

# ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

**Midstates Spring 2020 Minutes**  
**Monday, April 27, 10:00am CST/11:00am EST**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Attendees:** Alba Fernandez-Keys, Alex O'Keefe, Amy Trendler, Anna Simon, Autumn Wetli, Becca Pad, Chris Mannix, Doug Litts, Greg Baise, Hayley-Jane Blackstone, Stefanie Hilles, Jamie Vander Broek, Jane Darcovich, Meredith Kahn, Karen Stafford, Larissa Garcia, Lynette Korenic, Mackenzie Salisbury, Marsha Stevenson, Emilee Mathews, Rebecca Price, Rijn Templeton, Stephanie Fletcher, Terrie Wilson.

- I. **Introductions:** Sarah Carter welcomed the group. Members introduced themselves.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Fall 2019 minutes were approved.
- III. **Updates & Reports:**
  - A. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Larissa Garcia):** Due to COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home order in Illinois, Larissa has been unable to access financial accounts or chapter files, so no new financial report was given. However, she will be sending out a report within the next week. She will also be filing chapter taxes by May 15.

The chapter donation for the annual conference in St. Louis was sent and received by ARLIS/NA. With the conference now canceled, the Conference Planning Committee and the executive board are encouraging chapters to allow ARLIS/NA to keep that donation as part of the conference relief fund since the annual conference is one of the society's main avenues of revenue. Once the financial report is sent out to membership, we can vote whether or not to allow ARLIS/NA to keep the donation as part of the conference relief fund.

- B. **Outreach to Chapter iSchools (Emilee Mathews & Mackenzie Salisbury)**

Working from the model that Melanie Emerson created at UIUC back in 2019, Mackenzie and Emilee have started to make connections with librarians and student groups from other iSchools within our chapter's region about networking panel events. Mackenzie plans to use an updated list of contacts from Basecamp, but members who have existing relationships with those at iSchools or in Art History or Digital Humanities programs, please let Mackenzie know.
- C. **Chapter Mentoring Update (Jamie Vander Broek)**

This program is similar to the yearlong career mentoring program; however, mentors and mentees are matched within Midstates and the program lasts six months. Training will be conducted virtually and the chapter mentoring liaison will provide regular prompts for communication. Pairs are responsible for goal-setting, regular communication, and setting and attending meetings. All members are eligible and encouraged to participate. Monthly communication is typical, only an hour or two a month, but the six month commitment is important. Applications will be accepted through June 1, 2020. The program will run from August 1, 2020 to February 1, 2021. For more information, check out this [document](#) and the [sign-up sheet](#). Contact Jamie Vander Broek (jlausch@umich.edu) with questions.

**D. 2022 Conference Update (Rebecca Price and Doug Litts):**

Although a conference venue has not yet been secured, the Hyatt Regency Chicago is currently the top choice. We need to start thinking about a theme, logo, and how the conference may look different (on-site and/or virtual). There will be an application process for the different conference roles needed.

**IV. Announcements/New Business:**

- A. Hayley-Jane Blackstone introduced herself as the new newsletter editor, taking over for Mackenzie. She will be communicating with membership for items to contribute.

**V. Adjournment:** The business meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes by:** Larissa Garcia, Secretary/Treasurer, 05/01/2020