ARLIS/NA-Twin Cities Chapter Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2009
The Chambers Hotel and Foshay Tower
Minneapolis, MN

In attendance (18):
Deborah Uultan Boudewyns – University of Minnesota (U of MN)
Kathy Heuer, Past Chair – College of Visual Arts (CVA)
Janice Lurie, Chair – Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA)
Kristen Mastel, Secretary/Treasurer – U of MN
Jessica McIntyre, Chair-Elect – MIA
Jeanne Iverson – Perpich Center for Arts Education (PCAE)
Rosemary Furtak – Walker Art Center
Kay Streng – MCAD
Melissa Aho – UMN
Barbara Economon – WAC
Rebecca Moss – UMN
Heidi Raatz – MIA
Herbert Scherer - UMN (retired)
Mary Barbosa - Jerez – St. Olaf College
Ken Johnson - St. Olaf College
Jill Vuchetich - WAC

Guests:
V. Heidi Hass
Jennifer Case Phelps

The ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Chapter held its summer meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009 at The Chambers Hotel in Minneapolis, MN. Janice Lurie, chapter chair, convened the business meeting at 9:00 am. The minutes from the spring meeting were approved (with one abstention). Kristen Mastel, treasurer, reported the current balance of the chapter bank account was $433.20, including the prepayment of the refreshments for today’s meeting. She accepted 2009 dues that have not been paid yet, and the $10 fee to assist with covering the costs of refreshments.

Introductions were made as Heidi Hass, Secretary of ARLIS/NA discussed the transition to our new management firm, TEI. She indicated that there has been a move from regional to functional executives, and that there is an effort for the executives to travel to regional meetings. Heidi reports that the transition to TEI is going smoothly. TEI now answers all inquiries to the 1800 membership number, and transitioned the membership database. TEI will be available shortly to assist with Chapter website hosting, and email for a chapter list, however there is no archiving. The question regarding 2011 conference paperwork was signed with the old management firm, and has not been processed with the new firm yet. They are in the process of transitioning Boston’s paperwork and then the 2011 conference materials.

Kathy Heuer reminded the group that the next joint 2011 conference planning meeting will be August 3rd at the University of Minnesota’s Architecture and Landscape Architecture Library. There was a discussion that later this year and through the next that our chapter meetings move from tours and visits to focusing on the 2011 conference. Consequently, conference planning would become a
significant part of our chapter’s business meetings.

Janice discussed the results from the Chapter’s Survey. Briefly, ARLIS/NA Twin Cities supports TEI hosting of chapter websites, wikis, and other media. We are not interested in having TEI redesign our website for a cost, as it works well for our membership, and we have lots of local talent; we might consider having TEI host a listerv. The group decided not to have TEI manage our Chapter’s membership dues, as they would not collect money from members who only belong to ARLIS/TC.

Janice also brought up the BHA discussion that is circulating on the ARLIS listserv. The group thought a letter of support or a working paper by the executive board was strongly encouraged, as this would give a voice to our profession, align us with the academics and assert our position and value of this resource.

Lastly, the group discussed where to hold our fall business meeting. Rosemary suggested visiting Highpoint Center for Printmaking, a printmaking studio on Lake Street, as they just relocated to a larger location. Jessica and Jill will coordinate the fall business meeting. The business meeting concluded at 10am.

After the business meeting, Jennifer Case Phelps gave a tour of The Chambers Hotel and the Foshay Tower Museum. Our Chapter provided Jennifer with two complementary texts as a thank you for her time and expertise.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Mastel