ARLIS/Midstates Chapter Spring Meeting Minutes ARLIS/NA Conference
Sheraton Centre Hotel Toronto, Mezzanine, Room D Saturday, March 31, 2012

In attendance: Deborah Evans-Cantrell, Alexis Burson, Emilee Mathews, Viveca Robichaud, Linda Duychak, Terrie Wilson, Laurie Chipps, Rebecca Price, Annette Haines, Lyn Korenic, Amanda Qualls, Marsha Stevenson, Amy Trendler, Katie Greer, Jennifer Hehman, Alba Fernández-Keys, Kathleen Lonbom (17 members)

1. Welcome and introductions
Chair, Kathleen Lonbom welcomed attendees. Introductions were made in a round robin fashion.

2. Approval of Fall 2011 minutes
Kathleen Lonbom asked for any revisions or corrections to the minutes. Attendees voted to approve the minutes without revisions.

3. Secretary/Treasurer’s report
Secretary/Treasurer, Alba Fernández-Keys reported the following:
The Chapter’s bank account has increased by $280 since last report. As of March 28, 2012 the balance was $2,095.22.
The Bunce Travel Award received $190 in donations since the last report. As of March 28, 2012, the bank account balance was $1,340.

4. Membership information
Secretary/Treasurer, Alba Fernández-Keys reported that, as of March 28, 2012 the chapter had fourteen members in good standing. Two of those members were new to the chapter.

5. Newsletter updates
Amy Trendler, newsletter editor, solicited members to submit updates, stories, or other news to include in the newsletter. The deadline for submissions is usually two weeks after the meeting but can be flexible. A suggestion was made about the possibility of including new member profiles.
Jennifer Hehman proposed to adopt the newsletter’s logo as the new ARLIS/Midstates logo. Amy will soon offer the chapter a similar alternative that might be appropriate for the entire website. She has been working with the idea of incorporating a color wheel. Emilee Mathews suggested that members vote on this new logo over e-mail instead of waiting until the fall meeting.

[Other updates]
Kathleen attended the Chapter Chair meeting where Laurel Bliss, ARLIS/NA Executive Board’s Chapter Liaison, reported that there is interest in new member recruitment. Some chapters have a state coordinator for this purpose. Annette Haines, member of the Diversity Committee, reported that the association is also interested in increasing the diversity of the membership. Kathleen reported that VRA and ARLIS/NA are working towards a model for joint future conferences. Upcoming conferences will be in Pasadena in 2013, Washington D.C. in 2014 but the location for 2015 remains open.

6. 2012 Fall business meeting
Lyn Korenic discussed plans for the upcoming Midstates fall meeting at UW Madison. They have not hosted a chapter meeting since 2000. Last time the chapter met in Madison attendees visited Frank Lloyd Wright’s Taliesin, but there are many new locations that may be of interest. Lyn also shared possible dates for a Friday-Saturday meeting. Lyn will communicate her ideas about programming and tours, as well as possible dates, with the rest of the membership via email. There is usually a small fee to attend the fall meeting. A suggestion was made to waive student attendance fees. Jennifer Hehman suggested we invite ARLIS/NA Headquarters staff because they are located in Wisconsin.

Lyn Korenic and Linda Duychak are teaching an art librarianship class. A suggestion was made to include this as a topic of discussion in the fall as it relates to growing our membership.

7. Announcements
Kathleen reminded the membership that due to Tony White’s departure we have no current Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and an election must take place immediately to remedy the situation. Additionally, there were several items that did not get taken care of including: establishing a travel award committee and sending the $300 donation to ARLIS/NA in support of the welcome party as approved in the fall meeting. Alba will follow-up with ARLIS/NA HQ regarding the donation.

Amy Trendler reminded the group that the Summer Educational Institute will take place in Ann Arbor this June. Rebecca Price is the local coordinator. Registration to attend is $595. Members inquired whether the chapter could provide Bunce Travel Award funds for a member to attend SEI since no award was made this year. Emilee and former members of the Bunce committee will follow up on this issue as the bylaws may not allow this. Lyn Korenic reminded attendees who William Bunce was.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Alba Fernández-Keys