

ARLIS/NA

ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY of NORTH AMERICA

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ARLIS/NA Mountain West Chapter Meeting

March 21, 2015

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Attendees: Luke Leither, Chapter Chair; Christiane Ramsey, Webmaster; Caroline Dechert, Blog Editor; Greg Hatch; Peggy Keeran; Margaret Van Dyk, Travel Award Committee; Alex Watkins; Eumie Imm---Stroukoff ; Sandy Sumano, MOMA Bibliographer for Latin America, visitor from outside the chapter.

Call to Order & Chair's Report

Luke Leither, Chapter Chair, called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

- News from the Chapter Chair Round Table: ARLIS/NA has created a new brochure to entice new members; is revising the policy manual; is revising bylaws again.
- Virtual Conference was successful. Feedback was good.
- Instruction Forum is in progress.
 - Other Chapter Chairs are interested in the Instruction Forum idea.
 - There will be a form anyone can fill out describing outcomes, tools used, etc., and content will be posted on Forum.
 - Forum will run on WordPress.
- ARLIS can provide WordPress server space to any chapter. Blog and Forum may take advantage of this.
- Contributions to the blog are strongly encouraged. Members should share what they are working on.
- There are potential new members showing interest in joining the Chapter. About 15 emails have been received.

Treasurer's Report (given by Luke Leither, prepared by Rebecca Potance)

Income and expenses for 2015

2014 Revenue: \$1220

- Dues: \$575
- Winberta Yao Travel Award donations: \$235
- Virtual Conference: \$410

17 paying attendees (10 MW members, 7 non-MW members)

MW Members 10 x 20 = \$200

Non--MW Members 7 x 30 = \$210

Registrant Fees (per registrant) 17 x \$4 = \$68

Credit Card Fees (per transaction) 15 x 4.957% = \$18.84

Conference Income \$323.16

2015 Expenses: \$1218.27

- ARLIS/NA Welcome Party donation: \$200
- Winberta Yao Travel Award: \$1000 (Caroline Dechert)
- Online Membership Payment Fees to PayPal: \$18.27

2015 Balance (as of 3/4/2015): \$ 2965.37

2015 Membership

- 23 paid MW chapter members
- 3 members in 2014 did not renew for 2015: 1 AZ; 1 UT; 1 NM
- 2 new members in 2015: 2 NM

Membership by State

- Arizona: 1 member
- Colorado: 3 members
- Montana: 0 members
- Nevada: 1 member
- New Mexico: 11 members
- Utah: 5 members
- Wyoming: 1 member

Vice Chair's Report (Luke Leither for John Burns)

Luke Leither reported that Vice Chair John Burns was not able to attend the conference, but is very excited about working on a fresh proposal for MW to host the 2018 ARLIS/NA conference in Salt Lake City; and excited to be Vice Chair.

Luke Leither reported that MW plans another virtual conference this year, in the same format as last year. The Texas/Mexico Chapter has expressed some interest in a joint face-to-face conference (perhaps in Santa Fe), and this idea was also discussed. There is a

concern that a face-to-face conference may not attract enough attendees or presenters since people's travel funds are very limited. Some ideas that came up in the discussion:

- Virtual conferences are efficient
- Perhaps we should look at a hybrid: attendance in-person but with an option to Skype in. This would require technical know-how.
- MPLA conference had webcams and live-streaming.
- It might be nice to meet in person at some time.

Logo Competition

It was noted that MW has a new logo.

State Membership Coordinator's Reports

Luke Leither gave the State Coordinator Reports.

- Wyoming and Montana have few art librarians and no new members.
- New Mexico has a few more new members, but 1 member did not renew. Members met for lunch and a behind-the-scenes tour of the UNM Art Museum in November, 2014.
- Utah has 7 potential new members. Emails have been sent to them but no replies yet.
- Colorado has 3 potential new members from VRA in Denver.

Travel Award

Margaret Van Dyk reported that Alexandria Caster will no longer be serving with her on the Travel Award Committee, and Margaret requested another volunteer. Caroline Dechert volunteered and was appointed to the Committee.

Other Items

VRA has a new "Wild West" Chapter. There was discussion of a possible meet-up between ARLIS and VRA, at least for Colorado members.

There was discussion of a possible 2018 ARLIS Conference bid for Salt Lake City. The original unaccepted proposal for MW to host the 2017 ARLIS/NA Conference in Salt Lake City was also discussed, and that proposal was emailed out to the listserv again. There was discussion of changing the proposed name ("Sinners and Saints") as the name received a negative reaction. The new proposal will also reduce the emphasis on the outdoors.

- The intention with the name was to talk about unexpected symbiosis; consider multiple perspectives, paradox, dichotomies; bring in iconoclastic speakers and ideas.
- Luke will send out information and solicit suggestions for a new name.
- "Extremes" may capture the idea.
- Iconoclastic is also a good word.
- "Risk and Reward" - focus on how ARLIS excels when presenting new ventures, not

just the tried and true.

- "Art of Extremes" could be a tagline, or "the Art of Extremes."
- "Pushing Boundaries" could focus on how the function/role of the art librarian is changing.
- "The Edge of the World"
- "Field of View"
- Even years, like 2018, may offer a better chance for conferences at places not considered as "destination" cities.

Alex Watkins opened a conversation on collaborative/coordinated collection development. There was discussion of different forms of resource sharing and partnerships, as well as the benefits of collaborative collection development within groups (like those using Prospector) who use shared delivery services.

The meeting was adjourned.