ARLIS/NA Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting
March 21, 2015
Submitted by Betsy Lantz

Attendees: Gail Storer, Maureen Dawley, Shannon Robinson, Betsy Lantz, Chris Mannix, Sherri Saines, Barbara Prior, Stacy Brinkman

Mo announced that Betsy would record the meeting minutes in Maggie and Anne’s absence. Mo moved to approve the minutes from the Fall Meeting held October 31, 2014 at Carnegie Mellon University. Betsy seconded. All approved.

Shannon summarized the annual report as follows:
- The Chapter increased our donation to the conference from $150.00 in 2013 to $200.00 in 2014 and 2015.
- The Chapter’s Travel Award was increased from $200.00 in 2013 to $250.00 in 2014 and 2015.
- We added a virtual component to the Fall Meeting and had 4 virtual attendees.
- Jen Krivickas is redesigning our Word Press blog.
- Anne Trenholme and Jen worked to create an online payment option which has been successful.

The complete annual report is on the website.

Mo reported on information from the Chapter Chairs meeting that ARLIS/NA does provide technical support for Word Press but won’t help with design, etc.

Mo thanked Shannon for being a great president of the chapter.

Mo presented the Chapter financials (distributed to all in attendance) in the absence of Anne Trenholme. We spent $22 to acquire 90 day checks due to the fact that our last award winner didn’t cash the check. Checks will now be void if not cashed in 90 days. We have a current balance of $1057.22. Membership is stable with our highest number of renewal members in recent years (membership statistics distributed to all in attendance).

Chris Mannix, our Chapter Mentoring Program liaison, talked about the chapter mentoring program which is structured after the national program. Chris will introduce training material, etc., facilitating pairs, and expectations. Discussion ensued regarding how to
attract people to such a program and whether or not mentees have to be part of ARLIS/NA. There were many thoughts as to whether or not the mentoring program could be made more informal at the chapter level. Chris will send out an email to determine interest in the program. She recommended that we not add a Mentoring Liaison to our Chapter Board and asked members to pass ideas on to her regarding potential needs for mentoring or other ideas about the program.

Shannon provided an update regarding the IFLA Art Libraries Satellite meeting. The Art Institute of Chicago and the ARLIS/Mid-States Chapter have expressed interest in hosting with our help. Proposed dates are August 9-11, 2016 with an estimated 100-125 participants. The proposed theme is “Art Libraries as Place: Building on the Past, Building for the Future.” Shannon, Mo and Gail will attend a meeting on March 22nd to gather more information and will report back to the Chapter. Mo thanked Shannon for all her work on this project.

Mo opened up discussion regarding a Friends or Associate membership option for ARLIS/OV members and asked if we could vote. After much discussion the consensus was to create a Friends membership option. Barbara moved that we establish a Friends membership category without voting rights. Barbara also moved that we vote to determine the rate of the membership at $10, $15 or $25. Gail seconded both motions. Mo will discuss with Anne and then put the issue to a vote with the Chapter.

Barbara talked about the large collection of mail art (correspondence art) at Oberlin College, noting that is it the “longest modern art movement that no one know anything about.” They have approximately 25,000 pieces. On April 1 the woman who wrote her dissertation on the collection will be at Oberlin to give a presentation. The library is mounting an exhibition in conjunction with the event.

Congratulations to Stacy Brinkman on receiving the ARLIS/OV Travel Award to attend the ARLIS/NA Annual Conference. Shannon reiterated that the Travel Award is specifically for use to attend the annual conference.

Meeting adjourned by Mo Dawley.