



ARLIS/NA Mountain West Chapter | Business Meeting

Saturday, March 31, 2012

7:30 – 8:30 am

Toronto – Sheraton Centre Hotel

Moderator: Peggy Keeran (Chair)

Recorder: Joan Benedetti

Attendees: Joan Benedetti, Eumie Imm-Stroukoff, Meredith Kahn, Peggy Keeran (Chair), Jennifer Mayer, Elaine Paul, Christiane E. Ramsey, Tom Riedel, Kay Teel, Julie Williamsen

1. Welcome and Introductions: Peggy Keeran, Chapter Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and suggested that members attending introduce themselves, which they did. A new member, Elaine Paul, University of Colorado, Boulder, was introduced.

2. Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2011 Virtual Business Meeting: The minutes of the Virtual Meeting were approved with no edits or corrections and seconded by acclamation.

3. Treasurer's Report (Peggy Keeran for Jenni James): The 2012 treasury balance is \$3,026.89. 2012 income was \$805 from dues and \$230 for the Winberta Yao award. Expenses were \$250 contributed for the ARLIS/NA Welcome Party in Toronto. There are currently 23 paid members, up from 22 in 2011, with the following distribution: Arizona, 2; Colorado, 5 (including 1 new member); Montana, 0; Nevada, 0; New Mexico, 10 (including 3 new members); Utah, 2 (including 1 new member); Wyoming, 1; Outside the MW Chapter Region, 3 (2 from California and 1 from Michigan).

4. Update on Chapter Conference in Park City, Utah, September 13 – 15, 2012: The Park City Conference Planning Committee (Julie Williamsen and Christiane Ramsey, Local Arrangements; Meredith Kahn, Program; Peggy Keeran, Timeline and Travel Award) reported that they have had two virtual planning meetings. The conference theme will be "Wide Angle: Perspectives in Visual + Media Arts Information." The conference hotel will be the Treasure Mountain Inn; the room rates are \$105 for a single and \$130 for a double. There is free wi-fi throughout the hotel. Julie's sister will help to fundraise. The keynote speaker will be James V. D'Arc, Curator of the Motion Picture Archives, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University. He is the author of *When Hollywood Came to Town: The History of Moviemaking in Utah*. There will also be a presentation by writer, artist, and art historian Hikmet Sidney Loe on Robert Smithson's 1970 *Spiral Jetty* in Northern Utah.

The following timeline has been established: June 1, website launch and call for proposals; July 1, deadline for proposals; July 15, notify presenters about decisions; July 30, program and registration open on website; September 1, early registration closes; Thursday, September 13 – Saturday, September 15, conference in Park City, Utah. There will be a reception Thursday night; sessions on Friday; dinner on Friday night; and a tour on Saturday. The shuttle cost from the airport in Salt Lake City to Park City is \$80 R/T. The committee is developing a budget and logo for the conference.

5. Newsletter (Peggy Keeran for Marly Helm): Although Marly Helm couldn't attend the Toronto conference, Peggy reports that she is willing to continue as Newsletter Editor. She will put out a call to receive newsletter articles in May for a summer newsletter. She would like to know if anyone has any suggestions for improvements to the newsletter or suggestions for types of articles. Everyone enjoys the newsletter and no one at the meeting had any suggestions for improvements at this time.

6. ARLIS/NA Executive Board Update (Tom Riedel): MW Chapter member Tom Riedel, who has served on the ARLIS/NA Executive Board for the past two years, reported that Chris Roper, who represented the ARLIS/NA Headquarters Company, TEI, abruptly resigned just before the start of the Toronto conference; other TEI staff worked the conference instead of Roper. TEI's contract expires in

May and negotiations are currently underway to renew it. ARLIS/NA membership is down a bit. Because the University of Chicago Press is now publishing *Art Documentation*, there are no longer membership categories for institutional, business affiliate and overseas; those are now separate subscription-only categories managed by the U of Chicago Press. Arizona's national membership is down to 2 from 20! Need to get people to renew. There are talks going on with VRA about future joint conferences, but before any contract is signed, the two groups have committed to work out a financial model to be applied, which would determine how to divide conference profits. How much overlap in membership is there between VRA and ARLIS? The first issue of *Art Documentation* published by the U. of Chicago Press should be out soon. ARLIS members will now get a discount on all U. of Chicago Press publications.

7. Committee Reports:

- Arizona: Peggy Keeran reported for Marly Helm that there have been no social events in Tucson since the 2010 event, but she has been spreading the word to any interested art librarians. There are hardly any "pure" art librarians anymore.
- Colorado: Elaine Paul reported that Alex Watson will start as Art and Architecture Librarian at the University of Colorado, Boulder, in June. Tom announced plans to get Colorado chapter members together for lunch sometime in May.
- New Mexico: Joan Benedetti handed out a "Save the Date" announcement that was sent out via email to all of the New Mexico members announcing a "Santa Fe Gathering" scheduled for Friday, May 18 in downtown Santa Fe. We will be visiting the Fray Angelico Chavez Memorial History Library and Photographic Archive, which includes the papers of Ernest Blumenshein and Bill Lumpkin; then going across Washington Ave. to the Inn of the Anasazi to have lunch in their Wine Cellar; after lunch we will go the nearby New Mexico Museum of Art where we will be given a tour of the museum library by the Museum Director, Mary Kershaw (the librarian position has been advertised and may be filled soon). The museum galleries will then be open free to attendees.
- Utah: Christiane Ramsey added to Peggy's report on the Park City conference that they will be registering for the conference online. There is a new member, Casey Landau at the University of Utah.
- Wyoming and Montana: Jennifer Mayer reported that she is the only member in Wyoming and that there are no Montana members currently.
- Nevada: Peggy Keeran reported that there are currently no members in Nevada.

8. Other Business: VRA will be meeting in Albuquerque April 18 – 21.