 2013 meeting: since a copy of the minutes was unavailable to be read at the meeting, the membership was reminded that they could review them on the chapter website.

Treasurer's report and update

Salisbury reports on current status of bank accounts. Chapter finances are healthy although many members have yet to send in dues. Gates, Chapter Chair, says the Midstates chapter has been asked to make a contribution for an event at the 2014 Summer Educational Institute in June. It was agreed that a modest contribution would be appropriate. Salisbury will follow up.

Membership update

Salisbury reminds chapter members of membership dues. A few members are on a different timetable for dues (paid post April 1st). Salisbury will send a reminder to those who still owe dues at the beginning of June.

Introduction of Travel Award winner

Gates introduces Amanda Meeks, 2014 Bunce Travel Award Winner. She is an active volunteer at Read/Write Library in Chicago and is presenting at ARLIS/NA conference in several capacities this year.

Chapter Bylaws update

Gates states that ~~some~~ all chapters had been asked to update their bylaws. Midstates bylaws are fairly recent and accessible on the chapter website. Gates revised the bylaws which were submitted to the ARLIS/NA Executive Board for review at the conference. [They have been since approved.]

New ARLIS/NA website

Gates draws our attention to the new ARLIS/NA website: great design!

Planning for Fall 2014 chapter meeting

VRA Midwest chapter has approached us about holding another joint meeting, in Madison, WI, in the Fall. It was suggested that the ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Chapter might like to participate as well. Currently, those in Madison, WI, are waiting on the football schedule to suggest possible dates. Gates pointed out that we needed to spread the local planning responsibilities since our Madison members had only recently held a Midstates chapter meeting. Gates asks for ideas for potential panel sessions, poster sessions, or other ideas that might be of interest to all groups. Will work on planning with other groups in the future.

Gates mentions that we were approached about holding the ARLIS/NA national conference for 2017 in Chicago. Gates reminds members of the importance of institutional support that is required, and the tremendous time and effort required of all the chapter members. It is decided that we will discuss more at Chapter meeting in the Fall. Gates will check to see if the chapter that hosts the national conference is given financial support for things like promo materials by national group.

Coming year goals

Social Networking presence is a possibility, for events or publications. Trendler, Chapter Newsletter Editor, will check if the national organization posts our info from the newsletter. She will also try posting pieces from the newsletter on the national website. One advantage of the chapter newsletter is the implementation of a deadline, which ensures timeliness. The chapter newsletter is published twice a year.

Add Google map with locations of all chapter member libraries to online website.

Re-establish our financial health: discussion around charging for our chapter meetings /events at a minimal cost, perhaps \$15, to ensure our bank accounts are healthy. Salisbury will investigate online payment through PayPal for membership dues.

Outreach projects : Gates has contacted Dominican University Library and Information Science program several times about interest in networking with LIS students. Rosa, a Dominican University student, will reach out to someone at Dominican as well. Steinberg will contact someone at UIUC Library Science program about interest in networking. Also, it was suggested that sending notices to listservs such as GISLIS, may be an appropriate method of outreach to students. Korenic also suggests inviting art history students to ARLIS/NA events and meetings.

Social outreach: involving members in local events that are art- and architecture- centric, rather than library-related. The inclusion of a virtual exhibit on the website might also be helpful. This could focus on a theme, a unique art artifact from the chapter institutions, maybe even an article.

Gender diversity : this may be addressed with our student outreach or partnerships with other local events.

Other Chapter Business

It was pointed out that the Nominations Committee needs a replacement for a member that has moved out of our chapter. Keogh, IU Bloomington, volunteered to be the replacement. No applications had been received for the SEI travel award as of the conference. The Awards Committee will reissue a call for the award, including posting on listservs for library schools.

The membership moved to adjourn!