

**ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Chapter Spring Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 10, 2012**  
**Forecast Public Art – St. Paul, MN**

**In Attendance (13)**

Greta Bahnemann – University of Minnesota (UMN)  
Christy Dent – University of St. Thomas  
Bailey Diers – Hennepin County Library  
Amelia Foster – Forecast Public Art  
Stephanie Kays – Minneapolis Institute of Arts  
Shannon Klug – UMN  
Kristen Mastel - UMN  
Laura Morlock – St. Catherine University  
Jessica Shaykett – American Craft Council  
Kay Streng – Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Deborah Ultan Boudewyns – UMN  
Jill Vuchetich – Walker Art Center

Guest: Marcelyn Sletten, Senior Librarian in Art/Music/Literature, Hennepin County Library

Meeting commenced at 9:30a.m. following introductions and a period of socializing and refreshments.

Introductory remarks were made by Christy Dent, chapter chair. Christy thanked Amelia Foster for hosting our meeting and providing us with a guided tour, to follow, of the library and facilities at Forecast Public Art.

**1. Minutes from 10/17/2011**

Christy requested a motion on the approval of the minutes from the 10/17/2011 meeting. Attendees were given an opportunity to review handouts of the minutes. Kristen Mastel motioned to approve the minutes and Greta Bahnemann seconded.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Jessica Shaykett, secretary/treasurer, reported the current balance of the chapter checking account to be \$739.27. Jessica reminded everyone that they could still submit dues for 2012 or for 2013. It was noted that enough funding remained in the chapter checking account to sponsor a travel scholarship for the ARLIS/NA annual conference in Pasadena in 2013. A question arose as to the amount that should be awarded, as some chapters give as much as \$500. This was left open for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

**3. Website re-design celebration and walk through**

Christy thanked Bailey Diers, Shannon Klug and Laura Morlock for their hard work on the website redesign. Bailey, who headed the website redesign committee, gave an overview of the site's new features. These included the following:

- a. Featured Member/Library section on the *Membership* page that pulls images and texts from the chapter Tumblr account (<http://arlisna-tc.tumblr.com>). Bailey explained that using a Tumblr account allows anyone with the Tumblr log-in information to quickly and easily post a new featured member/library to the website without messing with the hassle of html code. Tumblr also provides room for personalization and planning tools, including pre-set posting.
- b. *Events* page on the website that pulls information from the Facebook wall, so anything posted to Facebook will also appear on the website. Any members interested in posting events to the Facebook page could do so by being added as an administrator to the account.

- c. *Internships* page as a place for anyone to post local opportunities. Bailey reviewed the three internships currently posted on the site and the process for uploading additional internships.
- d. *Travel Awards* page with general information on the application process and administration of the award. Bailey noted that this page will need to be updated as new awards are announced.

#### 4. **Call for Featured Librarians**

Bailey announced that the website redesign committee was in need of librarians and libraries to highlight on the Featured Member/Library section. As a group it was decided that the next featured librarian should be retired Walker Art Center librarian Rosemary Furtak. Amelia and Greta also agreed to take part in the featured librarian section in the coming months. It was decided that a new librarian should be featured every 3-4 months, so as to conscientiously cover the membership pool over the next several years. Anyone interested in being a featured librarian or having his/her library featured should send an email to [arlisnatc@gmail.com](mailto:arlisnatc@gmail.com)

Bailey also put out a call for photos of local libraries to be added to the Flickr account (<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1861318@N24/>). So far, only the Walker, MCAD and the University of Minnesota have photos in this group. Bailey explained that these photos feed into the homepage of the website, so it would be visually advantageous to have additional images to share.

#### 5. **Internships on Website**

Christy announced that anyone interested in posting an internship to the website could do so by sending an email to the ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Gmail account. Bailey reviewed the format and type of information needed in the internship description, and directed those interested to view the existing posts.

Jill Vuchetich announced that the Walker had put hiring a new librarian on hold until 2013 and therefore is looking for interns and volunteers over the next year. Greta noted that the Minnesota Digital Library will also be looking for an intern in the fall.

#### 6. **Reports from ARLIS/NA in Toronto and VRA in Albuquerque**

Christy asked if anyone had information to share from recent ARLIS/NA and VRA national conferences. Greta gave an overview of the presentation she gave in collaboration with Elaine Paul from the University of Colorado Boulder at VRA entitled "Broadening Organizational Horizons: Collaborative Opportunities between VRA and ARLIS/NA." A brief discussion ensued amongst the group about the similarities and differences between the VRA and ARLIS/NA and the usefulness of joint conferences, workshops and meetings. Deborah Ultan Boudewyns suggested the chapter might write a letter to the board expressing ARLIS/NA Twin Cities' support of collaboration between the two groups. Greta stated that the VRA panel administered a survey to solicit feedback following the session, and once a report was prepared on the topic she would share it with the chapter.

Deborah reported on the panel she moderated/presented at the ARLIS/NA conference titled "Unexpected Legacy Collections: Progressive Collection Policies and Practices for Zines, Minicomics, and Alternative Presses." She acknowledged the talented presenters and interesting discussion that emerged from the session and encouraged everyone to check out the proceedings online (<http://www.arlisna.org/news/conferences/2012/index.html>).

Jill said a few words about ARLIS/NA Twin Cities chapter member Janice Laurie's presentation of the 2012 Distinguished Service Award to Rosemary at the ARLIS/NA conference. While Rosemary was not in attendance at the conference, Jill wanted to acknowledge the moving speech that Janice gave recognizing Rosemary's devotion to the field over her 29 years of library service.

Deborah acknowledged members of the Wittenborn Book Award committee - Jessica McIntyre, Rosemary Furtak, Bailey Diers, Shannon Klug, Jessica Shaykett - and spoke about the challenges of selecting a winner for the 2012 award, which was presented at the ARLIS/NA conference.

**7. Local mentoring program**

Christy opened the floor to renewed discussion about adopting a local mentoring program. Some of the challenges of mentoring programs identified by the group included finding good matches, making time to build meaningful relationships and setting expectations. Overall, the discussion indicated that local mentoring is much preferred to national or online mentoring. Jessica mentioned the Southern California chapter as a model program for regional mentoring and agreed to gather more information on how the program is organized. In the meantime, Christy and Jessica encouraged anyone interested in mentoring to consider the ARLIS/NA career and virtual mentoring programs and listed some benefits of both.

**8. Preliminary call for nominations for 2013 chapter officers (chair-elect and secretary/treasurer)**

Christy reminded everyone that the chair-elect and secretary/treasurer positions for ARLIS/NA Twin Cities are coming open for 2013 (secretary/treasurer being a two year term). Anyone interested was encouraged to contact Christy. The call for nominations will go out at the fall meeting.

**9. Rosemary's retirement**

While Rosemary could not attend the meeting, the chapter presented her a certificate in honor of her many years of service. Jill accepted on Rosemary's behalf and shared the artists' book that was assembled on the occasion of her retirement. The book contained drawings and materials put together by Rosemary's friends and colleagues, including some members of the Twin Cities chapter. The group discussed Rosemary's many accomplishments and her early role in establishing artists' books as an essential part of art library collections.

Christy reminded everyone that the summer meeting would be held sometime in July or August at the University of St. Thomas with a tour to follow at the Asmat Art Gallery. With the conclusion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 10:30am. After the business meeting, Amelia Foster gave a lovely tour of the library and offices of Forecast Public Art.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Shaykett