

**ARLIS/NA Central Plains Chapter Business Meeting  
April 27, 2012  
Ablah Library, Wichita State University**

**Members in attendance:** Jennifer Akins, Susan Craig, Lois Crane, Rachel Crane, Suzy Frechette, Phil Jones, Mikael Kriz, Skye Lacerte, Kay Logan-Peters, Ron Michael, Joyce Norris, Carmen Orth-Alfie, Marilyn Russell, Ellen Urton (chair), Clare Vasquez, Rina Vecchiola, Tom Young; Guests: Casey Hoeve, Sarah Hoyt

The business meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Urton at 9 a.m. Ellen welcomed the large turnout of members and visitors and extended warm thanks to the meeting committee: Joyce Norris, Rachel Crane, Lois Crane, and Phil Jones.

**Reports:**

**Secretary-Treasurer**

Minutes of the Fall 2011 meeting in Columbia and the treasurer's report were reviewed and accepted without amendment. As of Fall 2011 the chapter had a total of 30 members. Prior to this meeting, only five annual renewals were received for 2012. Several more renewals were received at the meeting. As of April 26, 2012, the chapter had \$3359.69. Our only 2012 expense up to the time of the meeting was a gift of \$150 to ARLIS/NA for the annual conference.

**News editor**

Suzy Frechette reported that she will shortly solicit items for a summer newsletter.

**Executive Board**

Rina Vecchiola reported on the recent meeting of the ARLIS/NA Executive Board. (1) Archiving: the board urges chapters to send materials to the ARLIS/NA archives at the University of Illinois. It was recalled that the chapter last sent materials to the archives in 2005, or thereabouts. Susan Craig volunteered to compile a list of past chapter officers and lists of meetings, with dates and places. Clare Vasquez promised to make a start by combing through the secretary's notebook and sending information to Susan. (2) TEI update: a new contract is being negotiated with TEI. Contact information for Chris Roper's replacement for should be listed on the ARLIS/NA website. Supposedly, his email account is still being monitored, though messages sent to that account have not been answered.

## **Chair**

Ellen Urton reported on a discussion among chapter chairs. The thing that chapter chairs want most is a dedicated time for chapter meetings at the annual ARLIS conference with no other events scheduled to conflict with the chapter meetings.

## **Old Business:**

**(1) Membership ideas:** a topic raised at the chapter gathering in Toronto was how to re-engage lapsed members. That discussion was reopened at Wichita. One suggestion: personal invitations—chair Ellen Urton volunteered to make calls if members will submit names to her. Phil Jones proposed that we invite prospective members to a chapter meeting and don't charge them a registration fee. No formal vote was taken, but the consensus was that this strategy should be tried. Others volunteered to contact former or prospective members in their state or area: Skye Lacerte (St. Louis), Mari Russell (Kansas City), Ellen (Kansas). It was also suggested that we increase the professional content in our programming to encourage people to come to the chapter meetings; tours and informal engagement with colleagues are not sufficient justification to get release time or funding from our institutions.

**(2) Chapter website:** Webmaster Mikael Kriz reported that a new chapter website is ready; he is waiting for a response from TEI. If you have photos of chapter meetings or events, please send them to Mikael for the website.

## **New Business:**

**(1) Social Media.** The chapter discussed how to use social media. Ellen Urton proposed establishing a chapter iGoogle account that would let members share documents and track committees and schedules. A chapter Facebook page could use the iGoogle account as its base. Projects such as a Google map of public art in the Central Plains could provide content. After spirited discussion, Phil Jones suggested that we start with Facebook and not be overly concerned with updating. No vote was taken, but the discussion seemed to reach a consensus. Ellen volunteered to pursue setting up a Facebook account for the chapter.

## **(2) Upcoming meetings**

**(a) Fall 2012 chapter meeting:** September 27-29 in Lawrence, Kansas. Susan Craig provided an overview: Thursday dinner at Mari Russell's; Friday breakfast & business meeting at KU; a workshop led by KU's Executive Director of Communications, Advancement & Administration on creating a communications plan for your library; a presentation by the curator of the

Giorgio Vasari exhibition at the Spencer Art Museum on the role of research (and art libraries) in creating an exhibition; a tour of the Haskell University library and archives, with a welcome from the university president, and a dance performance by students. Dinner on Friday will coincide with “Final Friday” at downtown galleries. Saturday activities: breakfast at the farmers’ market and a visit to the Lawrence Art Center.

**(b) Spring 2013:** Omaha. Kay Logan-Peters proposed the first or second weekend in June—the ARLIS/NA conference will be in late April. Kay will find a meeting room at a hotel or at one of the arts facilities in downtown Omaha. Omaha’s cultural life is booming, so there will be new things to see. Please contact Kay to volunteer assistance or to suggest content.

**(c) Fall 2013:** a joint or regional meeting in Fayetteville and at Crystal Bridges? Phil Jones reported that many chapters now have only a virtual meeting apart from the annual conference. Phil proposed that we drop the idea of a joint meeting and keep it as just a chapter meeting, but one which we would actively promote to members of other chapters. This idea met general approval. Crystal Bridges would be a draw, around which we could build rich content. Building a library from nothing would likely be our theme. The chapter has funds to provide transportation between Fayetteville and Bentonville. Phil will talk to the Crystal Bridges librarians, who were not at this chapter meeting. He welcomes your ideas for speakers—if they are big names, be quick: schedules fill up.

**(d) Other new business:** Time constraints pushed the nominations committee and travel awards committee to post-meeting followup. The Chair may simply appoint members to those committees; if you would like to volunteer for the committees or if you would like to be a candidate for office, please contact the Chapter Chair, Ellen Urton.

Susan Craig moved that the meeting be adjourned; Tom Young seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Clare Vasquez  
Secretary-Treasurer