

# ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

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**Midstates Spring 2019 Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 8:00am**  
**Grand America Hotel**  
**Salt Lake City, UT**

**Attendees:** Alexis Burson (DePaul University), Sarah Carter (Indiana University), Melanie Emerson (School of the Art Institute of Chicago), Alba Fernández-Keys (Indianapolis Museum of Art), Stephanie Fletcher (Art Institute of Chicago), Meredith Kahn (University of Michigan), Lyn Korenic (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Sonja Lehman (IUPUI), Doug Litts (Art Institute of Chicago), Rebecca Price (University of Michigan), Mackenzie Salisbury (School of the Art Institute of Chicago), Karen Stafford (Art Institute of Chicago), Molly Szymanski (Art Institute of Chicago), Amy Trendler (Ball State University), Alyssa Vincent (Northeastern Illinois University), Terrie Wilson (Michigan State University)

- I. **Introductions:** Sarah Carter (Vice-Chair/Chair Elect) and Melanie Emerson (Past Chair) facilitated the meeting in the absence of current Chair Anna Simon. They welcomed the group and introduced themselves. Members introduced themselves.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Fall 2018 minutes were approved.
- III. **Updates & Reports:**
  - A. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Stephanie Fletcher):** Stephanie Fletcher is the outgoing Secretary/Treasurer. Larissa Garcia is the incoming Secretary/Treasurer and officially took over this position on January 1, 2019. Larissa Garcia was elected by the membership on December 18, 2018. Stephanie Fletcher will be removed from the PNC Bank accounts. Please submit membership dues by Paypal during the treasurer transition. The current balance in the General Fund is \$1925.16 and the balance in the Bunce Fund is \$737.95. As of March 25, 2019, the Midstates Chapter has 26 members in good standing.
  - B. **Website (Rebecca Price):** The website team is currently looking at Wordpress designs for the new site. One benefit of Wordpress is that multiple editors can access the site. We are also gathering photographs of Midstates members and activities. Melanie Emerson has access to the old site and can make updates as needed until the new site is ready.
  - C. **2022 Conference Update (Sarah Carter, Melanie Emerson):** Our new Chapters Liaison to the Executive Board is Stephanie Hillis. 2022 conference roles are not yet finalized because they may be adjusted after the Salt Lake City

conference. A survey will go out to Midstates members this summer to gauge interest in Co-Chair positions. Doug Litts encouraged Midstates members to get involved and talk to recent Co-Chairs if they have questions. Mackenzie Salisbury inquired if we could ask for increased funding for 50th Anniversary events. Gregg Most is the new Chair of the Development Committee and is working to centralize fundraising activities at the national level. We should ask him about fundraising and additional funds.

- D. Fall Meeting Location:** Thank you to Sonja Lehman for hosting us in Indianapolis! Our next fall meeting could be a joint meeting with the Ohio Valley Chapter. We are considering Cincinnati, Cleveland, Bloomington (IN), and Madison. Melanie Emerson will contact someone from the Ohio Valley Chapter.

#### **IV. Ongoing Business:**

- A. Chapter Mentoring:** Karen Stafford asked if the chapter mentoring program is still active. Jamie Lausch Vander Broek is running the program but may be interested in stepping down.
- B. ARLIS/NA Archives:** Lyn Korenic asked where are chapter archives are housed. They are part of the ARLIS/NA Archives at the University of Illinois. We may want to consult them to learn more about the 20th annual conference, which Chicago also hosted.
- C. Bookmarks:** Alexis Burson asked about the Midstates bookmarks project. Melanie Emerson will submit a Project Charter in advance of the May Executive Board meeting.
- D. Announcements:**
1. Mackenzie Salisbury is the new Newsletter Editor.
  2. Karen Stafford announced that the next MACDG meeting is October 4, 2019 at Notre Dame.
  3. Sarah Carter mentioned there is a gender neutral bathroom in the hotel's Sales Office.
  4. Terrie Wilson announced that the MSU fine arts library will open in the fall.
  5. Lyn Korenic said the 50th anniversary of the Kohler Art Library is in 2020. An exhibit of artists' books by UW students and faculty will be on display. They are collecting oral histories from artists. Anna Simon is working on an e-publication.
  6. Karen Stafford announced changes to the Ryerson Library's artist files collection and mentioned a recent donation from Terry Myers.
  7. Lyn Korenic suggested the Midstates Chapter commission and sell an artist's book as a fundraiser. She suggested pop-up artist Shawn Sheehy.

- V. Adjournment:** The business meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes by:** Stephanie Fletcher for Larissa Garcia, Secretary/Treasurer, 4/10/19