

ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

Midstates Fall 2019 Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 4, 2019 at 9:00am
Cranbrook Academy of Art
Bloomfield Hills, MI

Attendees: Greg Baise (University of Michigan), Joan Beaudoin (Wayne State University), Alexis Burson (DePaul University), Sarah Carter (Indiana University), Christine D'Arpa (Wayne State University), Autumn Diaz (Cranbrook Academy of Art), Melanie Emerson (School of the Art Institute of Chicago), Jackie Fleming (Indiana University), Stephanie Fletcher (Art Institute of Chicago), Meredith Kahn (University of Michigan), Emilee Mathews (University of Illinois), Becca Pad (College for Creative Studies), Rebecca Price (University of Michigan), Courtney Richardson (University of Illinois), Percy Richardson Jr., Mackenzie Salisbury (School of the Art Institute of Chicago), Amy Seipke (College for Creative Studies), Susan Sheiner (Royal Oak Park Library), Anna Simon (University of Wisconsin), Amy Trendler (Ball State University), Jamie Vander Broek (University of Michigan), Autumn Wetli (University of Michigan), Terrie Wilson (Michigan State University), Karen Wissink (Wayne State University)

- I. **Introductions:** Anna Simon welcomed the group. Members introduced themselves.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Spring 2019 minutes were approved.
- III. **Updates & Reports:**
 - A. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Stephanie Fletcher):** The current balance in the General Fund is \$2,550.70 and the balance in the Bunce Fund is \$1,117.95. As of September 30, 2019, the Midstates Chapter has 43 members in good standing. We are not collecting dues today because ARLIS/NA Headquarters is launching bundled membership soon.
 - B. **Website (Rebecca Price):** The new website is live. The Wordpress site can accommodate multiple editors; currently the Web Editor and the Chair have editing privileges. There is a blog feature. Recent news and the newsletter archive are under the News tab. Please send pictures of your libraries to Rebecca Price so she can add them to the website. She will check on the website's accessibility and will make sure there is a description of the Midstates geographic area on the website.
 - C. **2022 Conference Update (Sarah Carter, Melanie Emerson):** The 2022 conference will be held in Chicago. Co-Chairs are Doug Litts and Rebecca Price; Local Arrangement Co-Chairs are Alexis Burson and Melanie Emerson. The

Conference Planning Manual is on the ARLIS/NA website. The first step is to set the dates and find a hotel. Amy Trendler said there will be an RFP for the hotel soon. There will also be a task force for 50th anniversary events that will work with the Co-Chairs.

- D. Outreach Programs for iSchools (Anna Simon):** Anna Simon and Melanie Emerson discussed the successful joint Midstates/SLA program held at the University of Illinois iSchool in October 2018. This type of program, ideally held at college campuses that have both fine arts and library science programs, can help Midstates connect with library students. Emilee Mathews mentioned that the ARLIS/NA Diversity Committee is also thinking about recruitment. Mackenzie Salisbury said we need a way to connect with online iSchools and Rebecca Price noted that we should reach out to museum studies programs, too.
- E. Fall 2020 Meeting (Anna Simon):** The Ohio Valley chapter is interested in a joint fall 2020 meeting. Locations mentioned during our discussion were Bloomington (IN), Champaign-Urbana, Toledo, and Louisville. Sarah Carter has started conversations about the meeting with the Ohio Valley Chair. Our fall 2021 meeting will be in Chicago, in advance of the 2022 ARLIS/NA conference.
- F. Elections (Melanie Emerson):** The chapter needs to elect a new Chair-Elect. Melanie Emerson will put out a call on the listserv for Nominating Committee volunteers. Ballots will be available by December 1 and voting will close by December 15.

IV. Ongoing Business:

- A. Commemorative Pop-Up Book (Anna Simon for Lyn Korenic and Sonja Lehman):** Anna Simon summarized the proposal for the chapter to commission a pop-up book to commemorate the 50th anniversary of ARLIS/NA. The chapter is interested in commissioning multiple artists' books instead of one deluxe edition, or a limited edition and a print run of one book. We could put a call out to Midwestern artists, which would be a way to engage local artists with ARLIS/NA. We have to decide how much we would spend on the commission/s; where we will get the money; and whether or not it will be a fundraiser. We will need a Special Funding Request, a committee to oversee the process, and advice from the Development Committee.

V. Announcements/New Business:

- A. Stephanie Fletcher noted that Luke Leither, Salt Lake City Local Arrangement Co-Chair, suggested that chapters fund an award for caregivers who want to travel to the annual conference.
- B. Jamie Vander Broek announced that the Ann Arbor Wayzgoose and Printing Festival is next weekend (October 11-12).
- C. Greg Baise recommended the Scott Hocking installation and the MBAD African Bead Museum in Detroit.

VI. Adjournment: The business meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by: Stephanie Fletcher for Larissa Garcia, Secretary/Treasurer, 10/10/19