ARLIS/NA Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
William Howard Doane Library, Denison University
November 1, 2013

Present: Alison Huftalen (Chair), Shannon Robinson (Vice Chair), Leslie Jankowski (Blog Editor), Ellie Ward (Secretary/Treasurer), Gail Storer (Past Chair), Louis Adrean, Stacy Brinkman, Maggie Castellani, Mo Dawley, Pam Eyerdam, Kathleen Goodyear, Jen Krivickas, Betsy Lantz, Galina Lewandowicz, Christine Mannix, Marsha Miles, Christy Proventure, Genevieve Richardson, Anne Trenholme.

Alison Huftalen called the meeting to order. Gail Storer motioned to approve the 2013 Spring Meeting Minutes; Betsy Lantz seconded; minutes are approved.

Alison conveyed the Chapter Liaison report from Sarah Sherman, ARLIS/NA. The Pasadena National Conference had record-breaking numbers for attendance (710 registrants) and fundraising ($71,250). The 2014 National Conference will be held in Washington D.C. May 1st – 5th, and the 2015 conference will be held in Fort Worth, Texas. Fundraising for the Conference Welcome Party is suggested as a $200 donation for each chapter. Ohio Valley donated $150 in 2013 due to limited resources. The ARLIS/NA website is being re-designed. ARLIS/NA needs to be in the title of all chapters. Currently our blog site has Ohio Valley Chapter of the Art Libraries Society of North America as the title.

There was discussion about the chapter archives which are currently held at the Ingalls Library of the Cleveland Museum of Art along with the current sec/treas. Consideration for digitizing these archives has been discussed, with long-term storage available through ARLIS/NA. Pam Eyerdam suggested that we create a retention policy in regards to the archives, with respect to current regulations on what and how long to keep past items. Alison Huftalen will look into this and contact Maggie Castellani and Ellie Ward with options.

Discussion was had about nominations for positions that need to be replaced: Vice Chair/Chair Elect (one year), Secretary/Treasurer (two years), Blog Editor (two years). The current nominating committee (Pam Eyerdam, Jen Krivickas and Betsy Lantz) stands as well as the current travel award committee (Betsy Lantz and Chris Mannix). Nominations will be accepted and ballot will be sent out by email to the membership in November, with results being sent to the membership in December. A student board member position was discussed whether voting or non-voting. A suggestion was made that if the student were to be an ARLIS/NA member as well as an active ARLISnap member that they could be a voting member. Paying for this new student position’s NA dues was also discussed. Alison Huftalen will talk to the NA executive board to see if this is feasible and if it should be added to the bylaws.

In reference to previous discussions about an “affiliate” membership, Alison was advised not to use the term affiliate and to strike all references to membership classes in the bylaws, allowing us to have local members who may not be national members.
A membership committee was suggested to advertise to online programs to attract students to our chapter. Galina Lewandowicz suggested that those members who are willing to talk with students be listed on the blog site for student members of ARLIS/OV with possibly a password protected document. Pam Eyerdam suggested listing institutions on the blog site that would be interested in mentoring students as well. Mo Dawley suggested that listing of a person’s area of expertise might also be added for mentoring. Kathleen Goodyear (student) thought it would be a great idea for students to have access to professionals. Stacy Brinkman was involved with the National mentoring program and said it was difficult to match students with professionals on the national level. Stacy also mentioned that NA has resources for mentoring that we could use. Ellie Ward suggested that the KSU/SLIS Alumni & Friends group be approached as to what they may have to offer in ways of setting up mentoring with students, particularly advising students to join professional organizations for added mentoring in their mandatory orientation class. Betsy Lantz offered to speak with Cathy Hakala- Ausperk of NEO-RLS about ways to reach out to students.

In other business, renaming “Ohio Valley” was discussed. It was determined that name Ohio Valley still represents the area fairly well, those areas being Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania.

Gail Gilbert, Director of the University of Louisville Bridwell Art Library is retiring in May after 42 years of art librarianship. Alison Huftalen brought a card for everyone to sign.

Jen Krivickas brought up the suggestion of ARLIS/OV restarting to publish a newsletter for students and professionals to have a vehicle so that they could have articles published. As was noted before, the time involved outweighed the advantage of having a publication. An annual publication was suggested. It was decided that more discussion was needed on this item.

Ellie Ward read the treasurer’s report. $150 was donated to the ARLIS/NA Welcome Party in Pasadena. Jen Krivickas was awarded the spring travel award for $200 to attend the VRA Conference in Rhode Island. So far for 2014 there are 22 members who joined while registering for the fall conference. The balance in the account as of October 31, 2013 is $1893.99. Louis Adrean moved to accept the treasurer’s report, Alison Huftalen seconded and all approved.

Gail Storer motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, Ellie Ward seconded and all approved.

Respectfully submitted by Ellie Ward, Secretary/Treasurer