



Annual Report 2011 ARLIS/NA Mountain West Chapter

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Officers for calendar year 2012:

Chair: Peggy Keeran, University of Denver
Past Chair: Meredith Kahn, University of Michigan
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Julie Williamsen, Brigham Young University
Secretary/Treasurer: Jenni James, Institute of American Indian Arts

The ARLIS/NA Mountain West Chapter had an exciting year in 2011. We held our second annual virtual chapter conference, [Discovery, Literacy, Practice: Current Trends in Art Information](#), on November 3, 2011. The virtual conference attracted 36 attendees (including 20 attendees who were not Mountain West members), a significant increase in attendance from our 2010 virtual conference. A post-conference assessment survey indicated high levels of satisfaction with the content of the conference, though attendees expressed frustration with Adobe Connect (used to deliver the conference). If Mountain West offers additional virtual conferences in the future, the chapter will likely explore alternative tools.

Chapter members met during the joint ARLIS/NA & VRA Annual Conference in Minneapolis on March 26, 2011. Mountain West also held a successful virtual business meeting on November 10, 2011. Minutes from both meetings are available [here](#). Important topics of discussion at both meetings included ensuring the future health of the chapter, recruiting and retaining members, and plans for an in-person chapter conference in the future.

Mountain West is moving forward with plans for an in-person chapter conference to be held September 13-15, 2012 in Park City, UT. Officers Julie Williamsen and Peggy Keeran are coordinating the planning, along with Mountain West member Christiane Ramsey at Brigham Young University. In order to support attendance in Park City, the chapter officers decided to use the 2012 Winberta Yao Travel Award for our chapter conference in September 2012 rather than for the ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in Toronto. A travel award committee will be formed and a call for applicants will be posted via the chapter listserv later in 2012.

As membership in Mountain West continues to decline (20 paid members as of March 1, 2012, which is down from 23 members in 2011 and 26 members in 2010), chapter officers hope that an in-person chapter event will reinvigorate interest and participation in Mountain West. The chapter has not met in person outside of an ARLIS/NA Annual Conference since 2006. Recruiting and retaining members as well as providing value to chapter members are the primary concerns facing chapter officers looking ahead to 2012.

Income and expenses for 2011 (provided by Jenni James, Secretary/Treasurer)

2011 Expenses: \$600.00
ARLIS/NA Welcome Party donation: \$100.00

Winberta Yao Travel Award (Heather Kline): \$500.00

2011 Income: \$1859.95

Dues: \$575.00

Winberta Yao Travel donations: \$200.00

Virtual Conference revenue: \$1084.95

- 36 paying attendees (16 MW members, 20 non-MW members)
- \$195.05 in fees (from RegOnline registration service)

MW Members	16	30.00	480.00
Non_MW Members	20	40.00	<u>800.00</u>
			1280.00
Registrant Fees (per registrant)	36	4.00	(144.00)
Credit Card Fees (per transaction)		4.95%	(51.05)
			<u>1084.95</u>

Current balance

Balance as of 12/21/11	\$2821.89
(Includes \$200 for 2012 Memberships & Award Donations paid in 2011)	
2012 Memberships & Award Donations	170.00
Donation for 2012 ARLIS/NA Conference Welcome Party	<u>(250.00)</u>
Balance as of 2/7/2012	\$2741.89

Chapter Committees for 2011

Nominating Committee

Marly Helm (chair)

Jenni James

Heather Kline

By-laws Review Committee

Next term: 2014

State Coordinators

Arizona: Marly Helm

Colorado: Tom Riedel

New Mexico: Jenni James

Utah: Christiane Ramsey

Wyoming and Montana: Jennifer Mayer

Travel Award Committee

Carrie McDade (chair)

Alexandria Caster

Webmaster

Christiane Ramsey

Newsletter Editor

Marly Helm