

ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

Midstates Spring 2017 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 10:45am
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
New Orleans, LA

Attendees: Stephanie Fletcher (Art Institute of Chicago), Karen Stafford (Art Institute of Chicago), Terrie Wilson (Michigan State University), Doug Litts (Art Institute of Chicago), Rebecca Price (University of Michigan), Alexis Burson (DePaul University), Amy Trendler (Ball State University), Viveca Robichaud (University of Notre Dame), Lyn Korenic (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Jennifer Parker (University of Notre Dame), Jamie Vander Broek (University of Michigan), Cara List (Northwestern University), Katie Greer (Oakland University), Melanie Emerson (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Andrew Wang (Indiana University), Anna Simon (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

I. Introductions: Cara welcomed the group and introduced herself.

II. Announcements: Chapter members introduced themselves and provided updates on their libraries/institutions. Some libraries are currently being renovated or will be renovated soon, including libraries at the University of Notre Dame, Ball State University, DePaul University, and UW-Madison. The University of Michigan is building a new wing for their architecture school, and Rebecca will have a desk there for reference/outreach. At the Art Institute of Chicago, Doug has a new supervisor who also oversees the publishing and digital experience departments, and the library is preparing to migrate to Alma. The art library at Michigan State University is being dismantled; Terrie can keep 40,000 volumes. Andrew reported on the changes at Indiana University due to the impending closing of the fine arts library. Melanie noted that Ricker Library is celebrating its 100-year naming anniversary.

III. Old Business

a. Membership: We discussed ways to expand membership, especially by reaching out to library science schools in the Midwest. Cara would like to create a committee to reach out to potential members and encourages us all to contact her with ideas about engagement.

b. Travel award and funding: Our chapter dues may eventually be connected with national dues. The chapter is interested in fundraising programs, especially for the Bunce travel award.

IV. New Business

a. Chapter meeting discussion: We discussed carrying out our fall business meetings online via GoToMeeting and arranging an optional campus/museum visit in the fall.

Some voiced that the cost of travel and a hotel every year is prohibitive to their participation. Viveca suggested we could meet every other year. We are interested in meeting in cities where there is a library school to encourage student involvement, and also smaller cities that would offer affordable accommodations and unique cultural activities. A student forum/presentation is another way to reach out to students through our fall meeting.

b. Fall 2017 chapter meeting: Lyn said we could pursue a joint meeting with the Midwest and Great Lakes chapters of VRA. Amy suggested a joint meeting with the ARLIS/NA-Ohio Valley chapter. Members shared some suggestions for meeting locations, but no decision was made for our fall 2017 meeting.

V. Discussion: Amy encouraged people to send her content for the next newsletter. Katie is ready to pass the mentorship program on to another member and asked for volunteers. Stephanie asked about upgrading the website and encouraged members to pay their dues. Cara asked that anyone who has archives of chapter information send it to her. We exchanged ideas for a fundraiser to help grow the Bunce fund, such as selling member-designed bags or holding a book award program.

Minutes submitted by Stephanie Fletcher

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