

## **ARLIS/NA Central Plains Spring 2020 Chapter Meeting (Virtual)**

**May 18, 2020**

**1PM**

Present: Jenny Akins, Andi Back, Marianne Cavanaugh, Susan Craig, Andrea Degener (past chair), Lora Farrell (communications officer), Suzy Frechette, Stefanie Hilles (chapters liaison, ARLIS/NA), Kris Impastato, Phil Jones (secretary/treasurer), Skye Lacerte (vice-chair/chair-elect), Megan Macken, Ron Michael, M. J. Poehler, Rina Vecchiola, Marianne Williams, Katrina Windon (chair), Tom Young

Windon called the meeting to order at 1:04PM. She acknowledged the work of the CPAC co-chairs (Akins, Degener, Lacerte, Vecchiola) and all others who contributed to the planning of the annual conference.

Windon mentioned the chapter's new moderated discussion list, which has a different address. Both Farrell and Jones can approve submissions. Because the Listserv does not send a copy of the message to the sender, those who send a message and want a copy should copy themselves.

Jones gave a report as secretary/treasurer. He had distributed a written report at the beginning of the month. In the last week he received notification of three more renewals. The roster of current members is now the following, with fifteen lifetime (marked \*) and eleven annual members:

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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 (retired)
Boswell, Tracey	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Carbonell, Marilyn*	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (retired)
Cavanaugh, Marianne	Saint Louis Art Museum (retired)
Craig, Susan V.*	University of Kansas (retired)
Crane, Rachel*	Wichita State University
Cranor, Anna*	Stephens College
Degener, Andrea (Past Chair)	Washington University in Saint Louis
Farrell, Lora (Communications Officer)	Kansas City Art Institute
Frechette, Suzy*	Saint Louis Public Library (retired)
Impastato, Kristina W. (Kris)*	Saint Louis Public Library
Jones, Phillip J.* (Secretary/Treasurer)	University of Arkansas
Lacerte, Skye (Chair Elect)	Washington University in Saint Louis
Macken, Megan	Oklahoma State University
Michael, Ron*	Birger Sandzén Art Gallery
Poehler, M. J.	Kansas City Art Institute
Sullivan, Jill Halbach*	Post Memorial Library

Urton, Ellen R.*	Kansas State University
Vecchiola, Rina	Washington University in St. Louis
Weidman, Jeffrey*	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (retired)
Williams, Marianne	University of Arkansas
Windon, Katrina* (Chair)	University of Arkansas
Young, Thomas*	Philbrook Museum of Art

The balance of the chapter's bank account at the end of April was \$4560.03.

Cavanaugh asked about the status of the chapter's donation to the annual conference. Windon clarified that the chapter had not donated money to the annual conference. She also noted that the chapter did not need to discuss a donation to the Summer Educational Institute for Digital Stewardship of Visual Information, which also was canceled.

Cavanaugh asked if the secretary/treasurer's report needed to be approved. Jones did not remember that previous reports had been approved and cited the other recent reports that he had distributed—one at the end of the calendar year and one before the end of the fiscal year (September 2019), both which were not adjacent to a chapter meeting.

Back announced that she chairs the George Wittenborn Memorial Book Award Committee and asked for four or five members from the chapter to serve. She expects that the committee will need to meet twice or thrice. Members will also have to devise a method to review all the volumes, which will be delivered to her. Because the next annual conference will not occur until May, the bulk of the committee's work will be in January and February.

Windon introduced the topic with which the chapter has wrestled: revising the by-laws to make reaching a quorum to revise the by-laws less challenging, which itself will require a quorum as currently defined. There was a consensus to revisit the topic later in a fuller discussion, but the following points emerged after Windon asked members for their thoughts: 1) Cavanaugh mentioned that retired members cannot renew their chapter dues in the bundled method; 2) Hilles indicated that voting members must be not only members of the chapter, but also ARLIS/NA; and 3) it was noted that although Nancy Short can supply any names of members who recently renewed their dues, the chapter had to exercise diligence in confirming eligibility for voting. Jones stated that this requirement might make the challenge of inactive lifetime members less pressing: fewer votes would be necessary to approve a revision because inactive lifetime members who were not members of ARLIS/NA would not be included in the calculation of the votes needed for a quorum.

Windon led a discussion on the next chapter meeting and mentioned that Jones and she could host in Northwest Arkansas and take attendees to the Momentary in Bentonville. Members showed preference for an in-person meeting but acknowledged that one might be impossible—and that some members could be unable to attend even if one were held. It was suggested that if a physical meeting were held that a virtual component allow remote attendance at the business meeting and presentations, as well as virtual presentations. Windon said that the officers could discuss further and bring back potential dates to the chapter.

Hilles had no business to report from ARLIS/NA.

Craig asked if individuals might share their experiences during the pandemic and the statuses of their institutions. Windon agreed. Jones asked if these reports were to be part of the minutes. Poehler moved to close the business meeting, which Frechette seconded. The motion carried and the business meeting was adjourned at 1:28PM, after which members shared their experiences and insights.