

## **ARLIS/NA Central Plains Fall Meeting**

**Olin Library**

**Washington University in St. Louis**

**October 19, 2018**

**9:30AM**

Present: Jenny Akins, Andi Back (virtual attendee), Marilyn Carbonell (virtual attendee), Marianne Cavanaugh, Andrea Degener (vice-chair/chair-elect), Suzy Frechette, Phil Jones (secretary/treasurer), Michael Kriz, Skye Lacerte, Amelia Nelson (chair), Keli Rylance, Rina Vecchiola, Marianne Williams, Katrina Windon

### Opening Business:

Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:31. Everyone made introductions. She thanked colleagues in St. Louis for hosting the meeting.

Copies of the latest draft of minutes from the spring meeting in New York had been distributed via e-mail and Jones supplied hard copies. Nelson moved to approve the minutes, which Cavanaugh seconded. All thirteen voting members were in favor.

Jones gave a report as secretary/treasurer. A copy of the report is in the appendix. He noted that he had received an additional payment of dues (a renewal) in October.

### Ongoing New Business:

Vecchiola gave a report on a meeting with Tim Penno from AEG, the Society's management company, on Wednesday the 10th. Local members of Central Plains and he discussed local arrangements for the upcoming annual conference of the Society in 2020. The Chase Park Plaza is the first choice for hotel and the Union Station Hotel is second. The hotel should be determined by the end of the month. The week of 20 April is the first choice for dates. Laura Schwartz, vice president of ARLIS/NA, has been supportive. Vecchiola showed the proposed logos for the conference.

Nelson announced that she accepted the position of development coordinator for the 2020 annual conference. The position spans three conferences: Salt Lake City, St. Louis, and Montreal.

Kriz distributed a conference badge that he received at a recent conference and suggested that the chapter develop a similar one in 2020. Akins reported that the conference will be green, with no bags or inserts.

Attendees discussed when and where to hold the next meeting of the chapter. Jones indicated that Jeanne Besaw and he had discussed having the meeting in NW Arkansas, primarily in Bentonville, but it made sense to postpone it until fall 2020, some months after the opening of the new contemporary art museum in Bentonville, the Momentary. Attendees agreed that the workload of planning the annual conference in St. Louis will be consequential and it might be best to skip a chapter meeting in 2019—or members could meet in St. Louis as needed to iron out details for the annual conference. Nelson suggested that members might wish to arrive in St. Louis several days before the 2020 annual

conference to assist with any final tasks. Members agreed to meet in Salt Lake City at the 2019 annual conference and be flexible about meeting as a chapter later in 2019.

#### New Business:

Nelson laid out the Society's initiative to bundle dues to the Society with dues to a chapter. The initiative will reinforce the connection between membership in the Society and the chapters. Bundling dues will require that all chapters charge the same amount, and the executive board had proposed \$20. Dues that are collected on behalf of a chapter will be distributed on a quarterly basis. The board made assurances that special arrangements, such as lifetime memberships, will be accommodated.\* Any changes cannot take effect until late 2019 for 2020 because not all chapters have voted. She moved to increase the dues of Central Plains from \$15 to \$20, which Jones seconded. All thirteen voting members voted in favor. Nelson then moved to bundle the dues of the Society with the chapter, which Lacerte seconded. All thirteen voting members voted in favor.

The chapter will have two vacant offices in 2019: vice-chair/chair-elect and the new position of communications officer. Back and Windon offered to serve on the nominating committee.

The chapter discussed how much money to contribute to the annual conference in Salt Lake City. Jones moved that the chapter contribute \$250, which Kriz seconded. All thirteen voting members voted in favor.

The chapter did not award the Susan Craig Travel Award in 2018. Attendees discussed offering the award in 2019 for the annual conference in Salt Lake City. Jones related that the Society had reminded officers that awards of \$600 or greater required documentation for the IRS. Cavanaugh moved to offer \$400 for the travel award in 2019, which Frechette seconded. All thirteen voting members voted in favor. Kriz and Lacerte offered to serve on the nominating committee.

Nelson reported on the development of a biographical dictionary of Missouri artists, on the order of the seminal work of Susan Craig on Kansas artists. Digital publication is planned for 2021, to coincide with the Missouri bicentennial. Traci Boswell is working with artists' files at the Nelson-Atkins, and there is a desire for partners and volunteers. The state archives will participate as well. Nelson asked interested parties to contact Boswell or her. Kriz mentioned that art history faculty at Saint Louis University would contribute students to this project. Nelson will send him details.

Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:12.

\*In a follow-up response after the meeting to an inquiry regarding payment of dues, Catherine Essinger wrote in e-mail, "They definitely can still join at the meeting, on your website, or however else you wish to accept members. Adding chapters to the membership form is merely a convenience for some members. The board is happy to add chapters to the form, as requested, but the software that runs the form can't handle all those different fees. That's the only reason we're asking chapters if they'd rather standardize fees in order to be included on the form, or would they prefer to leave the fees and stay off the form. Thus far, every chapter has voted to standardize."

Appendix

**ARLIS/NA Central Plains Chapter  
Report of Secretary/Treasurer, September 30, 2018**

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance on Jan 1:	\$4,308.11
Total Income:	\$ 180.09
Total Expenses:	\$
Balance on Sept 30:	\$4,488.20

Total income includes two payments of annual dues (cash/check), three payments via PayPal, one lifetime membership via PayPal, and one fall registration via PayPal.

**Membership Report**

Central Plains has 13 lifetime and 16 annual members, for a total of 29.

**Current Membership**

**Lifetime members\***

Akins, Jennifer	Washington University in St. Louis
Back, Andrea (Andi)	University of Kansas
Besaw, Jeanne*	Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
Bobo, Susan*	Oklahoma State University
Boswell, Tracey	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Carbonell, Marilyn*	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Cavanaugh, Marianne	Retired-Saint Louis Art Museum
Craig, Susan V.*	Retired-University of Kansas
Crane, Rachel*	Wichita State University
Cranor, Anna*	Stephens College
Davis, Elizabeth	Emporia, Kansas
Degener, Andrea (Chair-Elect)	Washington University in St. Louis
Farrell, Lora	Kansas City Art Institute
Frechette, Suzy*	Saint Louis Public Library
Jones, Phillip J.* (Sec./Treas.)	University of Arkansas
Kriz, Mikael D. (Past Chair)	Saint Louis University
Logan-Peters, Kay	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Michael, Ron*	Birger Sandzén Art Gallery
Nelson, Amelia (Chair)	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Norris, Joyce Goering	Wichita Art Museum
Poehler, M.J.	Kansas City Art Institute
Russell, Marilyn L.	Retired-Haskell Indian Nations University

Sullivan, Jill Halbach\*

Urton, Ellen R.\*

Vecchiola, Rina

Weidman, Jeffrey\*

Williams, Marianne

Windon, Katrina

Young, Thomas\*

Post Memorial Library

Kansas State

Washington University in St. Louis

Retired

University of Arkansas

University of Arkansas

Philbrook Museum of Art