

ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

ARLIS/NA Midstates Chapter
Fall meeting- Chicago
Harrington College of Design, Room 106
Saturday September 14, 2013

Attendees: Alexis Burson, Leigh Gates, Amy Trendler, Melanie Emerson, Autumn Mather, Allison Hausladen, Sara Stigberg, Marsha Stevenson, Viveca Robichaud, Elizabeth Berenz.

- I. Welcome (Alexis Burson, Chair)
 - a. Alexis started off by thanking the DePaul University for providing the food and hotel discounts, the Ryerson Library staff for providing the tour of their library, and Leigh Gates for helping to plan the meeting and providing the space for the Chapter meetings.
- II. Round Robin Introductions
- III. Approval of meeting minutes from Pasadena (Alexis Burson, Chair)
- IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Leigh Gates, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect)
 - a. In December 2012 the Midstates Chapter account had \$1556. On September 6, 2013, we had \$1886, and the William Bunce Travel Account had \$1475.
- V. Membership Information (Leigh Gates, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect)
 - a. As of September 6, 2013, we had 30 members in good standing. This includes 9 new members (Autumn Mather, Rene Aranzamendez, Amanda Rybin, Christy Wahl, Sara Stigberg, Kristina Keogh, Grace Radkins, Lauren Gottlieb-Miller, Sara De Waay).
*Sarah Wade- membership pending
- VI. Newsletter Updates (Amy Trendler)
 - a. Amy thanked everyone who had submitted ideas for the last newsletter and reminded everyone to send in articles, exhibitions, news items regarding transitions, new hires, etc.
 - b. She will allow four weeks to submit ideas for the next newsletter and can save space if the full idea isn't formed yet. She asked everyone to send her pictures from the fall events.
 - c. Amy will contact new members to feature them in the newsletter.
- VII. Fall 2014 Meeting Location - Call for Volunteers (Open Forum)

- a. Interest was shown in Indiana. Iowa was also a possibility. We'll reach out to members in those states and see if they are receptive.

VIII. Member Announcements

- a. Melanie Emerson provided an update from the ARLIS/NA board.
 - i. The Development Committee has someone who works with the chapters on fundraising and will get in touch. This is helpful as the chapters support the welcome party at the annual conference.
 - ii. The main ARLIS/NA website is being updated. It will include a blog, which should make it easier and faster to get news out. To include news on their social media platforms, contact Carol Graney or Nedda Ahmed.
- b. Amy Trendler recommended establishing a new funding model for travel awards and an open discussion ensued followed by a member vote.
 - i. Amy suggested establishing a separate travel award for SEI. Members voted to provide \$300 for this year's SEI travel award, which will cover half the cost of \$595. Because the SEI location changes each year, the dollar amount will need to be adjusted annually and brought to a vote by members. It needs to be determined if this should be a separate account from the Midstates Chapter account.
 - ii. It was decided to increase the welcome party fund by \$50, increasing our contribution from \$300 to \$350 from our Midstates Chapter account.
 - iii. It was decided to increase the William Bunce Travel Award by \$50 from our Midstates Chapter account, increasing our contribution from \$500 to \$550 (\$300 from ARLIS/NA Midstates Chapter account plus \$250 from the William Bunce Travel account). If we run into funding issues, we could start charging a modest amount (i.e. \$10 to attend the local conference), just like we had in the past.
 - iv. Sara Stigberg, Marsha Stevenson and Viveca Robichaud volunteered to form the 2013-2014 Bunce Travel Award Committee replacing Terry Wilson and Elizabeth Berenz.
- c. The meeting was adjourned.