

# ARLIS/NA Mountain West Chapter

## Virtual Business Meeting Minutes

### December 3, 2014 | 1:00pm MST

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Minutes submitted by Rebecca Potance, MW Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting conducted via Adobe Connect by Nicole Beatty, MW Chapter Chair  
Multiple people reported problems with audio using Adobe Connect

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- Nicole posed question about possible joint meeting with Texas-Mexico Chapter in Santa Fe. Members were interested in exploring further, but some hesitant to commit
- ARLIS/NA asked Chapter about starting our own mentoring program. John Burns and Margaret Van Dyke volunteered to coordinate mentorships for the Chapter
- Chris revitalized website, wants to know if we have suggestions
- Proposal by Utah members for ARLIS/NA annual conference to be held in Salt Lake City was rejected due to proximity of Salt Lake City to adjacent year's conference location in Seattle. Chapter agreed they will resubmit for 2018
- Nicole posed question to group if we should keep newsletter or blog? Majority preferred blog with Caroline Dechert as administrator. Non-members can post to our blog by emailing her
- Luke stated his vision of the chapter as increasing member numbers
- Luke wants to start a scholarship group for members to submit publication and presentation information perhaps using the blog or listserv
- Instruction forum is another goal of Luke's which new member Jessa Lee has volunteered to contribute to
- Rebecca gave Treasurer's Report:
  - Virtual Conference has so far garnered \$360 pending check receipt with people still registering
  - Current bank balance is \$3028.48 (not including conference funds or 2015 renewals)
- Blog discussion restarted and Caroline clarified that she can have emails sent out to members to announce when there is a new post on the blog
- Early feedback for virtual conference seemed to indicate people like format of pre-recorded sessions that can be heard any time, but improvement in format and lowered fees has not yet resulted in sizeable increase in attendance
- Amount for next year's travel award was discussed and all agreed to keep amount at \$1000
- Donation amount to welcome party discussed and all agreed to keep at \$200
- Announcement that John Burns will be starting in January as Vice Chair Elect
- State Reports

- Arizona: new member asked to join
- New Mexico: met last month in Albuquerque, new members being solicited
- Colorado: no statewide news, but Tom will have new digitization person at Regis soon
- Nevada: no news
- Utah: needs new state coordinator
- Wyoming: Jen Mayer has mostly been on sabbatical and has no news