

ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Chapter Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2011

American Craft Council Library

Minneapolis, MN

In attendance (17):

Katrina Belton - Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA)

Christy Dent – University of St. Thomas

Bailey Diers

Katy Ervin – American Craft Council (ACC)

Heidi Eyestone – Carleton College

Amelia Foster – Forecast Public Art

Kathy Heuer – College of Visual Arts

Pati Hibbard – ACC

Shannon Klug – University of Minnesota (UMN)

Kristen Mastel - UMN

Jessica McIntyre – MIA

Laura Morlock – St. Catherine University

Rebecca Moss – UMN

Alanna Nissen – ACC

Naomi Sack

Jessica Shaykett – ACC

Kay Streng – Minneapolis College of Art and Design

Meeting commenced at 10:15am following a 45 minute period of networking and refreshments.

Introductory remarks were made by Kristen Mastel, chapter chair, in which she thanked the staff at the American Craft Council Library for hosting the ARLIS/NA Twin Cities summer gathering and providing a guided tour at the conclusion of the business meeting. Kristen also acknowledged that in 2011 we welcomed several new members into our local chapter. At Kristen's suggestion, group introductions were made.

1) Treasurer's Report

Jessica Shaykett, secretary/treasurer, reported the current balance of the chapter checking account to be \$779.86. Jessica sent an updated membership list around the table and reminded everyone that they could still pay dues for the 2011 year. It was also noted that at the fall meeting, members would have the opportunity to renew in advance of the 2012 year.

2) Conference Congratulations

Kristen thanked all those in attendance who assisted with the planning and production of this year's ARLIS/NA 2nd Annual Joint Conference with the VRA, which was hosted by the Twin Cities chapter of ARLIS with the support of VRA Midwest. Jessica McIntyre and Rebecca Moss, local committee co-chairs for the conference, shared final revenue updates from both ARLIS/NA and VRA, along with a few conference afterthoughts.

Kristen then asked the group to share what they thought were the successes from the conference.

General consensus from those who attended was that the joint conference provided many programming and networking opportunities. Other general successes identified included: the Icebreakers gathering at the Walker, the very well organized registration/information booth and overall full and informative sessions.

3) Travel Award for ARLIS/NA 2012 Conference

Kristen announced that the Twin Cities chapter would again award \$200 to a member for travel to the annual conference next year in Toronto. The travel award committee will be arranged at the fall meeting, and the application process will begin in early winter.

4) Website Working Group

With the Twin Cities chapter website now hosted through ARLIS/NA, Kristen has been working on a plan to update the site design. Acknowledging that this project could best be tackled by a working group, Kristen put out a call for volunteers interested in assisting with the web redesign. Laura Morlock, Bailey Diers and Shannon Klug all agreed to serve on the website working group. Kristen agreed to begin work in the coming weeks with the group. She also thanked Rebecca Moss for her longtime management, updating and hosting of the website.

5) Nominations for Chair Elect

Kristen announced that at our fall meeting, nominations will be accepted for a new 2012 ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Chapter Vice-Chair. Anyone interested in the position and what type of service it entails was asked to contact Kristen to learn more.

6) Mentoring

It was suggested by Kristen that perhaps, with so many new members in attendance, it might be beneficial to start a chapter mentoring program. Group discussion of this idea ensued with several new members in agreement that this would be helpful. One concern was that with new grads looking for jobs all over the country, the mentoring might be interrupted by the mentee moving away. Kristen and Christy Dent, vice-chair, agreed to discuss this idea further and report back at the fall meeting.

7) Fall Meeting Location

Kristen asked if anyone would be interested in hosting the ARLIS/NA Twin Cities fall chapter meeting. Heidi Eyestone suggested that the group have the meeting at Carleton College in Northfield, as we have never met at this location before. She also suggested that the meeting be held in the afternoon following an embedded metadata workshop VRA Midwest is hosting at Carleton on October 15th. This way, those interested in participating in the free workshop can do so in the morning, then attend the chapter meeting in the afternoon. A meeting in October at Carleton would also coincide with the opening of the Weitz Center for Creativity, which we might be able to tour while at the College.

It was also suggested that for those who cannot make it to the fall meeting, we could allow virtual attendance through Skype or conference call.

New member Amelia Foster from Forecast Public Art shared with the group that Forecast has just relocated to a new space with an expanded library. She suggested that this might also be a great future potential meeting location.

Another suggested meeting location brought up by Christy Dent, was St. Thomas University in St. Paul. Further discussion revealed that a spring meeting at this location would be nice, as a new American Museum of Asmat Art gallery will be opening at St. Thomas in January.

With the conclusion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am. After additional refreshments, members proceeded to take a guided tour of the American Craft Council Library and current exhibition, Focus on Fibers, curated by Erica Spitzer Rasmussen from the Textile Center. The tour was led by ACC Librarian Jessica Shaykett with the assistance of American Craft Council Office Coordinator, Alanna Nissen.

Submitted by Jessica Shaykett