ARLIS/NA Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes

ARLIS/NA/OV Fall Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

October 31, 2014

Present: Shannon Robinson (Chair), Mo Dawley (Vice Chair), Anne Trenholme (Secretary/Treasurer), Mary Kay Johnsen, Gail Storer, Tom Gates, Ellie Ward, Mandy Tomsik, Marsha Miles, Chris Mannix, Sarah Carter, Sarah Falls, Rose Chiango, Kate Joransen, Beth Royall, Tyler Crock, Galina Lewandowicz, Maggie Castellani, Betsy Lantz, Pam Eyerdam, Leslie Jankowski, Samantha Davis

Virtual participants: Jane Kirkland, Stacey Brinkman, Kathleen Goodyear, Alison Huftalen

1. Meeting called to order by Shannon Robinson at 1:02 pm.
2. Betsy Lantz motioned to approve the Spring 2014 minutes, Pam Eyerdam seconded. Minutes are approved by all in attendance.
3. Treasurer’s report: the balance as of 10/31/2014 is $1992.65, with $170 collected at the meeting and not yet deposited.
   a. $250 spring travel award check never cashed, recipient has been notified that check will be void as of 11/30/2014.
   b. Chapter provided PayPal registration and membership renewal for the first time this year. 14 people used PayPal for registration/renewal, with 10 of 23 total meeting attendees using PayPal.
4. Membership report:
   a. 34 members in 2014, 21 renewed, 13 are new, and 10 did not renew from 2013.
   b. 15 members have already renewed for 2015, with 3 new members, bringing our 2015 membership total to 18 without having sent out call for renewals.
5. Web editor update:
   a. Shannon delivers the web editor update in Jen’s absence.
   b. Website has been totally redesigned and updated. Still need to add official ARLIS/NA logo and link to NA website.
   c. It is possible to have ARLIS/NA host our website. This is worth looking into in the long run because TEI does not support WordPress, which is our current format. If our chapter would like to have our site hosted by National, we will need to fill out a form and submit it to Sarah Sherman, our chapter liaison.
   d. The redesign is still a work in progress. We’ve moved to a cleaner template, but we’d like to make the site more personal by including institutional images on our homepage and posting more blog entries. Chapter members are encouraged to type up summaries of their art libraries in an email to Jen for addition to the blog.
   e. Open discussion related to blog:
      i. Pam Eyerdam asked about using the blog to recruit student members, Leslie Jankowski said that when CCAD hosted the fall meeting, library school listservs were very helpful.
      ii. Pam suggested updating the “About Us” section to include information on our member institutions—they are museum libraries, archives, etc. We can showcase networking, career opportunities, and practicum availabilities.
iii. Mo Dawley asked if we needed more help with the web editor since the position is broad.

6. Discussion of Travel Award
   a. The Summer Educational Institute for Visual Resources and Image Management will be held in June 2015 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Other chapters provide travel awards for SEI as well as ARLIS national conference, is this something our chapter would like to do? Many chime in that SEI is a useful experience.
   b. Anne Trenholme does not think that it would be financially responsible to provide a second travel award.
   c. Betsy Lantz suggests that we consider opening up the wording in our current travel award to allow for use at SEI and other activities. Discussion over whether the travel award must be arts-related and how to increase applicants for travel award.
   d. Betsy moves to rewrite the travel award to allow it to be used for other conferences in addition to the ARLIS/NA conference. Chris Mannix seconds. All approve.

7. Committees:
   a. The travel award committee will remain Betsy Lantz and Chris Mannix. They will send out call for applications in January 2015 for the March 2015 conference.
   b. The nominating committee will consist of Pam Eyerdam and Sarah Carter. Pam and Sarah ask for volunteers for the position of Vice Chair/Chair-Elect. Ballots will go out by Thanksgiving to ensure that someone is in place by 2015.

8. Shannon informs everyone that the chapter chairs are meeting virtually on a quarterly basis.

9. Mentoring:
   a. Mo shares that one of the items discussed in the chapter chairs meeting is a mentoring program. They proposed adding a new position to each chapter: the mentoring liaison. The program would be similar to the yearlong mentoring program that national currently runs and would use materials prepared by national. Intended to reach out to students/young/new professionals. Chris Mannix volunteers to be mentoring liaison.
   b. Discussion: Many felt this would be useful, as several had participated in the yearlong mentoring program in the past. Interest in mid-career mentoring as well as young professionals. Interest in joining with another chapter for mentoring program due to our small size.

10. IFLA Arts Section:
    a. Shannon shares the most recent developments regarding the IFLA Arts Section at the upcoming conference in Columbus in 2016. IFLA approached Ohio Valley chapter to see if we would be interested in hosting the arts section. The chapter decided that Cleveland would be the host city at the Spring 2014 meeting.
    b. Betsy Lantz approached the administration at the Cleveland Museum of Art and was initially approved. However due to changing circumstances in the administration of the CMA and higher than expected costs for hosting the section, the CMA is likely no longer a viable candidate.
       i. Funding for the arts section meeting is not provided by IFLA, host institution needs to find own partners and provide the conference website. The website must also be capable of handling registrations and monetary transactions online. CMA will not host the website.
c. Shannon asks for volunteers to form a committee to evaluate new possibilities. Those interested should contact Shannon.

11. Shannon motions to adjourn, all approve. Meeting adjourned at 2:11.