Annual Report 2015
Midstates Chapter

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Leadership Update
   Chair: Rebecca Price
   Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Viveca Pattison Robichaud
   Secretary/Treasurer: Melanie Emerson
   Past Chair: Leigh Gates

Activities, membership, plans
   • Membership: approximately 25 members in good standing
   • Spring Meeting in Fort Worth (March 21, 2015) Twenty-two members attending.
   • Fall Meeting in Grand Rapids, MI (Oct. 2-3, 2015) hosted by Rebecca Price / held at Frederik Meijer Sculpture Gardens. Chair Rebecca Price led the meeting. Fifteen members attended.
   • Concerns raised at both meetings:
      o Keeping membership numbers up and reaching out to interested graduate students.
      o Diminishing funds and unsustainability of our William C. Bunch Travel award.
   • Activities and Involvement (Action Items)
      o Planning and hosting of the IFLA Arts Section Satellite Conference to be held in Chicago in August 2016. This huge effort involves many members of the chapter; principally led by Viveca Robichaud Patterson and Melanie Emerson. Notre Dame is helping with conference planning and sponsorship; the Art Institute of Chicago is providing in-kind support in the form of meeting space.
      o Publish a newsletter of chapter activities and interests at least twice annually.
      o Will create a new chapter insert or bookmark to accompany the new ARLIS/NA membership outreach brochure (Amy Trendler offered to work on this)
      o Chapter participation in ARLIS/NA Mentoring Initiative; Katie Greer is our Chapter Liaison; Participation is light, but those involved felt it was very successful and rewarding.
      o Instituted a new honorarium to provide support for the Chair’s attendance at the annual conference. The honorarium will cover the conference registration fees (early-bird rate) and will begin for the spring 2016 conference.
   • Plans to address concerns
o Reaching out to non-chapter member colleagues and to graduate students in our local universities.

o Brainstorm fundraising ideas to bring in funds on an ongoing basis. One way is to encourage a donation at renewal time each year. Other suggestions are to create fund-raising opportunities (visits to museums or other venues for which attendees pay a participation fee).

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan Alignment (Action Items aligned with goals)

• Plan and Host IFLA Arts Section Satellite Conference
  o Meets Strategic Plan Goals I (advocate the art information professionals’ value and relevance and provide opportunities for members to participate in shaping the role of the profession), II (extend and encourage professional development, continuing education, networking and mentoring opportunities) and III (build stronger partnerships and programming with our North American, European and international organizations).

• Publish newsletter (online) semi-annually with contributions about our member libraries and activities by members
  o Meets Strategic Plan Goals I (advocating the art information professional’s value and providing opportunities for members to participate in shaping the role for the profession) and IV (increasing awareness of our collections and their significance within our institutions).

• Participate in ARLIS/NA Mentoring Initiative (current)
  o Meets Strategic Plan Goals II (expanding mentoring and management skills) and III (promoting chapter involvement as a stepping stone).

• Create Chapter Informational Insert
  o Meets Strategic Plan Goal I (identifying new membership opportunities and advocating the art information professional’s value and relevance).

• Determine strategy to create sustainable funding for Bunce Travel Award (current)
  o Meets Strategic Plan Goals I (providing members with opportunities to shape the role of the profession) and II (encouraging members’ professional development, continuing education, networking and mentoring).

• Provide honorarium for Chair’s attendance at annual conference
  o Meets Strategic Plan Goals I (extend and encourage professional development, etc. for mid-career and senior career professionals) and III (promote active chapter involvement as a vital stepping stone towards future societal leadership).

Issues for the ARLIS/NA Executive Board to consider

Society support for the IFLA Arts Section Satellite conference.
(support confirmed – thank you!)