

# ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

**Midstates Spring 2015 Meeting Minutes**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**  
**Saturday, March 21, 5pm in Texas Room H**

**Minutes takes by:** Melanie Emerson, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

**Attendees:** Katie Greer (Oakland University), Leigh Gates (Harrington College of Design), Anne Danberg (Art Institute of Chicago), Alexis Burson (DePaul University), Karyn Hinkle (Northwestern University), Janelle Rebel (School of the Art Institute of Chicago), Lyn Korenic (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Jamie Vander Broek (University of Michigan), Viveca Robichaud (University of Notre Dame), Karl Blumgntel (NYARC) Rebecca Price (University of Michigan), Terrie Wilson (Michigan State University), Karen Stafford (Art Institute of Chicago), Elizabeth Berenz (ARTstor), Melanie Emerson (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

Approval of Fall 2014 Meeting Minutes was completed via e-mail.

**I. Secretary/Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as of October 2014

The Bunce Travel Award Balance is \$1180

Since October we've had \$115 in membership dues and donations; \$300 was sent to Janelle Rebel for the Bunce Travel Award.

- II. Membership Update:** 17 members are currently in good standing. Please remember 2015 membership fees are due April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions about your membership status, please contact Melanie Emerson. Will update membership roster on the website shortly after April 1.

Normal membership numbers are around 25. Email will be sent after the conference to try to get all memberships updated and reach out to students and others who might be interested in membership. Melanie work with Anne Danberg and Rebecca Price to implement of online payment process by the end of the summer.

- III. Introduction of Travel Award Winner:** Janelle Rebel was introduced as the recipient of the 2015 Bunce Travel Award. She is currently a graduate student in the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Visual and Critical Studies program. She is also a librarian at Concordia University. Janelle received here MLS from Dominican University and has an undergraduate degree from Ball State University. Leigh Gates has been introducing her to various people at the conference.

Rebecca put out a call for volunteers for the award committee. She would like to be sure the call for applicants is put out in October with a deadline of November and award notification in December. This will allow recipients to plan more easily for the conference.

**IV. SEI Award or Sponsorship:** Rebecca suggested we again offer an SEI award for \$300. After some discussion regarding lack of applicants last year, it was decided to again plan for a \$300 award for a mid-western attendee. Melanie will be sure it is posted to UIUC's GSLIS students. However, if not award is give, the Chapter will provide a \$150 donation to help sponsor a coffee break.

**V. Fundraising:** Future fundraising was discussed. Karyn Hinkle discussed the ways in which the NY Chapter raised money--including an option on the membership form and field trips and others events that required a fee. The membership form currently included an option for general donations and Bunce Travel Award donations. Everyone agreed it might be worth exploring regional events and field trips, since this Midstates region is so large.

Alexis Burson suggested a trip to Columbia College's Book Arts Center. Leigh suggested this idea has been raised before and she will follow-up with Rene when she is back in Chicago. The idea of incorporating programming to engage library students in Chicago and Urbana-Champaign was also suggested.

Lyn Korenic suggested Amy Trendler include a short article about the Bunce Award in order to give some background and stress the importance of supporting travel within the Chapter.

**VI. Fall Meeting:** Fall meeting will be held in Grand Rapids. There are lots of events and tours planned; the meeting coincides with Art Prize. The meeting will take place October 2 and October 3, 2015.

**VII. Chapter Mentoring Initiative:** Katie Greer is the Chapter Mentoring Program Coordinator. Currently there are not many mentees signed up for the Chapter's program. It is great initiative for members at all stages in their career. Katie will send out more information after the conference.

**VIII. Web Committee Update:** Anne Danberg is taking over for Alexis Burson as the webmaster. Thank you to Alexis for all her efforts the last couple of years.

**IX. IFLA Arts Section Satellite Meeting:** Several members of the Midstates Chapter are working with the Ohio Valley Chapter and the IFLA Arts Section to plan a statelite meeting in Chicago August 9-11, 2016. The main IFLA Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio August 11-18. The Art Institute of

Chicago will provide the space with more details to come. The proposed theme is: *The Art Library as Place: Building on the Past, Building for the Future*. There will be a call for volunteers to help with all aspects of planning.

Membership moved to adjourn!