

ARLIS/NA Northern California Chapter business meeting minutes

November 2, 2018

Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, California

Saint Albert Hall Library conference room

Attendees: Swetta Abeyta (Saint Mary's College of California), Quindi Berger (San Francisco Public Library), April Bojorquez (Saint Mary's College Museum of Art), Lynn Cunningham (University of California, Berkeley), Abigail Dansiger (Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco), Jeff Gunderson (San Francisco Art Institute), Lauren MacDonald (Saint Mary's College of California), Christina Moretta (San Francisco Public Library), Alison Rasch, Britt Royer (Saint Mary's College Museum of Art), Sandy Sumano (SFMOMA), Kay Teel (Stanford University), Darlene Tong (San Francisco State University), Jim Van Buskirk, Kathryn Wayne (University of California, Berkeley, emerita)

Officers: Abigail Dansiger (Chair), Kathryn Wayne (Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect), Kay Teel (Secretary/Treasurer)

Abby Dansiger opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. by welcoming the attendees. Abby thanked Lauren MacDonald and Saint Mary's College of California for hosting the meeting and providing the lunch.

Kay Teel read the chapter treasurer's report. As of November 1, 2018, the chapter had 23 regular members, 13 affiliates, and 1 student member. The chapter has a business checking account with Umpqua Bank and the account balance on November 2, 2018, was \$2299.86. There were no expenses for the May 11, 2018, meeting at California College of the Arts (CCA) in Oakland, thanks to the generosity of CCA. The chapter paid \$23.62 in fees and collected \$555 in dues and donations through PayPal between January 1 and October 31, 2018.

The minutes of the May 11, 2018, chapter business meeting were e-mailed to chapter members. Abby moved to approve the minutes. Kathryn Wayne seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved. Abby introduced the chapter's nominating committee, Lynn Cunningham and Kathryn Wayne. Lynn introduced Sandy Sumano from SFMOMA, who was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for 2019.

Abby presented background information about the ARLIS/NA proposal to bundle chapter memberships with ARLIS/NA membership. Abby noted that all chapters must agree to the proposal for it to be implemented. She announced that the chapter officers will prepare an online ballot so all chapter members can vote on the proposal. Quindi Berger initiated a discussion about why people don't join the chapter, chapter outreach, and the localized Bay Area focus of the chapter. Kay presented the perspective as chapter secretary, mentioning that some local ARLIS/NA members forget to join or renew with the chapter because it is separate process. Abby talked briefly about the mock-up of the membership form. Christina Moretta asked how the chapter would get its dues from ARLIS/NA. The response was that ARLIS/NA headquarters would send a check or direct deposit to the chapter. Lauren MacDonald explained that the ARLIS/NA Executive Board sees bundled membership as a way to support the chapters.

The next order of business was the ARLIS/NA 47th annual conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 26-30, 2019. Abby highlighted the travel awards offered by ARLIS/NA and noted that the chapter's Ann Gilbert Travel Award, given to a chapter officer to attend the ARLIS/NA annual conference, would go to Sandy if Sandy attends the Salt Lake City conference. There followed a discussion about the chapter's donation toward the Welcome Party at the ARLIS/NA conference. Abby, Kathryn, and Kay proposed the chapter donate at least \$300 and the proposal was unanimously approved.

Lauren MacDonald, ARLIS/NA Education Liaison, next presented an update from the ARLIS/NA Executive Board. Among the activities and news: Robert Kopchinski, ARLIS/NA Executive Director, left Association Executives Group and the new Executive Director is Timothy Penno; the career resources information on the ARLIS/NA website is being redesigned and should be available before the Salt Lake City conference; there is an ARLIS/NA task force on the National Digital Stewardship Residency for Art Information (NDSR Art) and its white paper should be issued before the annual conference; there will be changes to the Summer Educational Institute (SEI) program; and the Professional Development Committee has ideas for leadership training and certification that could be offered through ARLIS/NA.

Abby announced that Mary Wegmann, who served as the chapter's mentorship liaison for several years, has stepped down from this role. ARLIS/NA offers a mentorship program.

Kathryn gave an update on the chapter's social activities coordinated by Dayna Holz with assistance from Mary Wegmann. In May there was a visit and lecture at the Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive and in July there was the San Francisco Art Book Fair. One suggestion for a future outing is a visit to Hayward Public Library to view two artworks by Mary V. Marsh on display. Christina Moretta, Jim Van Buskirk, and Dayna organized a chapter book club. Chapter activity announcements can be posted to the ARLIS-CA listserv.

Abby opened the floor for member announcements. Darlene Tong announced her retirement in 2019 from San Francisco State University. Jim Van Buskirk and Jeff Gunderson talked about "LGBTQI SFAI," the visual lectures they have presented at San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) and other venues about the queer faculty, staff, and students who have been at San Francisco Art Institute. Jeff is also teaching a course that will culminate with an exhibition at SFAI. Quindi Berger announced a staff art show at SFPL, on view December 8, 2018-March 8, 2019. Lynn Cunningham co-curated the exhibit, "Art for the Asking: 60 Years of the Graphic Arts Loan Collection," held at the Bernice Layne Brown Gallery, Doe Library, University of California, Berkeley, on view through February 2019.

The idea of a joint Northern California Chapter and Southern California Chapter meeting was discussed. Abby explained that the idea is on hold until both chapters have their new officers in place. There followed an exchange of ideas for more educational opportunities and activities offered by the chapter. The local chapter of Special Libraries Association (SLA) was mentioned as a model for its variety of activities and active membership.

Kathryn thanked Abby for her service as chapter Chair and members responded with a rousing round of applause.

There being no further new business, Abby adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

There followed a presentation and tour of special collections and archives at Saint Mary's College of California given by Lauren and Kate Wilson. Lunch, generously provided by Saint Mary's College Museum of Art, was served outside and was followed by a tour of the museum led by April Bojorquez. The day concluded at the Rheem Campus of Saint Mary's College to visit the museum's art storage facility.

Submitted by Kay Teel