

# ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

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**ARLIS/NA Midstates Spring 2022 Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 29, 12:00 pm CST/1:00 pm EST**  
**Virtual Meeting**

### Attendees:

Terrie Wilson, Becca Pad, Mackenzie Salisbury, Leigh Gates, Meredith Kahn, Alexis Burson, Emilee Mathews, Patricia Gimenez, Alex O'Keefe, Stephanie Fletcher, Greg Baise, Melanie Emerson, Gabrielle Frigo, Stephanie Grimm, Lane Goldszer, Jamie Vander Broek, Heather Koopmans, Sarah Carter, Carol Ng-He, Marsha Stevenson, Rebecca Price, Cara List

1. Welcome from Chapter President Terrie Wilson
2. ARLIS/NA Midstates Officer Introductions
  - a. Terrie Wilson - ARLIS/NA Midstates Chapter President
  - b. Mackenzie Salisbury - ARLIS/NA Midstates Past President
  - c. Stephanie Fletcher - ARLIS/NA Midstates Vice-Chair/ President-Elect
  - d. Becca Pad - ARLIS/NA Midstates Secretary / Treasurer
  - e. Greg Baise - ARLIS/NA Midstates Webmaster
  - f. Gabrielle Frigo - ARLIS/NA Midstates Newsletter Editor
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Fall 2021 meeting
  - a. Meeting minutes were corrected based on feedback from members.
  - b. Members approved the minutes.
4. Updates and Reports
  - a. Secretary / Treasurer's Report
    - i. The current balance for the General fund is \$3131.16, and the Bunce Award fund balance is \$464.95. As of March 25th, there are 56 members in good standing. Members can pay their 2022 membership dues through the ARLIS/NA bundle or individually by check or Paypal.
  - b. Art + Special Collection Librarians Panel
    - i. The panel had 40 attendees. The virtual event included local and national participants.
    - ii. Mackenzie Salisbury thanked Rebecca Fitzsimmons and Stephanie Fletcher for their help with the event.

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- c. Now What Unconference
    - i. Mackenzie Salisbury provided an update on the Now What Unconference. Art and Design school library staff organized the conference, providing an opportunity to discuss the post-pandemic information needs of art students. Organizers used the platform Gather to host the event.
- 5. Ongoing Business
  - a. Sponsored Student Memberships
    - i. Mackenzie Salisbury provided an update on the sponsored student membership initiative for individuals participating in the ARLIS/NA Midstates Mentoring Program. Funding for an ARLIS/NA annual membership is available to a student participating in the mentoring program.
    - ii. Funds for this initiative will come from the Bunce Travel Award money. The committee handling the Bunce Travel Award is also responsible for this award.
    - iii. ARLIS/NA Midstates members approved a motion for the student membership award.
  - b. Leadership Cycle
    - i. Mackenzie Salisbury reported that the leadership transition needs to remain on the January calendar cycle, creating alignment with ARLIS/NA. The ARLIS/NA Midstates Bylaws list July 1st as the beginning of a new election cycle. ARLIS/NA Midstates Leadership will follow the Bylaws to hold elections over the summer, providing new leadership with a longer onboarding period.
- 6. Announcements/New Business
  - a. ARLIS/NA Chicago 2022 Conference Updates
  - b. Conference Co-chairs shared that we are one week away from our first in-person conference since COVID.
  - c. Stephanie Fletcher is the Conference Development Chair and provided an update on development efforts.
    - i. The development team raised over 60,000 dollars. Thank you to the ARLIS/NA Midstates chapter for donating. Sponsorship opportunities are still available leading up to the conference.

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- ii. Conference attendees will get free admission to the Art Institute of Chicago. Conference organizers will share information on the ARLIS-L listserv.
- d. Jamie Vander Broek highlighted some of the programs offered at the conference.
  - i. Attendees should look at Sched in Chicago since there may be some schedule changes to conference programming.
  - ii. Conference programming highlights
    - a. Vendors will have their own lightning round talk on Thursday.
    - b. Preserving Photographic Glass Plates: Conservation and Access in the Digital Age
    - c. Labors of Love: Underfunded, under-resourced, but not to be underestimated
- e. Cara List highlighted some of the available workshops at the conference.
  - i. Workshops are available for professional development and creative exploration.
  - ii. Workshop highlights
    - a. Comics with Jeffery Brown
    - b. Collaborative Letterpress Broadside
- f. Emilee Mathews shared there will be a one-day exhibit of ARLIS/NA archival materials. Emilee is also creating a zine to accompany the exhibit.
- g. Carol Ng-He created a local guide for conference attendees to use with restaurant, cafe, and family-friendly suggestions.
- h. Melanie Emerson talked about the variety of tours available at the conference, including library tours.
- i. Alexis Burson provided an overview of the Welcome Party. Alexis also shared information on first-time attendees. There are a lot of attendees who will experience the Chicago conference as their first in-person conference event.
- j. Marsha Stevenson is coordinating the registration and hospitality desk. Marsha shared that some shifts are still available if Midstates members are interested in volunteering.
- k. Sarah Carter provided an update on social media for the annual conference. Please use the hashtag ARLISNA2022. Conference organizers will use social media for promotion and documentation.

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- I. Patricia Gimenez reported that the Strategic Planning Committee planned an interactive session providing ARLIS/NA members an opportunity to participate in developing the ARLIS/NA mission, vision, and values.
- m. Land Acknowledgement
  - i. There will be a webinar for conference moderators that provides tips and best practices for land acknowledgments.
  - ii. Cara List discussed the land acknowledgment for the opening reception. The land acknowledgment is reflective of the Chicago area institutions.
  - iii. ARLIS/NA Midstates members discussed that land acknowledgments within ARLIS/NA are an evolving issue without a clear or consistent approach at the moment.
7. All ARLIS/NA members should vote on the new membership category for library staff.
8. Zoom photo for Gabrielle
9. Motion to adjourn the meeting.