ARLIS/NA-Twin Cities Chapter Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2004
Rapson Hall, University of Minnesota College of Architecture

In attendance (14):
Jodie Walz (Chair), U. of MN
Rebecca Moss, U. of MN
Kim Anderson, Mpls. Public Library
Erin McDonald, MLIS student
David Malone, U. of St. John/St. Benedict
Barbara Brenny, U. of MN
Jennifer Nodes, Mpls. Institute of Arts
Jill Vetter, Walker Art Center
Jeannie Iverson, Perpich Center for the Arts
Heidi Raatz, Mpls. Institute of Arts
Heidi Eyestone, Carlton College, Northfield
Kathy Heuer, College of Visual Arts, St. Paul
Kay Streng (Sec./Treas.), Mpls. College of Art & Design
Allan Kohl, Mpls. College of Art & Design

AGENDA
I. Welcome
II. Membership outreach report
III. Finances
IV. Future meeting ideas
V. Tour: Part 1, the College of Architecture & Landscape Architecture (CALA) library. Part 2, the Visual Resources Collection at CALA.

ARLIS/TC president, Jodie Walz began the meeting began at 9:30 am by welcoming all those in attendance. (Prior to the start of the meeting the group enjoyed pastries, juice, and coffee as attendees assembled). The first order of business was a report on a recent membership outreach initiative launched in the months prior to the spring meeting. Kay Streng described the process of identifying art librarians in the Twin Cities and extended metropolitan area who might be interested in joining the organization, and drafting and mailing a letter that described our group’s activities along with an invitation to attend the spring meeting. Out of eight letters sent three recipients expressed interest in the organization. Two out of these three individuals were in attendance at our meeting. Jodie Walz personally contacted three colleagues from the Visual Resources Association, one of whom was also in attendance. In the discussion that followed other members said that they would be willing to contact colleagues and invite them to future meetings. For example, Heidi Eyestone volunteered to contact art librarians at Carlton and St. Olaf, and Barbara Brenny volunteered to make contact with the archivist at the College of St. Catherine.

After thanking outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Moss for her past service and assistance in facilitating the transition between officers, Kay Streng reported that finances at present are quite stable. The ARLIS/TC balance is within one dollar of last year’s figure from the same time, this in spite of making a $100 contribution to the national organization. If this financial stability continues the group has expressed an interest in establishing a travel award to help a member of our group defray the cost of
attending the national convention. Jodie Walz pointed out that this would be very welcome in these times of decreasing budgets.

The remainder of the business meeting was devoted to the discussion of future meeting venues. Some of the ideas presented include:

- College of St. Catherine Archives & new library building
- Regis art building on the University of Minnesota campus
- The Goldstein Gallery, U. of MN campus
- The Perpich Center for the Arts in Golden Valley, MN
- The Tweed Museum in Duluth
- Marcel Breuer church & library buildings on the St. John’s University campus in Collegeville, MN

The group decided that trips requiring travel outside the Twin Cities would be best scheduled during the summer months. (Over lunch following the meeting & tours David Malone of St. John’s agreed to consider hosting a visit to the St. John’s campus in June or July which would include a tour of the Breuer church & library. Kay Streng will follow up with him to explore the possibility of this visit).

Members were reminded of two upcoming events of interest: the MINERVA conference and College Art Association (Midwest Chapter) both scheduled for the fall of 2004.

After the business meeting we were given a tour of the Architecture Library by Joanne Twite and the CALA visual resources library by Jodie Walz. Both collections are housed in the new building designed by Stephen Holl Associates of NYC.

Respectfully submitted, Kay Kroeff Streng