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Photography Librarians Discussion Group Meeting  
Tuesday, April 5, 2005, 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Recorder: Miguel Juarez, University of Arizona Library

In attendance: Barbara Rockenbach, Tony White, Miguel Juarez, Nina Stephenson, Robert Lobe,

Minutes:

The future of our electronic mailing list:

Members discussed the Photography Librarians listserv, it needs to be moved from its present location since Miguel would be leaving the University of Arizona. Miguel said he had previously started a blog for the photography librarians and said he could give all attendees "write access" to the blog. He offered to give all in attendance a "five minute tutorial" on navigating the blog. Barbara suggested that perhaps Miguel could give everyone in attendance a quick tutorial in the Internet Room at the end of the meeting. Miguel stated the Photography Librarians Discussion Group did not accommodate the posting of images, like it once did.

Tony White mentioned the possibility of using an image sharing service called flicker to upload and share images. He said students at Pratt were using it.

Miguel suggested that the group start keeping a record of the Photography Librarians Discussion Group, similar to other groups that pass a binder among new committee chairs. Barbara volunteered to be the keeper of materials, at least in a binder form, raw data, at least for archival purposes. Miguel asked members if anyone had copies of old e-mails. He said he had recently lost many files from the early days of the discussion group. Barbara R. suggested that perhaps Peter Blank may have past e-mails and we should consult with him.

Session and panel possibilities for Banff:

Members discussed various themes involving photography like photography and landscape architecture, photography and travel, photography and natural settings, transportation and photography.

Robert Lobe suggested that perhaps we could schedule a photography session (not a panel) but as an event to take advantage of the natural setting with a Canadian nature photographer.

Mentioned the upcoming Society for Photographic Education Regional Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Barbara suggested she write it up and send a notice to ARLIS-L.

Miguel suggested sponsored a session titled: "Get to Know Your Digital Camera." Barbara suggested that it perhaps be a workshop. Barbara suggested that an extension of that might be to take the images into PhotoShop*perhaps a workshop for digital images from start to finish. Have the workshop a day prior to the excursion. Robert suggested have people go on the excursion and then show the results of it.
He suggested we invite members to showcase their images. Barbara suggested members could begin to document places where we have had sessions. Nina also suggested that perhaps we could have an on-going slide show of images taken during the conference. We need to be more visual since we deal with images. We could put the images on flicker and have a means for members to check the on-going visual development of the conference. Tony suggested that perhaps the organization could provide a mechanism to view the images, maybe in the form of a dedicated server.

Miguel suggested that images could be more of a part of the conference. It was suggested that anyone could contribute to the on-going slide show and have the images run continuously. He suggested the display be set up in the exhibition hall on a large screen, as a continuous slide, where people could upload their images and draw people into the vendor area.

Barbara recapped the ideas generated in the meeting: an idea of a workshop, and an excursion (early on in the conference, which we would propose to the board). Barbara will take the lead in writing these ideas and proposing them.

**Leadership in the discussion group:**

Peter Blank rotates off, Barbara continues and Robert Lobe volunteered to co-chair with Barbara and in the future Tony White said he would do it. Members expressed an interest in next year being more of a practical year.

Barbara suggested utilizing Jane Devine's availability since she is situated in Vancouver for next year's panel proposals.

Miguel then gave discussion group attendees a five minute tutorial on blogger.com and gave members "write access" to the Photography Librarians Blog.