

ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

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Midstates Fall 2021 Minutes

Wednesday, October 13th, 2021, 9:00 am CST/10:00 am EST

Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Mackenzie Salisbury, Becca Pad, Terrie Wilson, Anna Simon, Haley Blackstone, Sarah Carter, Cara List, Marsha Stevenson, Gabrielle Frigo, Carol Ng-He, Amy Trendler, Heather Koopmans, Diane Dias De Fazio, Rebecca Price, Larissa Garcia, Stephanie Fletcher, Alex O'Keefe, Melanie Emerson, Greg Baise, Alexis Burson, Christina Norton, Patricia Gimenez

1. Introductions (Mackenzie Salisbury)

a. Chapter leadership introductions

- i. Mackenzie Salisbury - ARLIS Midstates Chapter President
- ii. Terrie Wilson - ARLIS Midstates Chapter Vice-President / President-Elect
- iii. Becca Pad - ARLIS Midstates Secretary / Treasurer
- iv. Greg Baise - ARLIS Midstates Webmaster
- v. Haley Blackstone - Outgoing ARLIS Midstates Newsletter Editor
- vi. Gabrielle Frigo - Incoming ARLIS Midstates Newsletter Editor

2. Approval of the [Spring 2021 minutes](#)

- a. Spring 2021 meeting minutes were approved by Midstates members.

3. Update & Reports

a. Treasurer's report (Becca Pad)

- i. The current balance for the General fund is \$2920.53 and the balance for the Bunce Award fund is \$1063.95. As of November 12, 2021, there are 46 members in good standing. Members can pay their 2022 membership dues through the ARLIS/NA bundle or individually by check or Paypal.

b. Website and contact information (Greg Baise)

- i. Greg Baise sent an email to the listserv to make sure directory information is up to date. Please contact Greg if anything needs to be corrected.
- ii. The chapter website needs an updated WordPress theme to be more compatible with the platform. If you notice anything broken on the website, such as links, please contact Greg.
- iii. Conference information will be added to the website as it becomes available.

c. Conference planning activities report and discussion (Cara List, Alexis Burson, Melanie Emerson, and Jamie Vander Broek)

- i. The ARLIS/NA annual conference will take place in person in Chicago, April 5th-9th, 2022.

- ii. The CPAC is planning exciting programming with a special focus on the 50th anniversary of ARLIS/NA. There will be a strong emphasis on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility topics as they relate to art librarianship.
 - iii. Stephanie Fletcher, Development Chair, is working with a team of ARLIS/NA fundraisers to outreach to vendors, exhibitors, and institutions both locally and nationally. Stephanie is working on the Society Circle event and will share more information soon.
 - iv. Volunteers completed the peer-review process for conference papers, panels, plenaries, and workshops. The next round of peer-reviewing will include posters, lightning round talks, and roundtable discussions.
 - v. Volunteers are needed during the conference to assist with a variety of tasks. Volunteering at the conference is a great way to get to know new colleagues.
 - d. Art + Special Collections Librarian panel report (Mackenzie Salisbury)
 - i. The Art + Special Collections Librarian panel took place on October 12th, 2021. Thirty information school students attended the event.
 - e. Newsletter Editor welcome (Gabrielle Frigo)
 - i. Gabrielle Frigo is a new chapter member and the Midstates Newsletter Editor.
4. Ongoing business
- a. Checking and updating your membership profile (Mackenzie)
 - i. Mackenzie Salisbury demonstrated how to update member profiles on the ARLIS/NA website. Membership profiles now include the option to share demographic information.
 - ii. <https://www.arlisna.org/membership-information>
 - iii. <https://www.arlisna.org/member-compass>
5. Announcements and new business
- a. Sponsored student memberships for participants of the mentoring program (discussion)
 - i. Mackenzie Salisbury proposed the Midstates Chapter cover national ARLIS/NA dues for individuals participating as mentees in the mentorship program. This initiative may increase engagement for the Midstates Chapter. Other chapters, such as the Texas/Mexico Chapter, have implemented similar initiatives.
 - ii. Midstates leadership will reach out to ARLIS/NA to see if there are any issues with pursuing this initiative.
 - iii. Mackenzie Salisbury, Alexis Burson, and Stephanie Fletcher will work on the details of this plan before it is brought to the membership for a vote.
 - b. Changing leadership cycle from the calendar year to starting at spring meeting (Mackenzie)
 - i. Mackenzie Salisbury proposed changing the election cycle to align with the spring meeting at the annual conference.
 - ii. Members feel the current structure creates a loss of alignment and transition challenges between leaders. There is also a need to establish better documentation to support leadership transitions.
 - iii. Mackenzie Salisbury will appoint a committee to review the Midstates Chapter Bylaws.
 - 1. Sarah Carter and Melanie Emerson expressed interest in helping with this project.