

## **ARLIS/CP - Spring 2013 Chapter Meeting**

UNO/Kaneko Library

Omaha, NE

June 7, 2013

*Members Present:* Jennifer Akins (Secretary/Treasurer), Andi Back, Tracey Boswell (Vice Chair/Chair Elect), Susan Craig, Suzy Frechette (Newsletter editor), Phil Jones (Chair), Mikael Kriz (Webmaster), Kay Logan-Peters, Amelia Nelson, Catherine Petersen, M.J. Poehler, Leslie Simpson, Ellen Urton, Tom Young.

*Guests:* Thomas Bell, Casey Hoeve

Meeting called to order at 9:10

### Opening Business

#### **1. Welcome**

Phil Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Kay Logan-Peters for hosting.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes from Fall Meeting 2012.**

Jenny Akins distributed meeting minutes from the fall 2012 meeting in Lawrence, which were quickly approved.

#### **3. Discussion on Approval of Current Minutes.**

Phil Jones stated that in the future, a draft of meeting minutes will be sent out to the ARLIS/CP listerv as an attached file shortly after the meeting. It will then be approved shortly thereafter, rather at the next chapter meeting. Jenny will confirm that all current members are on the mailing list and ask TEI if it is possible for us to edit this list.

#### **4. Report from Secretary/Treasurer**

Jenny Akins distributed the treasurer and membership report. She announced that the chapter has switched bank accounts from Arvest to US Bank, as there were no Arvest branches in St. Louis. As recommended in the Chapter Success book, a second member, Tracey Boswell, also was added to the account. Jenny has created a PayPal account for the chapter as an option for paying membership dues. She is working with Mikael to have it added to the website.

#### **Treasurer Report, June 5, 2013:**

Balance as of September 28, 2012	\$3,606.48
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#### **Income**

2013 Annual Dues collected	\$260.00
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Total	\$3,866.48
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#### **Expenditures**

2013 Travel Award	\$350.00
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2013 ARLIS/NA Welcome Party donation	\$150.00
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US Bank checks	\$6.00
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Total Expenses	\$506.00
Balance as of June 5, 2013	\$3,360.48

**Member Report, June 5, 2013:**

Lifetime members:	9
Annual members, 2013 dues received:	18
Total current members:	27

**ARLIS Central Plains Membership June 2013**

27 members, including 9 lifetime members\*

Akins, Jennifer	Washington University in St. Louis
Back, Andrea (Andi)	University of Kansas
Boswell, Tracey	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
Dean, Jason W.	Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
Farrell, Lora	Kansas City Art Institute
Frechette, Suzy*	St. Louis Public Library
Goodyear, Kathleen M.	Library Science Student
Jones, Phillip J.*	University of Arkansas
Kriz, Mikael D.	Saint Louis University
Lacey, Anne	Kansas Public Library
Nelson, Amelia	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Michael, Ron*	Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery
Norris, Joyce Goering	Wichita Art Museum
Orth-Alfie, Carmen E.	University of Kansas
Petersen, Catherine	Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

Poehler, M.J.	Kansas City Art Institute
Russell, Marilyn L.	Haskell Indian Nations University
Simpson, Leslie T.	Post Memorial Art Reference Library
Stewart Grant, Cindy	Mid Continent Public Library
Vasquez, Clare	Saint Louis Art Museum
Weidman, Jeffrey*	Retired
Young, Thomas E.*	Philbrook Museum of Art

### Ongoing Business

#### **5. Report and Discussion of Web Site**

Mikael Kriz reported that it is difficult to allow others to edit the chapter website at this time due to FTP. ARLIS/NA will be updating their website. If they use a content management system it would make it easier for multiple members to edit.

Mikael showed new website and asked for members to email him pictures. Meeting minutes are posted for the past ten years. Contact information is only listed for current officers. Phil recommended sending a list to members asking if they objected to their contact information being posted on the website. There is some concern about spam. Mikael proposed creating a membership directory in PDF format linked to the website page. It could include those who attend meetings, but are not members. M.J. Poehler suggested that this question could be added to the membership form. The discussion will be continued on the listserv.

Phil brought up two more points regarding the website. The old Oklahoma State website still exists. Once the member directory with contact information is completed, that website can be taken down. Mikael confirmed all content on that site is on the new website. Phil recommended that Jenny be given a copy of the website as a backup.

#### **6. Social Media and Google Account**

Ellen Urton presented on the chapter's Google account and social media. She created a Gmail account for the chapter and has created folders in Google Drive for the purpose of having one place to easily access and store files.

Ellen researched ARLIS/NA affiliates' social media presence and presented what our association and member organizations/institutions are doing, such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube, etc. She highlighted examples from other chapters, such as ARLIS/NY. The next step is to determine our purpose and create a plan for social media. Mikael Kriz and Jenny Akins volunteered to help. Phil recommended determining concrete ideas for how to use social media, that will be sustainable, to propose to the chapter.

#### **7. Chapter Meetings in 2014**

The fall 2014 meeting will be November 7-9 in Fayetteville and Bentonville. Phil will send information about lodging. He recommended booking in advance for rooms at Carnall Hall, and will send an email with further details. There is some interest for a side trip to Eureka Springs on Saturday.

The spring 2014 meeting will be in Kansas City. There are no details yet.

The fall 2014 is proposed for St. Louis. Possible themes could be library spaces and architecture as the St. Louis Art Museum and St. Louis Public Library have undergone recent expansion and renovation.

### New Business

#### **8. Discussion of Results from Survey**

Phil gave overview of the results of the survey sent to the chapter listserv in May, which he distributed to the mailing list on May 31. There was a strong participation, with 23 respondents.

No one skipped question 3, on frequency of chapter meetings with only two people choosing to meet two times per year apart from the ARLIS/NA annual conference. A further discussion of this question began with an historical perspective. Two meetings were favored in the past as not all members could afford to attend ARLIS/NA annual. There was concern that if the chapter only met once per year, it may not be enough to sustain it. Also, until recently chapter meetings at ARLIS/NA were mostly social.

Reasons expressed for one chapter meeting, by those present, included the importance of having substantial meetings; if there was only one meeting it could be richer with two full days of content. There could be a program committee could be appointed for this. Others offered that there might be better attendance with one chapter meeting. Also, it could also be easier to find members willing to hold office, as they would not have to commit to as many meetings.

Those in favor of two meetings noted that they benefited and learned more from the chapter, than ARLIS/NA. Some members never or rarely attend ARLIS/NA annual. If two meetings are held, perhaps there could be a more substantial fall meeting and shorter spring meeting. Alternatively, there could be two meetings one year and one the next.

Since there are already host volunteers for 2014 (Kansas City, St. Louis), the discussion can be resumed for 2015 meetings. It was decided that if there are two meetings, the current type of programming can remain. If there is only one, there could be more content.

Phil said the survey results can be discussed further online if needed and he can to set up another survey if needed.

#### **9. Reports from ARLIS in Pasadena**

As the recipient of the 2013 chapter travel award, Tracey Boswell gave her report of the 2013 ARLIS/NA annual conference in Pasadena. She will be providing a full report for the chapter newsletter, The Irregular.

#### **10. Election of Officer (2015)**

Phil reminded members that there will be an open position for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect this year for the 2015 term. Now is the time to think about volunteering, as we will elect a member this fall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Akins, Secretary/Treasurer