



**VRA + ARLIS/NA
2nd Joint Conference
Minneapolis, MN - March 24-28, 2011**

**ARLIS/NA Mountain West Chapter Meeting
Saturday, March 26, 2011
5:00PM**

Attendees: Joan Benedetti, Greg Hatch, Meredith Kahn (Chair), Peggy Keeran, Heather Kline, Sandra Ley, Carrie McDade, Nancy Pistorius, Lindsey Powers, Chris Ramsey, Tammy Ravas, Tom Riedel, Heather Seneff, Nina Stephenson, Eumie Imm-Stroukoff

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. Minutes from the November 2010 virtual meeting were presented for approval. Ramsey motioned for approval, Benedetti 2nd. Unanimous vote by attending members for approval of minutes as presented with no amendments.
3. Treasurer's report (all figures as of March 21, 2011)
 - a. Kahn presented on behalf of Liz Ehrnst. Membership is at 22 which is down from 26 in 2010. Expenses for this fiscal year included a donation to the Welcome party at the annual conference (\$100) and the chapter travel award (\$500). Donations for the Winberta Yao Travel award were down this year. A balance of \$1,416.94 remains in the Chapter's checking account.
4. Chair's report
 - a. Kahn will be attending the leadership breakfast and chapter chairs meeting on March 27, looking forward to discussing common issues facing chapters.
 - b. Kahn expressed concern regarding the Mountain West chapter's future, as we have had difficulty recruiting for leadership positions in recent years.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. State Membership Coordinators
 - i. Current coordinators: Marly Helm - Arizona, Tom Riedel - Colorado, Jenni James - New Mexico, Chris Ramsey - Utah, and Jennifer Mayer - Wyoming
 - ii. Purpose of the state coordinators is to recruit new members to the chapter and national organization. Most are aware of potential members in their area and invite or notify them of chapter events, activities, etc.
 - iii. When the concept of the state coordinators was originally established, it was imagined that the coordinators would hold semi-regular state meetings in order to contribute to member retention.
 - iv. Action: Peggy Keeran and Meredith Kahn will develop ideas to facilitate communication between members and state coordinators.
 - b. Winberta Yao Travel Award: Carrie McDade, Chair
 - i. Heather Kline received the award and expressed her thanks for the assistance enabling her to attend the annual conference.
6. Other business
 - a. Fall business meeting/chapter conference: Peggy Keeran & Meredith Kahn

- i. The group discussed the possibility of having an in-person chapter meeting in Fall 2011 in Boulder, CO during the first or last weekend in October. Members lacking funding or time to travel expressed interest in an online conference. Peggy and Meredith will revisit ideas for a fall meeting or conference, including possibilities for a virtual meeting.
 - ii. Concerns about gathering members for a physical conference led to discussing the future of the chapter. Our members are now fewer due to numerous institutional changes in member states and, as mentioned, scattered over a large geographic area. Meredith will follow-up with members seeking ideas and concerns for moving forward as a viable, active chapter.
- 7. Mountain Ledger, Summer edition
 - a. Ideas and content should be sent to Marly Helm by June 15th.
- 8. Acknowledgements & Thanks
 - a. Meredith expressed her appreciation to Peggy Keeran for running for the Chapter's Vice-Chair/Chair elect position. Thanks to Carrie McDade and Alexandria Caster for serving on the Winberta Yao Travel Award committee, and thanks to Heather Kline for applying for the Award. Finally, thanks to Chris Ramsey for continuing to manage the Chapter website.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. Motion by Pistorius and 2nd by Ravas.

Respectfully submitted by
Nancy Pistorius
May 4, 2011