



ARLIS/NA-Mountain West Chapter | Business Meeting

February 8, 2017 | New Orleans, LA

Riverside Hilton | 10:45 – 11:45 AM

Attendees: Nicole Beatty, Stephanie Beene, John Burns, Mary Chapman, Liz Ehrnst, Eumie Imm-Stoukoff, Kate Lambaria, Jill McCleary, Amanda Meeks, Patricia Peregrin, Christiane Ramsey, Kay Teel, Alison Verplaetse, Margaret Van Dyke, Emily Weirich, Catherine Essigner, Alexander Watkins

Call to Order and Introductions

Alex Watkins started the meeting, and attendees introduced themselves.

Past-Chair's Report (John Burns)

- He gave his appreciation of the opportunity to serve as Chapter Chair
- Thanks to the Chapter for the Winberta Yao Travel Award
- The virtual conference was fun; a recording of it will be uploaded to the ARLIS Learning Portal, and can be requested from John
- John handed over the Chapter to our new Chair, Alexander Watkins

2016 Virtual Conference

- More than half the attendees at the Virtual Conference gave donations. Rebecca Potance has details on this.
- A recording of it will be uploaded to the ARLIS Learning Portal, and can be requested from John

Travel Committee Report (Caroline Dechert, Chair, and Margaret VanDyk)

- Winberta Yao Travel Award of \$1000 was awarded to John Burns
- Caroline has served two years and Margaret longer, and both would like to step down

- There was discussion of the amount of the award; our Chapter gives one of the largest awards but this is the amount needed to make a difference; there was support for the \$1000 amount
- There was discussion of targeted fundraising, perhaps through the virtual conference, to raise more travel award money – but if ARLIS adopts bundled membership then this may make donation streams more difficult to manage
- No decision on an amount could be made since there was no budget or financial information available at the meeting
- Alexander Watkins appointed Liz Ehrnst and Nicole Beatty as the 2017 Travel Award Committee

Nominating Committee Report (Peggy Keeran, Nicole Beatty, Christiane Ramsey)

- Members will continue;
- Next year the Secretary/Treasurer position will be due for consideration
- Peggy Keeran Elected Vice-Chair

Chair's Report & Discussions (Alexander Watkins)

Virtual Business Meetings

- Alexander Watkins suggested more virtual meetings (including a business meeting); ARLIS can provide Go To Meeting for this (Catherine Essinger as our liaison would coordinate); we might meet quarterly

2019 conference to be held in Salt Lake City

- Robert Kopchinski will soon get in touch with Nicole Beatty and other local arrangement people to look at hotels; will probably be in the next few months
- Catherine Essinger is our liaison to the Board and she will be on our listserv
- John Burns will re-send a list of open positions needing to be filled for the Salt Lake City conference.
- Catherine Essinger reports an updated ARLIS conference planning manual will be distributed shortly
- Christiane Ramsey has put a link to the old conference manual on the Chapter website
- Alexander Watkins and Greg Hatch are program chairs; Nicole Beatty and Luke Leither are local arrangement chairs
- Central Basecamp location for conference planning might be helpful so discussion is not scattered

- Eumie Imm Stroukoff recommends looking at Leadership Inboarding recording on Learning Portal to learn about tools ARLIS provides; ARLIS VP Kim Collins will also provide support since this will be her conference

Chapter archiving

- Christiane Ramsey has been with MW since it started, and maintains the Chapter website. She has uploaded all the annual reports and other critical documents.
- ARLIS has both paper and web archiving projects.
- Elizabeth Ehrnst is working on a committee that will work with the chapters on this issue.

Discussion of member recruitment

- Alexander Watkins pointed out the need for more volunteers for the conference
- Discussion of the mentoring program, lack of chapter support for this in past
- Nicole Beatty pointed out state coordinators should help with recruitment
- State coordinators list needs to be updated; may need some new coordinators; Emily Weirich will act as Arizona state coordinator
- Discussion of strategies for reaching out to library schools, art schools, as the conference can be a good resume builder for students
- Should consider adding a student section to website; could offer student “lightening talks” or chats
- Could reach out to ARLISNAP
- Amanda Meeks has experience running Twitter chats

Alexander Watkins encouraged everyone to be sure they are on the listserv, and wrapped up by saying there will be an upcoming virtual business meeting to be announced soon.

The meeting was adjourned