Midstates Fall 2015 Meeting Minutes
Grand Rapids MI
Friday, October 2 at 1pm Brewer Classroom at the Frederik Meijer Gardens
and Sculpture Park

Minutes taken by: Melanie Emerson, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Attendees: Rebecca Price (University of Michigan), Marsha Stevenson (University of Notre Dame), Anne Danberg (Art Institute of Chicago), Alexis Burson (DePaul University), Karyn Hinkle (Northwestern University), Jamie Vander Broek (University of Michigan), Viveca Robichaud (University of Notre Dame), Terrie Wilson (Michigan State University), Karen Stafford (Art Institute of Chicago), Stephanie Fletcher (Art Institute of Chicago), Amy Trendler (Ball State University), Cara List (Northwestern University), Malcolm McBryde (Kalamazoo Institute of Arts), Kai Alexis Smith (University of Notre Dame) Melanie Emerson (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

Approval of Spring 2015 Meeting Minutes was completed via e-mail.

I. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report:
Balance as of October 1, 2015
The Main Account Balance is $1774.48
Since April we’ve had $150 in membership dues and donations; $300 was sent to Dennis Hiller for the SEI Award.
The Bunce Travel Award Balance is $960
Since April we’ve had $20 in donations

II. Membership Update: 25 members are currently in good standing.
Melanie will contact any members not in good standing after the meeting. The goal is to have PayPal implemented before the end of the year for online membership payments.

III. Chapter Mentoring Update: Katie wasn’t able to make the meeting, but participants reported it was a good experience. There were two sets of mentors and mentees; the Chapter program runs six months and is wrapping up soon. There was discussion about how we might make the program more suited for Chapter needs and membership.

IV. Fundraising: Discussing of possible events in Chicago, Detroit, and other possible locations. It was suggested we plan a number of events of different size, location, and types of programs. Possible upcoming events: DIA
exhibition 30 Americans, AIC Special Event, D-Electricity & MOCAD in Detroit, Chicago Book Arts Center, Signal Return Workshop. Think about fundraising, but also recruiting new members.

V. Seattle Conference: Chapter members presenting: Amy Trendler presenting on engaging new library users, both faculty and students. Kai Alexis Smith will be sending out a call for a Student Diversity Award for the conference. Melanie Emerson is part of a panel presenting on Wikipedia edit-a-thons, as part of the workshop on the same subject. Kai and others discussed their experience with recent edit-a-thons and how faculty are using Wikipedia as writing assignments, etc.

Member’s voted to donate $300 to the Welcome party.

VI. Bunce Travel Award Rebecca Price proposed the Chapter provide $300 for the Bunce Travel Award for the Seattle Conference; Marsha Stevenson seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously. After the meeting a call will be put out on the list to recruit members to serve on the Bunce Travel Award Committee.

Some discussion about how we might support other Chapter members moving forward, as SEI will not be in the Midwest. After the meeting a call will be put out on the list to recruit members to continue this discussion.

VII. IFLA Art Section Meeting: Viveca Robichaud and Melanie Emerson presented some details about the upcoming IFLA Art Section Meeting. It will be hosted and sponsored by Notre Dame University and take place at the Art Institute of Chicago, August 9-11, 2015. The theme of the conference is The Art Library as Place: Building on the Past, Building for the Future. There is a core group working the on the planning, but we’ll need more Chapter members to help with local arrangement and planning. A call for volunteers will be sent in the coming months, as well as a call for papers.

VIII. Matters Arising: Amy Trendler provided an update on the Chapter brochures. After some discussion it was decided to make a template that could be printed on demand for any Chapter events where recruitment might be possible. The brochure will be a bookmark that sticks out of the ARLIS/NA brochure.

IX. Lightning Talks: Everyone present gave a brief update on their libraries. Many libraries were rethinking collections, moving materials to remote storage, and reconsidering how library space is used. Many libraries are also considering new ways to engage their users and support and enrich their unique collections.
Meeting adjourn!