

ARLIS/NA CP Spring 2014 Chapter Meeting

Lens 2, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Kansas City, Missouri

June 13, 2014

Meeting began at 8:40 AM

Members Present: Jennifer Akins (Secretary/Treasurer), Susan Bobo, Tracey Boswell (Chair), Marilyn Carbonell, Susan Craig, Lora Farrell, Suzy Frechette (Newsletter editor), Mikael Kriz (Webmaster), Skye Lacerte, Anne Lacey, Kay Logan-Peters, Amelia Nelson, Carmen Orth-Alfie, Catherine Petersen, M.J. Poehler, Rina Vecchiola, Thomas Young (Vice-Chair)

Guests: Thomas Bell, Tobe Burgos-Passiglia, Stratton Green, Katharine Reed

Opening Business

1. Welcome

Marilyn Carbonell and Catherine Futter, The Helen Jane and R. Hugh "Pat" Uhlmann Senior Curator, Architecture, Design and Decorative Arts, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Report from Secretary/Treasurer

Jenny Akins announced that you can now have the option to pay for membership and a meeting fee in the same transaction on the chapter's website under the 'Join' page. She then gave a summary of the spring 2014 Secretary/Treasurer report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of November 3, 2013 \$3,697.74

Income

2014 Annual Dues collected (18) \$264.00

2015 Annual Dues collected (1) \$15.00

Fall 2013 Meeting Fees \$187.92

Total Income \$466.92

2014 Travel Award \$350.00

2014 ARLIS/NA Welcome Party donation \$150.00

Total Expenses \$500.00

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lifetime members: 10
Annual members, 2014-
2015 dues received: 19
Total current members: 28

ARLIS/NA Central Plains Membership May 2014

28 members, including 10 lifetime members*

Akins, Jennifer (<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>)	Washington University in St. Louis
Back, Andrea (Andi)	University of Kansas
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
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
Petersen, Catherine	Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
Poehler, M.J.	Kansas City Art Institute
Russell, Marilyn L.	Haskell Indian Nations University
Schaad, Gerrianne	National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
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

Ongoing Business

3. Chapter Meeting in St. Louis, Fall 2014 (Kriz, Frechette)

The fall 2014 chapter meeting will be held in St. Louis, November 6-8, 2014. Marianne emailed the chapter listserv on May 30th with potential hotels, which include the St. Louis Art Museum discount of about \$20 off. Mikael asked for members to send the committee hotel preferences. The Drury is Marianne's favorite and has an excellent restaurant onsite, Bardolino's Osteria. It will be easier to carpool if most members stay at the same hotel.

Some of the activities include visiting the International Photography Hall of Fame, St. Louis Art Museum expansion, St. Louis Public Library renovation and attending a gallery presentation.

4. Chapter Meeting in Tulsa 2015 (Young)

Tom has offered to host a 2015 meeting in Tulsa. The Philbrook's second location is now open and Tom now has two libraries. Other possible sites to visit include the Woody Guthrie Archives and new art facilities downtown. There is a hotel downtown within a block and several new restaurants. The date is not yet determined. It was noted that ARLIS/NA 2015 will be in March.

5. ARLIS/NA 2017 National Conference Proposal (Lacerte, Vecchiola, Akins)

Skye gave a summary of what has occurred thus far. Members voted and agreed at the chapter meeting in DC to submit a proposal to host ARLIS/NA 2107 in St. Louis. A more polished proposal is due to the ARLIS/NA Executive Board on July 25 (the deadline is now July 18th). Sarah Sherman, Chapter's Liaison, will present all proposals at the Board's Mid-Year meeting in NYC, August 14-15. Skye, Rina and Jenny are working on the proposal. Please send us any comments. It was suggested that we let the Board know that we are willing to host at a later date.

New Business

6. Reports from ARLIS/NA in Washington DC (Boswell)

Tracey thanked the chapter for supporting her to travel to ARLIS/NA 2014 in DC. She shared ideas she learned from a session on visual literacy and imagery in signage, publications and printed materials. She commented that the sessions, open houses and receptions were great and she's looking forward to the next meeting in Dallas Fort Worth. Her report will appear in the next issue of *The Irregular*.

Another session that sparked a member's interest was on the disadvantages to digitization. What do we do with materials after they are digitized? Should they be stored or discarded? Sometimes information is contained in a piece or artifact. For example, medieval scholars use dirt analysis on a manuscript leaf to determine usage patterns.

7. Public Policy Committee (Orth-Alfie)

Carmen shared a report from the Public Policy Committee, which she serves on, regarding staff reductions in art museum libraries. There are egregious problems on this issue in Canada. The statement is also on the ARLIS/NA website, and further distribution is not yet determined. A white paper is forthcoming.

8. Update on social media and a possible Communications Committee (Akins, Kriz, Boswell)

Jenny reported that Mikael, Ellen and Jenny have worked to establish a social media presence for the chapter. Chapter Flickr and Facebook accounts were introduced at the fall meeting. At this time they also proposed establishing a Social Media Committee in which members would cycle on and off every few years. All members present were in favor of moving forward with this committee. Now the idea of a Communications Committee, which would serve to update and promote the chapter through a variety of communication tools (social media, blog, website, flyers, etc.) was proposed instead. Tracey recommended moving forward by establishing an ad hoc committee to define the committee's goals, guidelines and duties. Since a new newsletter editor is needed, perhaps the Communication Committee could fill this role as well. Skye, Mikael and Anne agreed to serve. Jenny offered that Ellen (not present) is likely also interested in joining. Tracey or Jenny will send out an email to these members and set an initial meeting by August 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM