

## **ARLIS/OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER Meeting Minutes**

ARLIS/NA Conference, Minneapolis, MN

March 26, 2011

Present: Jen Krivickas (Chair), Gail Storer (Vice Chair/Chair Elect), Maggie Castellani (Secretary/Treasurer), Alison Huftalen (Collage Editor), Lou Adrean, Gail Gilbert, Betsy Lantz, Christine Mannix, Lori Thorrat, Ellie Ward, Stacy Brinkman.

1. Maggie Castellani called the business meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Report: The account balance is \$765.37.
3. To date, 2011 membership is at 11 members (9 renewed, 2 new). This has been an ongoing topic of discussion at the last couple of meetings. The following ideas were discussed again from last year, along with several new ideas to increase chapter membership:
  - After several emails sent out this year as a reminder, send an email out in survey format to past members inquiring why they haven't renewed. Forgot? Financial reasons? Chapter not fulfilling needs? Should we get together more than the two meetings a year? Mention the benefit of being in the membership directory on the blog, being able to post on the blog.
  - Stacy Brinkman, member of the Education Subcommittee (subcommittee of the Professional Development Committee of ARLIS/NA) mentioned putting our meetings online on the ARLIS/NA website for those who don't have the finances to travel to meeting destinations.
  - Lori Thorrat suggested hosting a webinar as a way to interact.
  - Betsy Lantz, co-director of an IMLS grant that joins 19 special libraries in the University Circle area of Cleveland with the School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University, suggested talking with the other grant directors to promote membership to the students in the museum studies program that will be involved in this grant.
  - Alison Huftalen suggested writing an entry on the blog of her personal experience of joining the chapter and eventually getting a job from the contacts she made.
  - Continue to reach out to library school listservs (Kent State, Univ. of Pittsburgh, find others). Post current chapter information on their listservs (i.e. travel awards, fall meeting).
  - Each member should recruit at least one professional or student into the Chapter.
  - Talk to members from other organizations on how they recruit members.
  - Send information (travel awards, future meetings/events, scholarships) via e-mail to students who are presently/previously interns. Also, send email to graduating library students with comments like "You're graduating, network with library professionals, need items to put on your resume..."
  - Sponsor evenings/tours with professional librarians and students.
  - Talk to colleagues in your own institution and neighboring institutions.
  - Jen Krivickas suggested possibility of joining the Mid-States chapter if membership continues to be on the decline.

4. Blog.

- Alison Huftalen has completed transferring all pertinent information from the ARLIS/OV website to the blog. Maggie Castellani will contact DreamHost to close the website.
- Alison reminded all present members to contribute blog entries and gave examples of contributions to make (i.e. current exhibitions, current library news).
- Jen Krivickas suggested putting pictures of members on the blog (i.e. head shots, group shots).

5. Does someone want to host an informal summer activity for members? The Toledo event in summer 2009 (tour of TMA galleries, glass-blowing demonstration, glass class) was very successful.

6. Betsy Lantz suggested that the chapter sponsor a future ARLIS/NA national conference.

- Host a webinar to discuss. Stacy Brinkman could contact Chris Roper (TEI) to host webinar. Jennifer Krivickas will contact Stacy about the webinar (mid April/May).
- Lou Adrean will contact ARLIS/NA board for proposal information.
- Ask Mid-States chapter if they want to be involved.

7. Gail Storer will be hosting the 2011 fall chapter meeting. Presented some possible meeting activities (meeting at CCAD or OSU; visit Wexner Center for the Arts).

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.