

ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

Midstates Fall 2020 Minutes
Friday, November 13 10:30am CST/11:30am EST
Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Alex O'Keefe, Amy Trendler, Anna Simon, Becca Pad, Doug Litts, Greg Baise, Hayley-Jane Blackstone, Jamie Vander Broek, Meredith Kahn, Karen Stafford, Larissa Garcia, Lynette Korenic, Mackenzie Salisbury, Marsha Stevenson, Emilee Mathews, Rebecca Price, Rijn Templeton, Stephanie Fletcher, Terrie Wilson, Melanie Emerson, Cheryl Arvio, Carol Ng-He, Cara List, Amy Lazet

- I. **Introductions:** Sarah Carter welcomed the group. Members introduced themselves.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Spring 2020 minutes were approved.

III. **Updates & Reports:**

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Larissa Garcia):

Membership renewal notifications, which are typically sent in October, are delayed because of the transition to the new management company. As a reminder, regular individual chapter memberships may be bundled with ARLIS/NA memberships and can be done at the ARLIS/NA website. Regular individual chapter memberships may also be done through the Midstates Chapter Membership Form; Friend or Student memberships must be done through the Midstates Chapter Membership Form. Larissa will be ending her term as secretary/treasurer at the end of the year.

B. Bunce Award (Sarah Carter)

Because the national conference was cancelled this year, Carol Ng-He, the Bunce Travel Award recipient for 2020, used the money to pay for her MLIS course "Open Education Librarianship" in summer 2020, taught by Dr. Steven Bell. She has also agreed to chair the award committee for next year.

Sarah Carter opened discussion about the viability of the Bunce Travel Award, which is funded from both the Bunce account and the Main account. Because most members renewed through the bundled membership option from the ARLIS/NA website this year, there have been less donations than in past years (2 in 2020; 12 in 2019). However, the drop in donations may also be due to the

pandemic. There was discussion about increasing the communication about Bunce fund donations and the possibility of having fundraisers.

C. 2022 Conference Update (Rebecca Price):

At this point, the planning committee assumes the conference will be hybrid. A date has not been confirmed, but will likely be later in spring 2022. Both Doug Litts and Rebecca Price will be stepping down from the committee in their roles as program planners. Jamie Vander Broek will replace Rebecca. Melanie Emerson and Alexis Bursan, also on the committee, are planning the local arrangements.

In the spring, a call for conference theme ideas was sent out to the chapter. Submissions can still be added until Jan. 1, 2021. Ideas for ways the chapter can commemorate the 50th anniversary of ARLIS/NA which coincides with the Chicago conference are welcome. Visit the ARLIS/NA website for the conference planning document that outlines the several jobs needed. A call for volunteers will be sent early next year.

Doug Litts shared that while ARLIS/NA suffered financial loss this year, the society's overall financial health is strong.

D. Outreach to Chapter iSchools (Emilee Mathews & Mackenzie Salisbury)

Targeted outreach continued through the spring and summer. Future plans include how we might conduct outreach to iSchools in an online environment, and how we might coordinate with the work being done by the anti-racism task force.

E. Mentoring (Jamie Vander Broek)

The Midstates Mentoring program is directly related to the program at the annual conference. During the 6 months of the program, participants are required to connect on a regular basis. Although there were 6-7 pairs in the first mentor program cohort, this year, we only have 1 pair, which is understandable given the pandemic. The next call for participants will be sent in the spring.

IV. Announcements/New Business:

A. Chapter Election (Anna Simon)

An email went out seeking nominations for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer (2 year term). Nominations will be accepted until next Friday; however, chapter members may be contacted regarding interest if no nominations are received.

Particularly for the Secretary/Treasurer role, it is important that the newly elected positions are reflected in the meeting minutes and that those minutes are signed

by a board member. This is a requirement by the bank in order to transfer names on the chapter accounts.

Because Sarah Carter was elected Secretary of ARLIS/NA starting in May 2021, the chapter will also need someone to serve as Past Chair - ideally someone who has served as Chair before. Rebecca Price was elected Vice President/President-Elect of ARLIS/NA, so she will no longer be able to serve as webmaster. This is a volunteer position, not an elected one.

V. Adjournment: The business meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am CST.

Minutes by: Larissa Garcia, Secretary/Treasurer, 11/16/2020