ARLIS/NA-Mountain West Chapter | Business Meeting
May 2, 2014 | Washington, DC
Grand Hyatt, Arlington Room | 3:15 PM-4:15 PM

Attendees: Nicole Beatty, Joan Benedetti, John Burns, Luke Leither, Greg Hatch, Eumie Imm-Stoukoff, Peggy Keeran, Christiane Ramsey, Tom Riedel, Alison Verplaetse, Margaret Van Dyke, and Rebecca Potance

Call to Order & Introductions
Nicole Beatty, Chapter Chair, called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

Treasurers Report (Rebecca Potance)
2014 Revenue: $1555

- Dues: $575.00
- Winberta Yao Travel Award donations: $100.00
- Virtual Conference: $880

2014 Expenses: $1222.30

- ARLIS/NA Welcome Party donation: $200.00
- Winberta Yao Travel Award: $1000.00 (Alison Verplaetse)
- Online Membership Payment Fees to PayPal: $22.30

2014 Bank Balance (as of 4/23/2014): $3205.18

2014 Membership:

- 26 paid MW chapter members
- 8 members in 2013 did not renew for 2014: CO = 5, NM = 3
- 3 new members in 2014: UT = 1; CO = 1; NM = 1

Chair’s Report (Nicole Beatty)
Overview of the survey results:

- Most people wanted a social media presence
- Most people were interested in a committee on scholarly writing
- Everyone was willing to add their expertise to the website
- Because some people did not want their photograph on the website in the membership directory, it was decided that this would be optional
- There was a lot of support for the idea of having a joint conference
- There was also support for more local meetings, chapter mentors, more interaction, a consortia, cooperative collection development
• There was a lot of support for having a virtual conference but the presence of presenters from outside of the field made no difference on whether or not people would attend
• The previous software used for the virtual conference was not popular
• Several people liked the idea of splitting up the virtual conference into smaller chunks, perhaps 2 hours per day over several days

Vice Chair’s Report (Luke Leither)
Luke wants to pursue an online forum for teaching suggestions and community for scholarly writing, possibly on the website

Nominating Committee Report (Peggy Keeran)
Luke Leither and Rebecca Potance were two people suggested by nominating committee, both of whom ran and won their positions

State Membership Coordinator’s Reports
a. Arizona: Nicole Beatty reporting for Marly Helm
   o Marly wants to resign at end of the year
b. Colorado: Tom Riedel
   o Had virtual meeting but not in person meeting
   o Wants to meet in Boulder at University of Colorado
c. Nevada: Nicole Beatty reporting for Caroline Smith
   o Caroline Smith was not present at the meeting, but Nicole reported there were no new members
d. New Mexico: Nicole Beatty reporting for Heather Kline
   o Heather Kline only recently took over this position and could not be here
   o Kline is working on getting new members
e. Utah: Chris Ramsey and Greg Hatch reporting for Diana Harter
   o Tried to meet on librarian ski day, but avalanche curtailed those plans
   o Next year’s ski day planned for February 7th
f. Wyoming and Montana: Nicole Beatty reporting for Jennifer Mayer
   o No new members or meeting

Travel Award (Nicole Beatty)
• This year’s winner is Alison Verplaetse
• Alison does not getting funding from her employer, Regis University, due to her part time status
• Alison is part of mentorship program, as both mentor and mentee, and also a presenter at this year’s conference
• Kay wants to leave the Travel Award Committee; Margaret Van Dyke volunteered to take her position

Newsletter (Nicole Beatty reporting for Marly Helm)
• Marly wants articles for newsletter in May
• Marly wants to resign
• Suggestion put forth to roll newsletter into new social media initiative
Website/Logo Competition (Christiane Ramsey)

- The logo contest did not receive any applicants so far
- Suggested extending deadline to August 15th
- Several members agreed to advertise again
- Chris volunteered to come up with a few logos in the event that no one else does
- Would like members to send their photographs to her for the online directory

Final Thoughts

- Suggestion to have virtual meetings, perhaps quarterly
- John Burns suggested oovoo software has ability for unlimited number of attendees to have video meetings for free
- Eumie is hiring at the O’Keeffe Museum for both a Librarian and library intern for the summer. She is also launching a museum studies fellowship and an oral history program
- Greg proposed possibly hosting an ARLIS/NA Conference in Salt Lake City around 2017. Nicole and rest of Utah members present agreed to put forth a proposal to ARLIS/NA

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Potance, ARLIS/NA Mountain West Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
May 7, 2014