Leadership

Officers for 2017:
Ginny Moran, Chair
Lindsay Keating, Vice Chair (resigned)
Bailey Diers, Interim Vice Chair and Past Chair
John Lyon, Secretary/Treasurer

Incoming Officers for 2018:
Ginny Moran, Chair
Beth Goodrich, Vice Chair
John Lyon, Secretary/Treasurer
Bailey Diers, Past Chair

Brief Narrative of Activities

In 2017, the ARLIS/NA-Twin Cities (ARLIS/NA-TC) Chapter held two professional meetings, and one book club gathering.

1. Book Club: Historically, our chapter holds bi-annual book club gatherings. In the winter, we select a nonfiction title and in the summer, fiction. Organizing the book club reading and gathering has become the role of the Vice Chair/Chair Elect. Due to the resignation of our incoming vice-chair, we did not plan a winter event in 2017. Our summer book club, reading The Complete Stories of Leonora Carrington, was held on August 24, 2017 at Longfellow Grill in Minneapolis. It was well-attended, attracting 14 ARLIS members and chapter friends to this happy hour-timed event.


   Agenda items included an ARLIS/NA Conference recap and highlights; updates on moving our chapter website to a Wordpress site; plans for outreach. Following the
chapter business meeting, members had an opportunity to tour the Law Warschaw gallery and had a collections talk with gallery director Jehra Patrick, visual resources curator Tamatha Perlman, and archives and special collections librarian Ellen Holt-Werle. In addition, members also participated in a fibers workshop led by Kristi Fackel, working with natural indigo dye and silk fabric.

3. **Fall Business Meeting:** October 30, 2017 at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.
   Attendance: 26

   The agenda started with elections of officers for 2018, then moved on to other business items. We shared our updated website following the move to WordPress and ARLIS/NA hosting (thank you, ARLIS/NA!), solicited volunteers to help with chapter event photography, discussed efforts to increase chapter membership, determined a plan for chapter travel awards and a silent auction donation for the ARLIS/NA Annual Conference. The meeting wrapped up with an opportunity for attendees to share "what's new in your library."

   Following the meeting, Yasufumi Nakamori, Head Curator of Photography and New Media at Mia gave a talk and tour of his exhibition, *New Pictures: Omer Fast*, **Appendix**. In addition, attendees heard from the National Digital Stewardship Residency for Art Information in a presentation given by the current residents, Elise Tanner, Coral Salomón, Cate Peebles, and Erin Barsan, and Kristen Regina and Karina Wratschko, both from the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Following the presentations, attendees were invited to a Mia Library tour hosted by Janice Lurie and Meg Black.

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**Membership Statistics**

2017 Membership Statistics

- Total membership: 18 (18 in good standing)
- Full members: 8 (3 new, 5 renewal)
- Friends: 8
- Students: 1

**Treasurer’s Report**

- Balance on January 1, 2017: $556.91
- Income: $519.42
- Expenditures: $380.63

Ending balance as of December 31, 2017: $695.70

**ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan**

The ARLIS/NA-TC Chapter is currently focusing on the following strategic directions:

**Leadership and Advocacy** *The Society shall speak and act on behalf of its members to advance, validate, sustain, and advocate for the profession and the value of art libraries.*

Student Outreach: Each year we reach out to students in the St. Catherine University MLIS program encouraging them to join the ARLIS/NA-TC chapter. Chapter officers participate in the annual associations fair held at St. Kate’s, ARLIS/NA-TC bookmarks are sent to the MLIS office, and an email is sent out to students at the beginning of the school year.
Status: In 2017, we assessed this strategy and found that it did not result in significant member growth or participation in chapter activities. We put it on hold for 2017 and will decide how this fits with a goal of outreach to the broader community.

**Organizational Advancement** As the leading art information organization, the Society shall strengthen the profession through increased visibility, collaborative partnerships, international networks, and membership engagement.

Joint Programs and Discussions with VRA-Midstates: We have talked regularly with VRA Midstates, but did not collaborate on any joint programming in 2017.

Status: Continual

**Art Information Professionals** The Society shall support the evolving role of art information professionals through education, mentoring, and professional development opportunities that foster excellence and innovation.

Professional Development: The Chapter executive committee continues to identify new topics of interest to present at chapter meetings and to encourage members to present and be involved at annual ARLIS/NA conference. The timing of our spring and fall meetings has made it challenging to coordinate chapter submissions for annual conference programming. However, this is something that the past chair could possibly take on. This will be discussed at our Spring 2018 meeting.

Status: Continual.

**Innovation and Technology** The Society shall serve as a community of practice for the exploration, cultivation, and sharing of innovative approaches and emerging technologies in libraries and art librarianship.

Website Redesign: A committee has been formed to examine the ARLIS/NA-Twin Cities website and make recommendations for content to be migrated to new Wordpress site. The committee consists of Ginny Moran, Katy Vonk and Shannon Klug. The team will take steps necessary to fully convert the site by the end of 2017.

Status: Completed.

**Issues / Requests for the Executive Board**

None.

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