ARLIS/MidStates Fall 2010 Meeting

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor– Hatcher Graduate Library October 22, 2010: 3:45 - 5 pm.

Attendees: Lyn Korenic, Linda Duychak, Jennifer Gustafson, Melanie Emerson, Jamie Lausch, Kathleen Lonbom, Deirdre Spencer, Diane Sybeldon, Tony White, Laura Haxer, Leigh Gates, Amy Smola, Terrie Wilson, Amy Trendler, Nicole Finzer, Megan Macken, Amanda Rybin, Whitney Gaylord, Rebecca Frank, Laurie Chipps, Jennifer Parker, vice chair/chair-elect, Marsha Stevenson, Annette Haines, Amy Fry, Rebecca Price, chair, Jennifer Hehman, secretary/treasurer.

Welcome
Chair Rebecca Price welcomed all the attendees to the Midstates Chapter Fall Business meeting, handing out copies of the agenda to those who had not brought print outs. She announced that the earlier breakfast for the VRA Great lakes Chapter was provided by Scott Gilchrist of Archivision. ARLIS/Midstates members were invited to the morning VRA Chapter meeting. The lunch preceding our Midstates meeting ( and to which the VRA Chapter members were invited) was graciously provided by ProQuest, headquartered in Ann Arbor. [After lunch the group had two consecutive tours- first of the University Museum of Art new wing and second the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology , before congregating back in the Hatcher Library for the business meeting. ]

Approval of Spring Minutes
The minutes of our Spring meeting in April 2010 at the Boston conference were approved as posted online. Laura Haxer moved, Marsha Stevenson seconded, attendees approved by voice vote.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report
Jennifer Hehman handed out copies of the draft Chapter Financial Report for October 22, 2010 to attendees. She noted that we now had 29 chapter members in good standing. The report was approved for posting to the Chapters web page. Hehman reported that all the Chapter Treasurers were having to re-file with the IRS an N990-e form, required to keep 501(3)c status for the Chapters, a problem caused by the Society’s previous management service having been Canadian. (The IRS had us de-listed as non-functional.)This is being rectified. The William C. Bunce Travel Award account is being depleted and may run out in 4 years- if there is no replenishment of funds. Hehman also raised the issue of our usual contribution of chapter funds for the annual conference Welcome party. The issues of the Bunce Award and the chapter’s contribution to the Welcome Party were discussed as part of the agenda later in the meeting.

Report from the ARLIS/NA Board
Tony White gave a detailed update from the ARLIS/NA Board. He reported that the Board is in the process of reviewing the service performance of TEI, our management firm and put out an appeal to all members to send him comments. Next he gave the group the latest conference information- planned for March 2011 in Minneapolis, highlighting many details of the program.
White requested comments / suggestions for the Board from members for improvements to the conference. One suggestion was to provide easels and backing boards for the Poster sessions. Another noted the difficulties using Memberclicks for searching the memberlist. In other matters, White noted that Sarah Falls who has been hosting the Webinar service Go To Meeting will be relieved of this growing duty as Chris Roper, of TEI will take over the Hosting work for all Chapters. The Board is working on a new Strategic Plan and wants wider participation in crafting the new plan - avoiding the past experience of only a small group providing input. This was later discussed further. For those who want a printed Directory of Members, and for record keeping, on February 1st of each year; a PDF of the Directory will be made available by TEI. White concluded his presentation with the announcement that the International Relations Committee is planning a trip to Mexico City in August to connect with our colleagues in Mexico.

Sonja Staum was unable to attend and so there was no report from the Development Committee.

Chapter Logo design Contest Update
Marsha Stevenson and Annette Haines updated us on the Chapter Logo design project, passing around a sample design made by a Notre Dame design student. They gave us the parameters of the design - the design should be for both B/W and color printing, useful for web applications and readable by most software, and if a map is part of the design it must include all the states of the Chapter – deadline for decision will be at the Minneapolis conference chapter meeting. Haines noted that she would send out the parameters in an e-mail to the chapter listserv. Members were encouraged to circulate this project with any design students who might be interested in submitting their designs. The winner would be given credit for the work- and cited on the Chapter Web pages.

Chapter Website
There were no updates on the Chapter Web site, as Nicole Beatty could not attend the meeting.

William C. Bunce Travel Award
Lyn Korenic gave a brief history of the Bunce Travel Award and which is named in honor of William C. Bunce, one of the founders of the Chapter, and his contributions to the chapter and Society. The group discussed further how we may maintain the award. We discussed the option of raising funds to create an endowment by the time the current funds run out and common rules on setting up an endowment. We will continue this discussion at our next meeting. In the interim, it was decided to add a line to our chapter annual membership renewal form for donations to the award. Members could then submit a separate check with their renewals for any sum to donate to the Bunce award account.

Chapter Newsletter
Amy Trendler invited members to contribute to the Fall Chapter newsletter by November 5th. Trendler encouraged everyone to submit news about their libraries or projects.

2011 Chapter Meetings
2011 Chapter meeting sites were discussed. In March 2011, our spring meeting will be during the annual Society conference in Minneapolis. Our Fall chapter meeting will be at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, hosted by Jennifer Parker and Marsha Stevenson. Lyn Korenic
invited the Chapter to come to the University of Wisconsin at Madison, for the Fall 2012 meeting. She noted that a new art museum building is under construction and will be ready by then.

Nominations Committee
The Election of a Chapter Vice Chair/ chair elect is due to be held this Fall with Leigh Gates and Laura Haxer as the nominating/ election committee. They have one candidate and put out a call for nominations from the floor. None were offered, but they will solicit nominations via the listserv. The vote will be conducted online in December.

Strategic Plan Discussion
Jamie Lausch, our representative on the Strategic Planning Committee, began our discussion of the Strategic Plan which is to start in 2011 and run to 2015. A lively discussion among the members ensued : Lyn Korenic who had worked on the first Strategic Plan, noted the continuing factor of some of the goals - maybe we need a new approach to them. Dierdre Spencer commented on the growth of the organization (ARLIS/NA) and sees more career opportunities that could be included, Leigh Gates asked about the time focus of the goals - short term, medium and long term ones? A member noted that the VRA solicited membership input using a web survey for their most recent Strategic Plan. It would be useful to know how the survey was constructed and what questions were asked as it could be critical to gaining useful insight. Diane Sybeldon asked if Core Competencies surveys or experiences could be action items for the Strategic Plan. Another member brought up Open Access” as an advocacy issue that the Society should address. Amy Trendler asked about how important issues of “advocacy” were in the Strategic Plan. Jennifer Hehman asked about the role ARLIS/NA could play to increase advocacy for the Arts in ACRL / ALA- the main group for our Administrators. Tony White noted the past use of the Strategic Plan for advocacy has depended upon the leadership / commitment of the President of ARLIS/NA . This Strategic Plan will continue to be discussed on our list serv.

Rebecca Price handed out some new tri-lingual ARLIS/NA Membership Brochures and the Chapter book mark samples . If you want any to share and promote the chapter with your colleagues and students, ask for them from Rebecca.

The annual contribution of $300 to the conference welcome party by the Chapter was discussed. Tony White moved we continue this tradition and donate the same amount to the Minneapolis conference, Annette Haines seconded, and the group voted to approve. Rebecca Price will inform Sonja Staum , Conference Development committee, of our decision.

The meeting concluded at 5 pm with a few announcements . Tony White noted that his library, Indiana University-Bloomington Fine Arts Library is hosting the College Book Artists Association exhibit in January 13-16, 2011. Rebecca Price gave out a list of possible dinner venues nearby and Jamie Lausch had made reservations at a nearby pub for those wishing to imbibe. A last reminder that Saturday’s meeting is to start at 9 am on the North Campus with breakfast provided in the Duderstadt Center ( Art, Architecture and Engineering Library) with the panel of Jennifer Gustafson and Ray Silverman presenting on the two Museum Studies Certificate Programs in the area.
respectfully submitted, Jennifer L. Hehman,

ARLIS/MidStates Chapter secretary/ treasurer 2010-2012