ARLIS/Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
ARLIS/NA Conference, Pasadena, CA
April 27, 2013

Present: Alison Huftalen (Chair), Shannon Robinson (Vice Chair/Chair Elect), Leslie Jankowski (Blog Editor), Betsy Lantz, Pam Eyerdam, Louis Adrean, Galina Lewandowicz, Gail Storer, Chris Mannix

1. Meeting called to order by Alison Huftalen at 8:00 a.m.

2. Alison began a brief discussion on affiliate memberships. A proposal was submitted to national for have individuals to be a part of chapters but not national but as of this meeting, we have not heard back. The (unofficial) consensus is that an affiliate membership would be good but there are liability issues. However, if you are a member of an affiliate group, you can be an affiliate member. Having a student rep on the board (non-voting) would also be a positive.

3. Alison reported back to the chapter what happened at the Chapter Chairs meeting. There were an estimated 680 attendees this year at the national conference. Fort Worth has been named as the location of the 2015 conference. There will be a new associate manager for TEI. The board is planning on a virtual conference for fall 2014.

4. Fundraising opportunities were discussed. The Ontario chapter held a vintage clothing sale and was able to contribute a large sum of money to national. The group discussed possibly charging a small amount at events.

5. The group discusses our organization archives. Currently the ARLIS-OV archives are being kept in Cleveland, but there is no retention policy at both our chapter level. Physical items can be stored with national. We discussed the possibility of setting up an internship to digitize ARLIS-OV documents. This item will be added to the fall meeting agenda.

6. Membership: current total is 23 members, up from 20 in 2012 and 21 in 2011. Many students joined this year after a small promotion push (flyers, listservs). Only 4 past members did not renew their membership.

7. Travel awards: Members discussed issues with the travel award. If no or too few people apply for the travel award, it might not be awarded and the money saved for another time. Also, the wording of the travel award needs to be reviewed as its intended use is for the national conference; this issue will be on the fall agenda to decide whether to open up the award for other travel (i.e. outside conferences). The idea of charging more for travel awards was brought up. The group discussed the idea of adding the option of donating money to the award on the membership form. Louis Aldean moved to amend the membership application to include a travel award donation; Gail Storer seconded. Finally, the group talked about reaching out to past members for seed money for a larger travel award, or setting up a fund in the name of a founding member of the ARLIS-OV chapter. This way we could advertise the chapter and recognize the achievements of past members. The possibility of an endowed travel award will be another item on the fall agenda.

8. Member news: The Akron Art Museum is hosting a reception on June 6th in conjunction with an exhibition on Ezra Jack Keats. Jen from Cincinnati is working on a panel discussion.
9. The Fall Chapter Meeting was discussed. Shannon Robinson agreed to hold the meeting at Denison University in Granville. Although a firm date was not set, the meeting will take place in late October or early November. Some ideas for the meeting included a student panel.

10. Minutes from the Fall 2012 meeting were approved. Betsy Lantz moved and Pam Eyerdam seconded.

11. Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m. Pam moved to adjourn and Gail seconded.

Submitted by Leslie Jankowski, ARLIS/OV Blog Editor