Annual Report 2016
Southern California Chapter

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2016 Chapter Officers:
Ben Lee Ritchie Handler, Chair
Simone Fujita, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Becka Cooling, Treasurer
Clarice DeVeyra, Secretary
Claire Kennedy, Past-Chair

Chapter Meetings

Executive Board Meeting, January 21, 2016
Location: Sci-Arc Kappe Library (Los Angeles, CA)
5 chapter officers in attendance
Executive Board meeting to help new board members become acquainted, set annual goals for the chapter, and discuss officers’ responsibilities.

Annual Conference Chapter Mixer, March 10, 2016
Location: Clever Bottle (Seattle, WA)
27 attendees
A social gathering presented by the chapter which was well attended by Southern California members as well as ARLIS members from the Northern California, Northwest, Twin Cities, and New York chapters.

Executive Board Meeting and Retreat, July 26, 2016
Location: Magic Castle Library and Club (Hollywood, CA)
5 chapter officers in attendance
Executive Board received a tour of the Magic Castle’s private members-only library (a special library for magicians) by librarian Lisa Cousins, and met to discuss the chapter’s activities and plans for the remainder of the year.

Endless Images Mini-Conference, August 15, 2016
Location: Laguna College of Art and Design (Laguna Beach, CA)
50 attendees
This event was co-presented by the Visual Resources Association (VRA), Society of California Archivists (SCA) and ARLIS/NA Southern California Chapter. It featured 20 presentations from local LIS professionals exploring digital projects related to visual resources. More information, including the full program, can be found at: goo.gl/sidhC9
Hammer Museum Career Chat & Collections Tour, November 15, 2016
Location: Hammer Museum and Palomino Restaurant/Bar (Westwood, CA)
14 attendees
This event was held specifically for MLIS students in Los Angeles and co-presented with ARTiFACTs at UCLA, the MLIS student organization for graduate students interested in visual resources/art librarianship. Hammer Museum Registrar and UCLA MLIS alumna Alexandra Bancroft presented a talk on collection management, specifically how artwork is tracked, stored, preserved, and shipped according to museum standards. The talk was followed by a tour of museum storage, Q&A session, and nearby happy hour.

ARLIS So-Cal Business Meeting, November 18, 2016
Locations: Hauser Wirth & Schimmel Gallery and Sci-Arc Kappe Library (Los Angeles, CA)
17 attendees
The chapter received a guided tour of Hauser Wirth & Schimmel’s “Schwitters Miro Arp” exhibition and Printed Matter Book Lab. The gallery visit was followed by lunch, a tour of Sci-Arc led by librarian & chapter Treasurer Becka Cooling, and a business meeting in the Sci-Arc Library.

Holiday Gathering, December 17, 2016
Location: Velaslavasay Panorama (Los Angeles, CA)
67 attendees
The chapter’s holiday social event was co-presented by the Los Angeles Archivists Collective (LAAC). It was attended by chapter members, LAAC members, and staff of the hosting sister institutions, Velaslavasay Panorama and Museum of Jurassic Technology.

Chapter Activities

The chapter engaged in one major fundraising effort -- a silent auction which was co-presented with the Los Angeles Archivists Collective (LAAC) as part of our joint LAAC/ARLIS SoCal Holiday Gathering held in December 2016. The silent auction was conducted entirely online on Instagram, and administered by volunteers from ARLIS and the LAAC. Proceeds totaled $792.78, with the chapter’s portion being $396.39 prior to the deduction of some fees related to Holiday Gathering expenses.

The chapter co-sponsored a summer mini-conference titled “Endless Images” with VRA and the Society of California Archivists at the Laguna College of Art and Design.

Additionally, the chapter began an ongoing outreach effort directed towards local MLIS students, collaborating with ARTiFACTs at UCLA (a student organization for MLIS students interested in art librarianship) on hosting a career chat and collections tour of the Hammer Museum.

Finally, the chapter selected two new travel award winners for its annual conference travel awards. The Judith A. Hoffberg Travel Award goes to Lucy Campbell, and the student award goes to UCLA student Karly Wildenhaus. Each awardee will receive $300 to be used for conference expenses.

Membership Statistics
Current: 22
New: 7
Lapsed: 21

Treasurer’s Report
[attached separately]
Leadership Update

Incoming 2017 ARLIS/NA Southern California Chapter Executive Board:
• Simone Fujita, Chair
• Stacy Williams, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
• Becka Cooling, Treasurer
• Caley Cannon, Secretary
• Ben Lee Ritchie Handler, Past-Chair

Brief Narrative

For a variety of reasons, there has been a trend toward declining membership in our chapter. In 2017, the chapter officers intend to do a great deal of outreach in order to recruit new members and reach out to lapsed members, with a hope of reinvigorating members’ interest and involvement in the chapter. This includes further outreach to local MLIS students (a project started with our 2016 Hammer Career Chat) as well as efforts to build more of a community of professionals engaged more closely in each others’ professional activities. Due to the wide geographical region our chapter encompasses, our members can feel very disconnected from each other at times, but we hope to bridge this gap with chapter activities that engender greater community building in 2017.

The chapter also seeks to broaden the geographic range of its events to reach out to members who are outside of Los Angeles County and Orange County. We also look forward to continuing to partner with other professional groups such as VRA and the Los Angeles Archivists Collective.

There is also interest in collaborating with the Northern California chapter on an event in central California at some point in the year.
Treasurer's Report -- January 2017
Compiled by Becka Cooling, Treasurer of ARLIS/NA Southern California Chapter

2017 Membership
Current: 23
New: 4
Lapsed: 11

2016 Membership
Current: 22
New: 7
Lapsed: 21

We need to think about how to increase our membership in 2017.

2016 Expenses
Holiday Party clean up fee - $75 (paid)
Holiday Party food - TBD (waiting to hear from Jennifer Kishi on this number)
Donation to National Conference - $150
Student Travel Award: 2016 Awardee, Rachel Ferensovich - $300
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2016 Additional Funds Raised
Holiday auction proceeds - $396.39 (promised, not yet received as of 1/19/2017)
Donations (from when members renew): $10
Joint ARLIS/VRA summer conference: $142.61
Hauser Wirth & Schimmel tour fee - $60

2017 Expenses
Donation to National Conference - $150 (check mailed 1/10/2017, not cashed as of 1/18/2017)

2017 Additional Funds Raised
Donations (from when members renew): $5

Upcoming 2017 Expenses
Judith A. Hoffberg Travel Award: 2017 Awardee, Lucy G. Campbell - $300
Student Travel Award: 2017 Awardee, Karly Wildenhaus - $300

Accounts
Checking - $837.39
Savings - $314.23
PayPal - $247.76
Total: $1,399.10
Total including promised holiday fundraiser money, minus conference donation and travel awards - $1,046.30

The chapter should do some fundraising in 2017.

**Listserv**
We no longer pay an annual list serv fee! (was $128/yr)

**Taxes**
Filed with the IRS on 10/08/2016 for tax year 10/01/2015 - 09/30/2016
Ben Lee Ritchie Handler listed as “Principal Officer”

Confirmation screenshot below: