

ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

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Midstates Spring 2021 Minutes
Tuesday, April 27, 9:00 am CST/10:00 am EST
Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Mackenzie Salisbury, Sarah Carter, Carol Ng-He, Hayley Blackstone, Heather Koopsman, Marsha Stevenson, Melanie Emerson, Stephanie Grimm, Larissa Garcia, Stephanie Fletcher, Terrie Wilson, Cara List, Amy Trendler, Greg Baise, Stephanie Hilles, Rebecca Price, Jamie Vander Broek, Alexis Burson, Diane Dias De Fazio, Alex O'Keefe, Karen Stafford, Sonja Lehman

I. Introductions - Mackenzie Salisbury

II. Approval of Minutes from Fall 2020 meeting

Fall 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

III. Updates & Reports

A. Secretary/ Treasurer's Report - Becca Pad

The current balance for the General fund is 3,133.93 and the balance for the Bunce fund is 1,063.95. As of April 23rd, 2021 there are 39 members in good standing. Membership dues can be paid as part of the ARLIS/NA bundle or individually through our Paypal account.

B. Website - Greg Baise

Greg Baise is working with Rebecca Price on the website transition. The website was backed up and reverted to an old version of Wordpress to troubleshoot and resolve some issues. New Wordpress themes are being explored to keep the website current and updated. The Fall 2020 draft meeting minutes are on the website and will be updated with the approved minutes. The membership roster on the website is current. Please reach out to Greg with any updates for the website.

C. 2020 Conference Planning Activities Report/Discussion - Cara List, Alexis Burson, Melanie Emerson, and Jamie Vander Broek

The Conference Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) shared updates for the 2022 50th anniversary ARLIS/NA conference. The CPAC is working with ARLIS/NA leadership on conference planning. The conference theme is Past, Present,

Future: Aspiring to New Heights. The theme will highlight the 50th anniversary of ARLIS/NA and Chicago's architecture. Melanie Emerson and Alexis Burson are the Local Arrangements Co-Chairs. Jamie Vander Broek and Cara List will serve as Program Co-Chairs. Cara will email the Midstates listserv to ask for conference volunteers. [The presentation slides are available here.](#)

D. Outreach Programs for iSchools - Mackenzie Salisbury and Emilee Mathews

Mackenzie Salisbury provided an update on the iSchool outreach project. There is interest in continuing this project, even though progress is slow. One of the challenges for establishing and maintaining relationships with student chapters is the frequent turnover of chapter leadership. A successful connection was made with the ALA student chapter at Chicago State University. Stephanie Fletcher knows the student chapter president at Dominican University and can connect Mackenzie and Emilee Mathews. Other Midstates members are invited to connect with local iSchools to develop programming. There may be new opportunities for virtual programming to outreach to iSchools that are not geographically located near Midstates members.

E. Bunce Travel Award - Carol Ng-He, Diane Dias De Fazio, Greg Baise

The Bunce Travel Award Committee met over the year to update the award criteria and announcement content. After the virtual conference announcement, the Committee reconvened and revised the award criteria to align with the new conference registration. Due to the lower cost for the virtual conference, the award was divided into four awards, two students and two members. The Committee did not receive any applications for the award this year. The funds were left for future award cycles. Mackenzie Salisbury encouraged students and newer members to apply to the Bunce Travel Award.

F. Fall 2021 Meeting - Mackenzie Salisbury

Mackenzie Salisbury discussed plans for the Fall 2021 Midstates meeting. Since this meeting will be close to the 2022 Chicago conference, Mackenzie proposed a working meeting to maximize time for conference planning. Members would like to remain flexible about meeting virtually since some institutions may restrict travel and others may not have funding to attend. The Fall 2021 Midstates meeting could be a good opportunity to test a hybrid meeting model.

G. Elections / Past Chair Position - Mackenzie Salisbury

Sarah Carter will serve as Secretary stepping on the ARLIS/NA Executive Board and can no longer serve as Past-Chair of the Midstates Chapter. The decision was made to wait until the regular election cycle in Fall 2021 to fill this position.

IV. Ongoing Business

A. Midstates Mentorship Program - Jamie Vander Broek

Jamie Vander Broek gave an update on the mentorship program. If chapter members are interested in helping with the program, please reach out to Jamie.

V. New Business

A. Updates from Members

1. Carol Ng-He started a new role at the University of Chicago. Carol is the Digital Collections Curator at the Center for the Art of East Asia within the Department of Art History.
2. Haley Blackstone started a new job as Registrar at Corbett vs. Dempsey in Chicago, Illinois.
3. Cara List is serving as journal editor for [Collection Management](#). Please reach out to Cara if you are working on collections projects at your library.