Annual Report 2015
Upstate New York Chapter

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Leadership Update

2016 Executive Board:
Tina Chan, President
Marsha Taichman, Vice President/President-Elect
Jennifer Burr, Secretary
Marcie Farwell, Treasurer
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Rose Orcutt, Past President

Meetings

National:
Chapter member Jenny Strickland represented ARLIS/NA Upstate New York at the chapter presidents meeting at the 2015 ARLIS/NA annual conference in Fort Worth.

Travel Award:
Chapter member Marsha Taichman was the conference travel award winner. Ms. Taichman received the $250 conference travel award to help defray the expense of attending the 2015 ARLIS/NA annual conference in Fort Worth. Her conference travel award report is available at: http://arlisupstateny.org/2015/04/23/travel-award-report-from-arlis-2015-in-fort-worth/.

Spring:
The spring 2015 meeting was held at Silo City (Grain Elevators) in Buffalo, NY, where 13 people attended. In addition to the business meeting, guest speakers Courtney Creenan-Chorley from Flynn Battaglia Architects, PC, spoke of and gave a tour of her and her teammate’s project of Elevator B Hive City when they were architecture students at the University at Buffalo’s School of Architecture and Planning. The dwelling was the Jury Award winner in the Student Design/Build Project category of the Architizer A+ Awards. Another guest speaker was Nick Bruscia, clinical assistant professor at the University at Buffalo’s School of Architecture & Planning. He spoke of and gave a tour of his and his colleague’s sculptural self-supporting wall of folded pieces of rigidized steel, which was a finalist in SKIN, an international competition in computational design. Beth Tauke, associate dean for academic affairs at University at Buffalo’s School of Architecture & Planning gave a tour of the grain elevators.
Fall:
Twelve chapter members and one retiree attended our Fall 2015 meeting on September 25 at Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY. The program included a presentation and curator’s tour of the Whitefriars Conservation Project by Jim Galbraith, Chief Librarian and Rakow Library staff members; a tour of the Contemporary Glass + Design Wing by Rob Cassetti, Senior Director, Creative Services & Marketing; tour of the exhibit “America’s Favorite Dish: Celebrating a Century of Pyrex”; a ‘Behind the Scenes‘ tour of the Rakow Research Library; and a glass bead making workshop. The members contributed to and engaged in a silent auction fundraiser which netted $228.

• Ongoing Activities
  • Website
  • Facebook page
  • Listserv
  • Travel Award
  • Donation to ARLIS/NA Annual Conference ($200)

2015 Initiatives
• At the Spring meeting in Buffalo, the members donated children’s art and foreign language books to the Rust Belt Bookstore, a local bookstore/refugee center.
• Fundraising initiatives for the year included a silent auction at the Fall 2015 meeting.
• The chapter donated $50 to the 2015 Summer Educational Institute (SEI) for Visual Resources and Image Management, jointly organized by ARLIS/NA and VRA.

2016 Plans
• The Spring meeting will be held Oswego, NY
• Our Fall meeting is in discussion about a retreat in Old Forge, NY

•ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan
1. Articulate New Directions and Identity for the Profession
   • Raised visibility of accomplishments of Upstate New York chapter members by promoting on the chapter’s website and Facebook pages.

2. Expand Mentoring, Management, and Transition Skills
   • Funding a $350 conference travel award to help defray the expense of attending for the 2016 ARLIS/NA Annual Conference.
   • Encouraged members to participate in the chapter mentoring program.

3. Create Stronger Leadership through Promotion, Cooperation and Advocacy

4. Emphasize our Collections and Stewardship Role
   • Chapter members sent nominations for the Collaborative Architecture, Urbanism, and Sustainability Web Archive (CAUSEWAY) project. More information about CAUSEWAY is available at: https://library.columbia.edu/bts/web_resources_collection/causeway.html

5. Strengthen the Society’s Communication and Operational Infrastructure
   • Regular posts to the chapter’s website and Facebook pages.