

ARLIS/NA Central Plains Fall 2014 Chapter Meeting
Carnegie Room, Central Library, St. Louis Public Library
St. Louis, Missouri
November 7, 2014

Meeting began at 8:30 AM

Members Present: Jennifer Akins (Secretary/Treasurer), Andi Back, Tracey Boswell (Chair), Marianne Cavanaugh, Susan Craig, Suzy Frechette (Newsletter editor), Mikael Kriz (Webmaster), Skye Lacerte, Alexis Peregoy, M.J. Poehler, Leslie Simpson, Clare Vasquez, Thomas Young (Vice-Chair)

Guests: Susan Baerwald, Andrea Degener, Rummyama Hristova

Opening Business

1. Welcome

Tracey Boswell thanked the St. Louis host committee and then asked for introductions.

2. Report from Secretary/Treasurer

Jenny Akins gave a summary of the Treasurer and Secretary (Membership) reports, noting that we have three new members: Brea Black of the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Katharine Reed of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and Alexis Peregoy of Washington University in St. Louis.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of May 31, 2014 \$3,664.66

Income

2014 Annual Dues collected (3)	\$43.74
2015 Annual Dues collected (2)	\$30.00
Spring 2014 Meeting Fees (15)	\$147.92
Fall 2014 Meeting Fees (3)	\$28.44
Donation	\$8.93
Total Income	\$259.03

Expenditures

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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Balance as of October 31, 2014 \$3,923.69

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lifetime members:	10
Annual members, 2014-2015 dues received:	23
Total current members:	33

ARLIS/NA Central Plains Membership May 2014

33 members, including 10 lifetime members*

Akins, Jennifer (<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>)	Washington University in St. Louis
Back, Andrea (Andi)	University of Kansas
Black, Brea	Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library
Blalack, Kate L.	Woody Guthrie Center
Bobo, Susan*	Oklahoma State University
Boswell, Tracey (<i>Chair</i>)	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Carbonell, Marilyn*	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Cavanaugh, Marianne L.	Saint Louis Art Museum
Craig, Susan V.*	University of Kansas
Crane, Rachel*	Wichita State University
Cranor, Anna*	Stephens College
Farrell, Lora	Kansas City Art Institute
Frechette, Suzy* (<i>Newsletter Editor</i>)	St. Louis Public Library
Jones, Phillip J.* (<i>Past Chair</i>)	University of Arkansas
Kriz, Mikael D. (<i>Webmaster</i>)	Saint Louis University
Lacerte, Skye	Washington University in St. Louis
Lacey, Anne	Kansas City, Kansas Public Library
Logan-Peters, Kay	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Michael, Ron*	Birger Sandzén Memorial
Nelson, Amelia	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Norris, Joyce Goering	Wichita Art Museum
Orth-Alfie, Carmen E.	University of Kansas
Peregoy, Alexis	Washington University in St. Louis
Petersen, Catherine	Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
Poehler, M.J.	Kansas City Art Institute
Reed, Katharine	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Russell, Marilyn L.	Haskell Indian Nations University
Schaad, Gerrienne	National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
Simpson, Leslie	Post Memorial Art Reference Library
Urton, Ellen	Kansas State University
Vecchiola, Rina	Washington University in St. Louis
Weidman, Jeffrey*	Retired
Young, Thomas E.* (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	Philbrook Museum of Art

3. Social Media/Communication Committee

Skye Lacerte announced that she is chairing the ARLIS/NA CP Social Media Committee, a term which will run through the end of next year. Members currently are: Skye Lacerte (chair), Ellen Urton, Mikael Kriz, Anne Lacey and Tracey Boswell (term through 12/31/14). The committee also would like to include the Chair and Vice Chair/Chair Elect. The committee is using Google Hangouts and email to communicate. They plan to set their communication goals, such as deciding on which tools to use (e.g., Pinterest, Instagram, Facebook, etc.) and increase presence. They will do the chapter's newsletter, the Irregular, but perhaps in a different format.

Ongoing Business

4. 2015 Spring Chapter Meeting

Andi Back provided details on the spring 2015 chapter meeting in Lawrence, Kansas. The committee includes Andi Back, Susan Craig, Tracey Boswell, Carmen Orth-Alfie, Mari Russell and Brea Black. The meeting will be held either May 28-30 or June 4-6, 2015. The committee will ask for preferences via the listserv. Activities planned include a morning panel on community art and libraries with the new Lawrence Public Library Director, Brad Allen, and the new city cultural director. Thursday's dinner will be at Susan's house and Friday's dinner will be downtown. The business meeting will either be in the public library or a new hotel downtown. The committee will gauge interest for Saturday morning.

5. ARLIS/NA National Conference Proposal, 2017

Skye Lacerte reported that the 2017 conference went to New Orleans. We were encouraged to reapply in the future.

6. Chapter Dues

Tracey Boswell gave a reminder that 2015 chapter dues (\$15) are due in the new calendar year.

New Business

7. Election of Officers

Tracey Boswell announced for 2015 that Tom Young will serve as Chair and Andi Back has agreed to serve as Vice Chair/Chair Elect. Jenny Akins' term as Secretary/Treasurer ends in December 2014 and we are still looking for a 2015-2016 candidate. If this position is not filled, members proposed a few options. In previous years, some Secretary/Treasurers have served two terms. Another possibility might be splitting the Secretary/Treasurer into two positions, in which case one person would not be required to attend all meetings.

8. Local Conference Registration Fees for Students

Tracey Boswell asked about charging library students to attend chapter meetings. By a unanimous vote, all present voted in favor or not charging students to attend Central Plains chapter meetings.

9. Travel Award Committee

M.J. Poehler and Marianne Cavanaugh volunteered to serve on the Travel Award Committee for 2015.

10. Chapter Mentoring

ARLIS/NA is now offering a chapter mentoring program, where mentor and mentee pairs are matched regionally by chapter. Tracey Boswell asked if our chapter would like to participate. One member didn't see the need for this at the chapter level as some of us are already mentoring students. Another member said this program is also for mid-career librarians and it might be nice to have a formalized mentoring program. No decision was reached. The discussion will continue on the listserv.

11. National Conference Donation

Our chapter has previously donated \$150 for the Welcome Party at the national conference and ARLIS/NA has asked for a higher amount. Given the healthy state of our budget, a motion was raised to increase the donation to \$200. All were in favor.

12. Frequency of Local Chapter Meetings

Tracey Boswell asked for thoughts about the frequency of chapter meetings. In the survey Phil sent out via the listserv last fall, only two members chose to meet two times per year apart from the national conference. If we decide to meet once, it could be on a trial basis starting in 2016. For 2015 we already have two meetings planned, spring in Lawrence and fall in Tulsa. One member was in favor of keeping two chapter meetings because we are geographically spread out and chapter meetings offer a way to meet for those who can't attend the national conference. Another member proposed the option of an annual meeting in the fall and a social get-together without a business meeting in the spring. A few drawbacks would be that it would still be a lot of work to plan and if there is no program with content, our organizations may not provide funding to attend. Tracey proposed an online discussion and vote in 2015, with any changes to begin in 2016.

Additional

13. Local Conference Planning Checklist

Tracey Boswell created a local conference planning checklist document, including a timeline, to assist host committees. She provided copies at the meeting and will also send out the document via the listserv.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 AM