

## ARLIS/CP SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

Manhattan, Kansas

04 April 2008

Present: Susan Craig, Lois Crane, Suzy Frechette, Tori Gregory, Mikael Kriz, Mari Russell, Amy Trendler, Ellen Urton, Clare Vazquez, Tom Young

### Meeting called to order at 9:05 am

- Welcome to KSU Library by Ellen.
- Introductions by Susan.
- Review of the Spring meeting schedule by Ellen and Tori.
- Treasurer's report, Mikael

-Balance as of December 31, 2007                      \$2514.90

-Income (member \$95)                                      \$95.00

-Expenses (travel award)                                  \$200.00

-Balance as of March 28, 2007                          \$2409.90

-8 Lifetime members (up 1 from 2006), 9 Annual members (down 3 from 2007), 0 Associates (down 2 from 2007), makes for 17 total.

- Report from ARLIS/NA Midwest Representative, Amy Trendler
  - All measures past in the ARLIS/NA bylaws vote.
  - Will be looking at introductory membership fees for new members.
  - In the future, /NA will be using electronic voting.
  - The board will be changing to functional roles next year.
  - Regional representatives will no longer be official. Instead, there will be a (one) Chapters Coordinator.
  - The remainder of the board will be a Committees Liaison, Development Officer, Education Officer, Canadian Member at Large.
  - There will not be a Mexican Member at Large.
  - The nomination process for /NA board members has been updated and is available on the website.
  - Question raised by Susan on what we should look for when we elect board members. There is nothing that is a requirement.
  - Is there an open solicitation for the board? Not exactly. Nominations come from the Nominating Committee.
  - Does this put too much power in the hands of the Nominating Committee? Probably. There is a danger of locking people out of leadership positions.
  - It is the job of the Nominating Committee to go beyond the regulars and well knowns. They need to look around.
  - It was noted that they cannot always find 2 candidates that want to run.
  - It was pointed out that there is no provision for geographic distribution. All Board members could come from same region, chapter, or institution, for that matter.
  - Nominating committee tries to be aware of this issue and is working on this.
  - Our Regional Representative may not be a rep next year. Will take over a Development Committee role.
  - All members of the Board will be encouraged to visit chapter meetings.

- But there is no guarantee that there will be a Board representative at any future chapter meetings.
- There will no longer be a published directory. A print-on-demand option is being discussed.
- Directory will be more fluid online, can be updated as needed and as people move around.
- 2008 directory will be created in pdf form.
- Is the Publications Committee making decisions on behalf of membership without membership approval? Should they be soliciting more professional involvement? Should this be an issue that is voted on by all of membership?
- No responses have been given to email inquiries by CP members.
- Management group does not provide content of publications, so not up to them.
- ARLIS/NA wants to have control over content, publications, so time is limited. Has to put together product and give to management firm to have printed.
- Headquarters has been in a bit of disarray due to various issues (staffing, conference planner stepped down, accountant left—planned but difficult to deal with).
- Are other members/chapters worried about similar issues as CP? Yes and no.
- Board does not seem responsive to our complaints or those of others.
- Membership directory needs to get done, not when it is gotten around to.
- Handbook was more than just a member listing.
- New directory will have some advantages.
- Management firm not responding to members—firm does not recognize regular members, only the board.
- Divisions and sections will remain intact while Round Tables will become special interest groups.
- There has been an advisory group created for the ARLIS/NA & VRA SEI and a long term plan is being developed.
- A new technology advisor is being brought on the Board for /NA.
- Slight change in conference plan, as advertised on the website and ARLIS-L.
- Has membership gone up or down over the past few years? Will get back to us.
- We are losing the senior and experienced members of ARLIS which is a concern. What has happened that changed to make them leave?
- What is the retention rate of new professionals and experienced professionals? Will get back to us.

- Old Business

- CP did not change its name, did not change bylaws due to associates category, not accepted by /NA Board.
- Different chapters are currently using different models.
- Response from /NA: do not offer option for including associates in bylaws.
- For /NA this is an administrative issue. Delete article IV.
- Committee was formed to turn Article IV into a policy/procedure.
- Still have to change name in response to /NA request.
- CP not altogether keen on policy and procedure manual.
- Susan Bobo favors associates information on website, under how to join.
- Perhaps manipulating website navigation to mimic our desire to be open to all.
- Motion to vote on removing associates from bylaws and send to membership by Clare Vazquez, second by Lois Crane—approved.
- Regional Representative to be removed from all CP documents.

- Motion to clean up bylaws in all aspects in addition to change made (or not made) to bylaws by Tom Young, second by Mari Russell—approved.
- Do we want to write up explanation of what we do, if and when we make changes?
- Motion to explain to chapter membership via the website in cover letter to vote on bylaw changes by Lois Crane, second by Clare Vazquez—approved.

- New Business

- Travel Award was presented to Tori Gregory from Oklahoma State University.
- Silent Auction, no support for contribution. Next year will print pdf membership directory for auction.
- Motion for \$75 to go to Conference Welcome Party by Mari Russell, second by Tori Gregory—approved.
- Mikael will send to Fran Scott, /NA treasurer.
- Chapter meeting at Denver—yes. Will organize via email.
- Upcoming meeting in Fall will be in Lincoln, NE and proposal for Fall of 2009 at University of Arkansas, hosted by Margaret Boylan.
- Maybe have Spring meeting in Kansas City.
- Should we open Fall 2009 meeting to other chapters/regions?

**Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mikael D. Kriz  
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