

ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Chapter Fall Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 15, 2012
Coeur de Catherine Building, Library Lower Level
St. Catherine University – St. Paul, MN

In Attendance (9)

Margit Ahmann – St. Catherine University
Christy Dent – University of St. Thomas
Bailey Diers - Hennepin County Library
Amelia Foster – Forecast Public Art
Shannon Klug – University of Minnesota
Laura Morlock – St. Catherine University
Amy Naughton - Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Jessica Shaykett – American Craft Council

Visitor: Veronica Olson, St. Catherine University

Meeting commenced at 9:10 a.m. following introductions and a period of socializing and refreshments.

Opening remarks were made by Christy Dent, chapter chair, followed by introductions and a brief update on recent activities and projects from each member in attendance.

Minutes from 07/30/2012

Christy requested a motion on the approval of the minutes from the summer 2012 meeting, held July 30th at the University of St. Thomas. Attendees were given an opportunity to review handouts of the minutes. Laura Morlock motioned to approve and Amy Naughton seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Jessica Shaykett, secretary/treasurer, reported the current balance of the chapter checking account to be \$779.05. Jessica reminded everyone that they could begin submitting dues for 2013. There was some question as to whether membership fees were due at the beginning of the academic year, the calendar year, or a year from when one first joined. Jessica agreed to review the bylaws and past minutes to see if this issue had been addressed.

***Follow-up*:** According to Article III-Membership of the [bylaws](#) : The membership year shall be January 1 to December 31.

Fall Report to Chapters from the Executive Board

Christy reviewed the report sent to the chapter from the ARLIS/NA Executive Board. She stressed that based on the executive board report and the national strategic plan, the chapter was asked to work on an action item that focuses energy on outreach and recruitment of new members, and to consider any other action items in the plan that the chapter could be involved with. More specifically, the objective is to attract those new to the art information profession and those from a diverse range of institutions. Recommended actions for the

chapter include scheduling appearances at college job fairs to promote art librarianship as a potential career path for students and to promote student membership in ARLIS/NA. Chapter leadership will look into the best ways to do this at local library schools including St. Catherine's and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Included in the executive board's report was an update on the ARLIS/NA 2013 conference, which will be held in Pasadena. The website for this conference is now available at <http://www.arlisna.org/pasadena2013/>.

Nominations for Chapter Leadership 2012-13 and Vote

Christy called for nominations for vice-chair (2013) and secretary treasurer (2013 and 2014). Jessica Shaykett was nominated as vice-chair and Bailey Diers as secretary/treasurer. A vote was taken and both candidates were approved to serve as officers for the upcoming year(s).

Book Talk Update

Bailey Diers, who is helping to spearhead the ARLIS/NA Twin Cities book group, gave a recap of the first book club meeting in August at the Walker Art Center, which featured a lively discussion of *Seven Days in the Art World* by Sarah Thornton. Bailey asked if others would be interested in continuing a regular (quarterly?, biannually?) book group, with a focus on reading both fiction and non-fiction on the subjects of art, art history and individual artists. Many expressed interest, so a discussion ensued on what book to read next. Several titles were suggested and *Sacre Bleu: A Comedy d'Art* by Christopher Moore was selected. It was decided that the next meeting would be sometime in January or February 2013. More information will follow from Bailey and the other book group collaborators.

Travel Award Announcement

Christy reminded everyone that the announcement of the \$300 travel award for the 2013 ARLIS/NA conference in Pasadena would be forthcoming. The award details are available on the chapter website, but more specific application criteria will be announced in January 2013. Christy and Jessica McIntyre from the MIA will serve as the travel award committee.

Website Updates

Christy reminded those in attendance of the featured librarian page on the website. A renewed call was also put out for internship opportunities to be posted on the website. Anyone interested in being a featured librarian/library, or in posting an internship, should send an email to arlisnatc@gmail.com.

Workshops/Continuing Ed for 2013 Meetings

In an effort to provide professional development opportunities as a library organization in the Twin Cities, the idea of hosting a workshop in 2013 was brought up at the summer meeting. A renewed conversation commenced around the possibility of hosting a workshop, with several members expressing interest in providing continuing education and inviting both members and non-members from the library and archives community.

Some of the ideas for topics included:

- Digital archives and digital content management
- Using Tumblr in a library/archives setting to promote collections
- More general training on social media in libraries/archives
- Grant writing workshop
- Library schools and how they've changed – what employers are looking for (a session for students/new professionals)

Chapter leadership agreed to look into funding, speakers and potential partners (VRA Midwest?, ARLIS/NA Midwest?) to host a workshop in the spring or fall of 2013.

Location of Next Meeting

Christy put a call out to members for suggestions of a meeting location for spring 2013.

Macalester College was suggested for its new art gallery. Margit Ahmann suggested the Midway Contemporary Arts organization and agreed to reach out to a contact there. Other ideas should be sent to the chapter officers before February 2013.

Tour of the Ade Bethune Collection

With the conclusion of all prior agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. After the business meeting, attendees made their way the St. Catherine University Archives to partake in a lovely tour of the Ade Bethune Collection led by archivist Deborah Kloiber. Highlights of the tour included seeing original blush and ink drawings and architectural sketches , as well as early Catholic Worker illustrations by Mrs. Bethune.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Shaykett