ARLIS New England Chapter Meeting  
Saturday, April 27, 2013, 8:00am – 9:00am  

Moderator: Whitney Vitale, Chapter President  
Recorders: Lee-Anne Famolare, Secretary/Membership Officer and Amanda Bowen, Past President  

Attendees: 21 members, representing New England States including MA, ME, NH, CT, RI  

Agenda:  

1. Introductions and Review of the Year  
Whitney Vitale introduced the current chapter officers and announced the appointment of incoming treasurer Emily Weirich.  
Whitney Vitale presented the highlights of the last year of events including:  

- The fall business meeting at Olin College of Engineering in Needham, MA on November 30th, 2012.  
- Gibson House tour on March 31st, 2013.  

2. Chapter Award/ Scholarship Recipients Announcement  
Whitney Vitale announced that Linda Zieper from UMass Dartmouth and Mark Pompelia from Rhode Island School of design are the 2013 recipients of the ARLIS/ New England travel awards.  

Emily Weirich was announced as the winner of the Elmar W. Seibel Scholarship for 2013.  

3. Upcoming Meetings/Tours for the New England Chapter
Amanda Bowen inviting the membership to a Mt. Auburn Cemetery tour for the Chapter in May. Details would be posted on the ARLIS/NE listserv. Whitney Vitale announced that the New England Chapter spring meeting would be held on Friday, June 7th in Portland, Maine. More information would be posted about the meeting via the ARLIS/NE listserv.

Members suggested that some members may want to go beyond Portland when visiting for the June meeting. Points of interest suggested include: Botanical gardens in Boothbay, Peony Garden in Falmouth, Farnsworth, and the Homer studio in Prouts Neck.

Whitney Vitale announced that there will be a late summer/early fall gathering at the Boston Architectural College. It will probably be held in late August to attract new Library Science students interested in art librarianship.

Members then suggested many ideas for next meetings. Linda Zieper offered to host the fall meeting at UMass Dartmouth, as they have newly renovated the library there. The Yale Art Gallery (or another location in Connecticut or Rhode Island) was also suggested as another possibility for a future chapter meeting site

Other future meeting sites/visits suggested by the membership were Colby’s newly renovated College Museum of Art, Storm King (outside of Maine), DIA Beacon, Oleana, Bard College Center for the Arts, the Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth NH, the Gropius House (Lincoln Mass), the Codman House (Lincoln Mass) and the John Brown House in Providence. A Barnes Foundation trip was suggested as a possible add-on trip for the 2014 ARLIS/NA Washington, D.C. conference.

4. Chapter Website Updates

The chapter board is working on updating the website. Whitney Vitale announced that a membership list will be added to the website and opened the floor for discussion on this. There was some concerns about privacy voiced by the membership. It was suggested that the membership list accessible to the public would have only names and affiliations, with login necessary to get email addresses. This would limit spam. It was decided that the board would see if this option was technically possible with the current website software (WordPress).

An idea spearheaded by Gabrielle Reed years ago to add a map of where members are located to the website was reintroduced. Gabrielle agreed to revisit the idea in the future.

5. Chapter Level Mentoring

Amanda Bowen spoke about mentoring at the New England chapter level. There is a training video available online for members. Once people are paired up with a mentee, they could go through training. Rachel Resnik mentioned that mentoring doesn’t have to be done via the video training. It was suggested that it might be better to get together as a group for training rather than individually. There are 2 choices: 1) a yearlong training program that is started at the national Conference and 2) A virtual training that is more self-directed. Members discussed that it might be a good idea to reach out to library schools close to the New England region like Simmons College, URI, SUNY Albany, and Southern CT for mentees. A list of possible New England chapter mentors also needs to be gathered.

6. Other Member Announcements

Ann Whiteside announced that there will be a materials symposium held at the Rhode Island School of Design on June 7th. She also invited the attendees to a meeting at the ARLIS/
Conference on Sunday, April 28th about how librarians can work with the Society of Architectural Historians to save photographic collections.

Laurie Whitehill Chong announced that the College Book Art group, which started in 2008, would be holding a meeting January 2014 in Salt Lake City. The emphasis of this conference would be practice, application, and scholarship.

It was suggested and supported by the group that the board should look into holding more future meetings jointly with VRA & SLA local chapters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.