

ARLIS/NA

ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY of NORTH AMERICA

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ARLIS/NA Texas-Mexico Chapter Meeting

March 20, 2015

Submitted by Jenniffer Hudson Connors

Executive Committee:

Sha Towers, President; Edward Lukasek, Past President; Jenniffer Hudson Connors, Secretary; Alison Larson, Treasurer

In Attendance:

Eric Wolf (Menil Collection), Fernando Corona (National Museum of Art, Mexico), Edward Lukasek (Hirsch Library, Museum of Fine Arts Houston), Alison Larson (University of North Texas, LIS graduate student), Jenniffer Hudson Connors (Stark Museum of Art), Sha Towers (Baylor University), Jolende Verges (Southern Methodist University), Rebecca Barham (University of North Texas), Linda Rogers (University of North Texas, LIS graduate student), Craig Bunch (McNay Art Museum), Kellye Cohn (Mayer Library, Dallas Museum of Art), Beverly Mitchell (Southern Methodist University), Beverly Carver (University of Texas at Arlington), Catherine Essinger (University of Houston), Heather Ferguson (McNay Art Museum), Tara Spies Smith (Texas State University), Beth Dodd (University of Texas at Austin), Katie Pierce Meyer (University of Texas at Austin)

Called to Order

Sha greeted everyone with thanks for all the chapter involvement in the conference. He asked that members and visitors introduce themselves around the table.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from Fall Meeting. Eric Wolf moved that the minutes be approved, Edward Lukasek seconded. Motioned passed. Minutes approved with one correction: Jenniffer Hudson Connors has two 'f's".

Treasurer's Report

New bank account was opened at Wells Fargo bank in Waco, with a balance of \$4000.04. Current balance after receipts and expenditures is \$3,183.15. (Complete report follows these minutes).

Editor of the *Medium*

Editor is en route to Fort Worth. Sha thanked all who have offered to contribute articles for the next issue. Anyone else who is interested may contribute – please feel free to write on the sessions you attend.

Lois Swan Jones Travel Award

Committee chair was not present; there was less time for submissions, since the conference was early this year. Follow up with Lynn Wexler for more info.

New Student Travel Award

This fund was folded into the Lois Swan Jones Award. Report will be published in the *Medium*.

Executive Board Report (Eric Wolf)

The Executive Board met yesterday for eight hours, and he's happy to report they are excited about the meeting in Fort Worth. Revenue is at all-time high for this conference, and it was well organized, with local luminaries very involved. A local collector hosted the Board reception in their home. Additionally, the curator of Modern Museum and the local arts community were very welcoming to the conference. Congratulations to the host chapter on all the hard work! It is appreciated.

Some changes are coming for by-laws and edits to the policy manual to bring them up to date with what we are doing. The Board is working hard to get it right. Minutes of these Board meetings are posted to the ARLIS web site for review. Edward Lukasek asked if anything was discussed about chapter mentoring. Nothing specific was brought up; Eric suggested the professional development committee would be the likely conduit for that topic. Financially we are doing just terrific.

ARLIS/NA 2011-2015 Action Plan Goals Implementation Committee

Strategic plan is being restructured from a rigid plan to a more flexible goal-oriented plan.

Planning for the 2015 Chapter meeting is underway. It will be held in Waco. We talked about joining with Mountains West, but there were concerns about the increased cost due to further travel. The Chapter decided not to combine the two. Waco has a great deal to offer and will be fun. Alison and Sha will work on the meeting and send out info on dates. Perhaps Mexico City in 2016.

New Business

- **Membership Registration Process Update**
We've had requests for a PayPal option for membership fee payment. Currently, we are one of only two chapters that do not take PayPal. Alison researched what it would take. The cost is 2.9 % plus .30 cents per transaction, which equals about 88 cents per renewal. She asked if this method of payment was in accordance with our by-laws. If so, we would need to vote. It is not an increase in dues. A review of Article III of the by-laws shows it does not specify the dues amount. She will confer with Sam and have him add it to our Chapter website. Those present agreed to add as option.

- Summer Education Institute – University of Illinois
Chapters have been asked to cover “breaks” at the Institute. Our chapter members who have attended found SEI to be beneficial. We have the funds to support this. Beth asked, “What are our funding priorities as a Chapter?” We’ve contributed more money in the past year, since we are the host chapter. Our donations have been exceptional, and our balance is still healthy. Beverly also questioned if this supports our goals as a chapter. Who is the person/entity asking for the donation? SEI Officers? Do we need a committee to look at how we should spend our funds beyond the Lois Swan Jones Award? This is a small gesture with a lot of good will behind it. This will call for a vote. Beth moved that we support the request for \$50 for SEI, Eric seconded. Motion carried.

Edward Lukasek reported on the Silent Auction. Edward ordered a gift basket of Texas-related items, and added more to the basket, with the total costing \$111.00. Beverly moved that we reimburse Edward for the gift basket, Tara seconded the motion. Discussion followed on how has this been done in the past. Last year in DC, we did not participate. How successful have these auctions been? The individual gifts seem to do well. Chapter gift basket is traditional for host chapter at national conference. It is a charitable donation for individuals. Motioned carried.

Eric moved to commend the local arrangements committee – Beverly Mitchell, Beverly Carver, Catherine Essinger and Lynn Wexler – for all their extraordinary work. Heather seconded. Discussion ensued with members expressing they were very proud of our Chapter for all their help and support in making this happen. Every chapter member has contributed something! Motion carried.

Chapter Liaison – Someone asked if the *Get Creative* session at the fall chapter meeting in Orange was a fundraising event. Do we want to sell the art or charge people to attend? It was just a fun art experience, not a fundraiser. Selling art or charging people to attend seems unnecessary, since we don’t need to raise money.

Stop by the registration desk to say thanks to those of our chapter members who are working now.

Motion to adjourn. Anna moved, Eric seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report (Alison Larson)

Treasurer’s duties were passed to me from Laura Schwartz in January of this year. On January 8, 2015, she closed the chapter account with United Heritage Credit Union, Austin, TX, and a check in the amount of \$4,000.04 was issued to me. I deposited the check into a new business account with Wells Fargo bank, Waco, TX, on January 15, 2015. This account is free of monthly fees so long as the chapter maintains a minimum balance of \$150.00 and does not exceed a maximum of 10 transactions per month.

Receipts from the period January 15-March 15 have totaled \$200.00, and expenditures have amounted to \$1,016.89, leaving an account balance of \$3,183.15 as of today, March 20, 2015. The two largest expenses were both \$500.00: one for the Lois Swan Jones award recipient, Becca Pad, and one for the special conference session sponsorship, voted on by the chapter in January 2015, and paid directly to ARLIS/NA.

I have reviewed the January and February statements for the account and everything appears correct. I have copies of these statements should they be needed for review.

I am looking forward to serving the chapter for the duration of my term as Treasurer.