

Annual Report 2007 ARLIS/NA Northern California Chapter

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2007 OFFICERS

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2008 OFFICERS

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2007 MEMBERSHIP

The Northern California Chapter had 59 members in 2007, including 3 students, 6 retirees, and 3 business affiliates. To the best of our knowledge, 25 of our 59 members were also members of ARLIS/NA.

2007 TREASURY REPORT

Our account balance at year end (12/31/07) was \$1,531.84. Major expenditures in 2007 included a \$120 docent-led tour of the San Jose Museum of Art for members at the fall 2007 Chapter meeting. As membership dues for 2007 were suspended, no other major expenditures were made.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Northern California chapter held two meetings this year.

SPRING MEETING

Date: May 18, 2007

Location: Heller Rare Book Room, F.W. Olin Library, Mills College, Oakland, Calif.

Host: Janice Braun, Special Collections Curator at the FW Olin Library and Director of the Mills Center for the Book

Approximately 25 people attended the meeting, including some guests from outside the Northern California area.

The following topics were discussed:

Conference Reports

Reports from the ARLIS/NA annual conference in Atlanta were given by attendees Kay Teel, Barbara Rominski, Lisa Velarde, and visiting Southern California Chapter Vice-Chair Robert Gore.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Kay Teel gave the Secretary/Treasurer's report which included approval of minutes from the previous meeting and a summary of current chapter finances and membership. A proposal to suspend chapter dues for 2007 was brought forward, seconded, and unanimously passed. Dues collection was set to resume for 2008 memberships at the fall 2007 meeting. The 2007 membership directory was postponed until a more complete and verified version could be produced in 2008.

Chapter By-Laws

Changes to the Chapter's by-laws were reviewed and unanimously approved; revisions were made to comply with ARLIS/NA by-laws.

Membership Dues and Categories

Membership categories were established as: Regular, Affiliate, Student, Business/Institutional Affiliate. The Chapter voted to raise dues from \$15 to \$20 for all categories except Student, which was raised from \$5 to \$10.

Chapter Website

The Chapter needed a new host for its website, which will now be hosted by the Academy of Art University via Lisa Velarde and Kate Roberts. The group expressed its thanks to Sue Koskinen for her years of hosting the Chapter's website and acting as webmaster.

Retiring Chapter Member

Longtime Northern California Chapter member Alex Ross, Head of the Art and Architecture Library at Stanford, retired in April 2007. Chapter member Peter Blank would assume Ross' previous position at Stanford.

The day's events included: a roundtable discussion on artists' books, showcasing a selection of artists' books collected at Mills College; an architectural tour of the Mills College campus led by Karen Fiene, Mills College Campus Architect; and a tour of the Mills College Book Arts Program by Janice Braun, Director of the Mills Center for the Book.

FALL MEETING

Date: Friday, November 9, 2007

Location: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Library, San José State University, San José, Calif.

Host: Edith Crowe, San José State University Art & Design Librarian and Coordinator of Graduate Instruction

The autumn meeting was attended by approximately twenty-seven people, including several San José State University School of Library & Information Science students.

The following topics were discussed:

Board Restructuring

The restructuring of the ARLIS/NA Board was discussed, including an explanation of how ARLIS/NA will be changing the roles of the Regional Representatives into functional liaisons.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Kay Teel presented the Secretary/Treasurer's report which included approval of minutes from the previous meeting and a summary of current chapter finances and membership.

Chapter History

In response to a query from the Chapter's Nominating Committee, Kay Teel attempted to create a roster of all past officers, but found that the documents passed to the Secretary/Treasurer are not complete. Relevant events in the Chapter's history were discussed, and members were asked to volunteer to compile a definitive Chapter history.

Chapter Budget

Future adjustments to the Chapter's contributions to the annual ARLIS/NA conference and other budget expenditures were discussed, and it was proposed and unanimously approved that the Chapter will send \$100 to the ARLIS/NA conference Welcome Party, and set aside \$200 minimum for the Ann Gilbert Travel Award, in addition to any gifts designated by the donor for the award.

Report from the Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee composed of Barbara Rominski, Edith Crowe, Lisa Velarde, and Kathryn Wayne was formed to find candidates for the 2008 Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. Though many Chapter members were interested in serving at some time in the future, the Committee was unable to secure a volunteer candidate.

Officer Elections

Lisa Velarde was unanimously elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for 2008-2009.

Retiring Chapter Member

Edith Crowe is retiring from San José State University in December 2007. A longtime Chapter member, Edith has served as a chapter officer three times and helped to arrange three San Francisco ARLIS/NA conferences. Edith expressed her thanks and spoke about her experiences and memories in the Chapter.

The day's events included a librarian/student exchange – an open forum for ideas and discussion between art librarians, art history graduate students, and library science graduate students on research resources for art history students – followed by a guided tour of the San José Museum of Art and its library.