

# ARLIS/NA MIDSTATES

**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-Chair / 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.