

ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

Midstates Fall 2018 Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 19 at 9:00am
University Library
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN

Attendees: Alexis Burson (DePaul University), Sarah Carter (Indiana University), Melanie Emerson, Chair (School of the Art Institute of Chicago), Alba Fernández-Keys (Indianapolis Museum of Art), Stephanie Fletcher (Art Institute of Chicago), Larissa Garcia (Northern Illinois University), Sonja Lehman (IUPUI), Cara List, Past Chair (Northwestern University), Doug Litts (Art Institute of Chicago), Tyne Lowe (Indiana University), Stacia McKeever (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Chris Quinn (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Mackenzie Salisbury (School of the Art Institute of Chicago), Anna Simon, Chair-Elect (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Molly Szymanski (Art Institute of Chicago), Amy Trendler (Ball State University), Alyssa Vincent (Northeastern Illinois University)

Online Attendees: Brad Johnston (Ball State University), Lyn Korenic (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Kathleen Lonbom (Illinois State University), Autumn Mather (Art Institute of Chicago), Terrie Wilson (Michigan State University)

- I. **Introductions:** Melanie Emerson welcomed the group and introduced herself. Members introduced themselves.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** New York City 2018 minutes were approved.
- III. **Updates & Reports**
 - A. **Elections (Alexis Burson):** We will be electing a new Secretary/Treasurer and Chair-Elect. Members who are interested in these positions can contact the current officers with questions.
 - B. **Mentoring (Melanie Emerson):** Members mentioned that they have had positive experiences with the chapter mentoring program.
 - C. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Stephanie Fletcher):** We incurred one expense since the last report in April. We spent \$275.00 to renew our non-profit status with the IRS. The General Account currently has \$1,990.34 and the Bunce Travel Award Account has \$1,036.95. We have 40 members in good standing, up from 15 in Spring 2016. Thank you everyone for paying your dues! A new Secretary/Treasurer will take over in 2019 and Stephanie will work with him/her

during the transition. Dues are based on the calendar year and will come due in January 2019. Dues are \$20 for general members, \$10 for students, and \$15 for friends. We currently have two members in the friends category.

- D. Website (Autumn Mather):** The website team is in the process of selecting a Wordpress theme and will be migrating the content in early 2019. The new site will be more visual than the current site. Please send photographs of past Midstates events and/or your libraries to the Google Drive folder that Autumn will share. We need a new Website Manager; Melanie Emerson will send out a call.

IV. Old/Ongoing Business

- A. Bundled Memberships:** Doug Litts reported that ARLIS/NA is working toward bundling chapter memberships with national memberships. Membership dues need to be uniform across all chapters, so some chapters need to vote on changing their current membership dues. The earliest the bundled membership would take effect is 2020. Only general memberships (\$20) will be bundled; chapters that have student and friend memberships will have to collect these dues online or in cash.

B. Events and Outreach:

1. Chicago Happy Hours (September 13 and October 31): Members beyond the Chicago area are interested in attending weekend events in Chicago. Cara List suggested that we could coordinate events with local iSchools to encourage student attendance.
2. University of Illinois iSchool Event (October 24): Midstates and SLA members will meet with iSchool students to discuss alternative career paths in libraries/archives. This is a program that could be replicated at other iSchools with ARLIS members on staff.
3. Bookmarks: Amy Trendler and Alexis Burson presented prototypes of a Midstates bookmark that we can distribute inside ARLIS/NA brochures to students and other potential members. Doug Litts encouraged the chapter to apply for special funding from the Executive Board. Special funding is also eligible for speakers and other chapter events. Melanie Emerson will coordinate and submit the request for special funding.

- C. Bunce Travel Award:** The chapter is seeking award committee volunteers. Melanie Emerson will put out a call on the listserv. The chapter voted to keep the award at \$600. Stephanie Fletcher suggested officially making the amount \$599, because any award \$600 or over is taxable. The award will consist of \$300 from the General Account and \$299 from the Bunce Travel Award Account.

V. New Business

- A. 2022 Conference:** Doug Litts announced that Chicago will host the 2022 ARLIS/NA annual conference. We take no action now. After the 2019 conference, we will elect a Chair for Conference Development. Thank you to the committee who wrote the proposal! Melanie Emerson will share the successful

proposal after the official announcement. We should reach out to the Retired Librarians SIG (it will be the 50th conference) and ARLISnap for perspectives on the past and future of ARLIS/NA. Conference planning documents are available online. The news will officially be announced at the Salt Lake City conference.

- B. Salt Lake City Conference Update:** There will be no silent auction. We'll receive information soon about donating as a chapter to the welcome reception. Conference participants from our chapter include Sarah Carter, Melanie Emerson, Stephanie Fletcher, Mackenzie Salisbury, Molly Szymanski, Amy Trendler, and Alyssa Vincent. Anna Simon is organizing on-site child care.

C. Announcements:

1. Melanie Emerson will send a request for volunteers to take over the newsletter. (Former newsletter editor Amy Trendler was elected ARLIS/NA Incoming President - congrats Amy!)
2. Indiana University students invited Jill Luedke to present on zines.
3. The Kohler Art Library is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020. Design students are re-envisioning the library and its space; the library will exhibit their plans.

VI. Adjournment: The business meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by: Stephanie Fletcher, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
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