

**ARLIS / Mid States Chapter Meeting**  
**April 24, 2010 , 8-9 am**  
**Boston Conference Minutes**

Attendees: Jennifer Hehman, secretary/treasurer, Rebecca Price, chair, Lyn Korenic, Linda Duychak, Tracy Bergstram, Laurie Chipps, Jamie Lausch, Rijn Templeton, Jennifer Parker, Tony White, Marsha Stevenson, Terrie Wilson, Jennifer Gustafson, Nicole Beatty. Chair Rebecca Price opened the meeting, as the attendance sheet, agenda , membership renewal forms, last meeting minutes and financial report were being passed out. The minutes from the Fall 2009 Chapter Meeting in Milwaukee were approved with minor typo corrections. The Treasurer's report was approved and the Bunce Travel Award for 2010 was presented to Jamie Lausch. Lyn Korenic gave a brief review of the Bunce Award history with remarks that the chapter consider some future fund raising activities to replenish the award.

Since some members were new - Rebecca had us introduce ourselves to the group. Jennifer Gustafson gave information on her position at Wayne State, which includes managing the library school arts internship program. Nicole Beatty reported on the conversion of the chapter web site and hosting by TEI. Rebecca reported on the Chapter bylaws time line change: we must get Society Executive Board approval before changing chapter bylaws. All our changes proposed last year have been approved and adopted. Nicole has updated our website with our revised bylaws.

Tony White, on behalf of the Society Executive Board (EB), gave an update- He noted that the EB is interested in knowing chapter and member experiences working with TEI, our new management firm. What has been challenging during this transition or what has not? Let Vanessa Kam, our EB liaison, know. Chris Roper is taking over Nancy Short's position, as she has left the organization. TEI is learning how complex we are as an organization- for example, problems with registration for the conference online, learning to arrange for the additional members to get hotel rooms for the conference, and setting up the annual online Society Membership renewals to include chapter dues, which is also in process .

Chapter newsletter is coming out soon. May 10th is the deadline to send items to Amy Trendler, our Newsletter editor. Jennifer Parker invited all to help redo the chapter website. Jennifer attended the "branding your chapter" workshop and advises that our website needs to be more dynamic. After some discussion, the consensus was that the chapter web pages needed to be updated/ re- branded./ redesigned. Designing a new chapter logo could become a design class project. Concerns were expressed for getting a good design-several members have access to design students who could be asked to help work on it. It could be posed as a competition.

Fall meeting: Rebecca lead a discussion of the 3 possible weekends available for the Fall meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan- the best weekend seemed to be October 22-23, for most attendees. She will send out information, driving time, time for meeting, programming, new museum to see, etc. Like the last chapter meeting with the VRA Midwest Chapter, we could contact and invite VRA Great Lakes Chapter to join us. Best meeting times suggested were- a Friday late morning start through Saturday morning. Meeting ideas were discussed and restaurant options were mentioned.. Possible accommodations are nearby. Rebecca will send out more information as the time draws near.

A membership committee, chaired by incoming chapter chair, Jennifer Parker, has been initiated, to increase our membership and to retain our current members. Some ideas to improve our membership numbers include: contacting library schools in the region and finding best ways to help students make a link to us, as well as making personal contacts and mentoring our students. There were also suggestions to get a list of all Society members who live in the region from TEI. Tony White reported that he can borrow a university van to bring his students and those at IUPUI/ SLIS Indianapolis to meetings. We all need to interest more students -both art and library students in Arts Librarianship.

It was suggested that we put highlights of our individual library collections on the chapter web site- to feature a library of the month-blogs, lunchtime chats, etc. Tony reported "GoToMeeting" © has been approved by the EB for webinars-so we could use that for "lunchtime chats," for virtual meetings or to stay in contact. Jennifer Hehman asked about the possibility of adding "LEU" s for credit for webinars, with discussion of this- but it is not yet an issue across the chapter.

Funding requests: we should keep in mind that there is funding available for the chapter meetings and chapter projects from Society treasurer, Ted Goodman. This could be for outreach activities, esp. for speakers, joint meetings with VRA, etc. Tony said there is money for support of programming. This led to some ideas for our fall meeting program: negotiating your first contract, contracts and how they work, how to get a salary increase, a workshop on fund raising and working with donors, and other ideas.

Announcements:

Reminder: Next chapter meeting will be October 22-23, 2010 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Chapter Membership Renewal forms were collected by the Treasurer. Our time was up- Rebecca Price adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer L. Hehman,  
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