

ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Chapter Fall Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2011
Carleton College – Weitz Center for Creativity, Room 136
and Remotely via Skype and Join.Me

In Attendance (10)

Greta Bahnemann – University of Minnesota (UMN)
Deborah Ultan Boudewyns – UMN
Christy Dent – University of St. Thomas
Heidi Eyestone – Carleton College
Shannon Klug – UMN
Kristen Mastel - UMN
Amy Naughton – Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Jessica Shaykett – American Craft Council
Jill Vuchetich – Walker Art Center

Guest: Rina Vecchiola, Art and Architecture Librarian, Washington University in St. Louis

Meeting commenced at 11:30am following the morning session of the “Embedded Metadata: An Explanation of Real World Issues” workshop, presented by VRA Midwest and ARLIS/TC and sponsored by Visualizing the Liberal Arts (Viz) and hosted at the newly opened Weitz Center for Creativity, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota. The workshop was also presented via live webinar at the University of Minnesota and remotely to at-home participants.

Introductory remarks were made by Kristen Mastel, chapter chair. Due to technical difficulties during the meeting, the previous spring and summer 2011 meeting minutes could not be approved during the session. Kristen proposed sending out the minutes for approval via an online survey. Attendees agreed that this would be a suitable option and well within the bylaws to vote electronically.

UPDATE: Kristen subsequently sent out the survey on October 23rd and the minutes were approved. Also approved via online vote was the election of Laura Morlock from St. Catherine University, as vice-chair for 2012.

1. Treasurer’s Report

Jessica Shaykett, secretary/treasurer, reported the current balance of the chapter checking account to be \$773.87. Jessica reminded everyone that they could submit dues for 2012 any time from the fall meeting forward. It was noted that enough funding remained in the chapter checking account to sponsor a \$200 travel scholarship for the ARLIS/NA annual conference in Toronto spring 2012. Applications for the travel scholarship will be available on the website starting in January 2012.

2. Mentorship Program Draft

Kristen opened the floor for discussion on starting a mentorship program for new members and new professionals in the Twin Cities art libraries community. She and Christy Dent identified potential preliminary qualifications for becoming a mentor, including: 5 years of experience, 1 year commitment, and an openness and availability to meet 4-6 times with a mentee. Greta Bahnemann made the point that mentors should be professionals with a degree working in an art library or visual resources position. Deborah Utan Boudewyns stressed that mentors should have 1-2 years involvement with the local or national ARLIS organization and that they should have attended at least one conference. Conference participation was noted as being important because mentors should be able to share past meeting experiences and answer any ARLIS related questions a mentee may have. Amy Naughton remarked that the requirements for being a mentor should be attainable. It was unanimously agreed that the mentee should be an ARLIS/TC member committed to one year of mentoring.

While clear goals and objectives for the program and a kick-off luncheon were proposed, some in the group felt that the first year should be more informal to see if the program can actually be sustainable and successful. Further discussion on the mentorship program is planned for future ARLIS/TC meetings.

3. 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. At the summer meeting a call was put out for volunteers to be part of a working group, and Laura Morlock, Bailey Diers and Shannon Klug all agreed to assist with website redesign. Kristen noted that work on the site had yet to be undertaken, but said the website working group would be meeting in November to begin work on a plan to update the website by summer 2012.

4. Nominations for Chair Elect

Kristen announced a call for a vice chair. Jessica Shaykett nominated Laura Morlock from St. Catherine University for the position. Voting is to commence via an online survey.

5. Report from Rina Vecchiola, ARLIS/NA Development and Membership Liaison

Rina announced outcomes from the ARLIS/NA committee meetings held in Houston during the last weekend of September 2011. She noted that Art Documentation, the ARLIS/NA biannual publication, was set to be distributed by the University of Chicago Press in 2012. She also reported that the ARLIS/NA membership committee was working on retaining business affiliates for the organization and reviewing the by-laws in anticipation of upcoming changes. The membership committee is also hard at work on strategies for membership recruitment. Rina asked that if anyone from the Twin Cities chapter had any suggestions or ideas for garnering new members, they could submit them to her for consideration by the committee. Rina noted that the planning for the Toronto meeting was going well. She then opened the floor for a Q&A from the ARLIS/NA Twin Cities group concerning anything to do with membership and/or the ARLIS listserv.

6. Spring Meeting Location

A location for the spring meeting was not decided upon during the meeting, however, Kristen acknowledged that chapter leaders would review locations previously discussed at the summer meeting and announce a spring location in early 2012.

With the conclusion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm. After the business meeting, the Embedded Metadata workshop resumed for the remainder of the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Shaykett