

ARLIS/NA Central Plains Spring 2022 Chapter Meeting (Virtual)

March 31, 2022

11AM

Present: Jenny Akins, Andi Back (chair), Susan Craig, Lora Farrell (communications officer), Suzy Frechette, Stephanie Grimm (chapters liaison, ARLIS/NA), Kris Impastato, Phil Jones (secretary/treasurer), Megan Macken (vice-chair/chair-elect), Amelia Nelson, M. J. Poehler, Katrina Windon

Back began the meeting at 11:01AM. She introduced herself and welcomed everyone. She asked Macken, vice-chair / chair-elect, to introduce herself.

Jones referred to the recent report of the secretary/treasurer, which he had distributed earlier in the month. He specified that the \$250 in expenditure was the chapter's donation to the annual conference and will append an explanation in the report pasted below. The current balance, which he checked the morning of the meeting of the chapter, is \$5 less than the report on 10 March; US Bank charged a fee (\$5) on the account, the first time in his recollection. He suspects that the bank penalized electronic activity above a threshold and will verify. He reported that membership was unchanged since the report.

Farrell and Macken gave an update on the migration of the chapter's web site to the Humanities Commons, where the sites of other chapters now reside. Farrell acknowledged Macken's work in the migration. Macken mentioned that other units of ARLIS/NA are migrating as well. The new URL is <https://centralplains.arlisna.hcommons.org/>. The former site will be removed. Macken explained in response to a question that ARLIS/NA is a community within the commons. Macken offered to accept publications to be posted to the repository of the Humanites Commons.

Grimm gave updates from ARLIS/NA. Chapters now have the option of charging varying amounts for dues; the standard \$20 established with bundled membership no longer applies. Voting recently closed to add a new "Library Staff" membership category to the Society, which would begin the next cycle (October 2022–September 2023). If approved by ARLIS/NA members, this category will convey full privileges and cost roughly the same as membership for a retired person. Returning to bundled membership: chapters will have the option this year to add additional membership categories to their bundled membership through ARLIS/NA (e.g., student, retired), so long as the chapter's categories match the society's categories. If the new Library Staff category is approved, that would be another option for chapters to consider adding. To add other categories to your chapter's bundled membership, send the category and dues information to Gaby Webster and copy Grimm. If you need to establish a new category, follow your bylaws and send any bylaws changes to Grimm for review and approval by the Executive Board. The Documentation Committee worked on guidelines on archiving official records of the society's units, although the information recently distributed did not address the records of chapters. Grimm advises chapters continue their current practices or follow the guidance in the Chapter Success Book on submitting records to the archives at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The Anti-Racism Task Force released two documents: 1) a full report of the survey and methods and 2) recommendations for next steps: <https://www.arlisna.org/news/anti-racism-task-force-reports>. Chapters and other groups within ARLIS/NA are asked to review the reports and reflect on the findings and recommendations. At the society level, one recommendation was a standing committee on anti-racism, which will make long-term proposals and review anti-racist activities of ARLIS/NA, including the chapters. This committee was established by the Executive Board. The Strategic Directions Committee was renamed the Strategic Planning Committee to emphasize planning and make

the body more nimble: <https://www.arlisna.org/strategic-planning-committee>. Amy Furness is chairing an ad-hoc body that is reviewing job ads with the goal of making salaries transparent. Grimm highlighted the Black Lunch Table at the upcoming annual conference in Chicago. The gathering will increase the representation of Black artists across online media and include a lightning forum: <https://arlisna50thannualconference.sched.com/event/v7J3/diversity-forum-black-lunch-table>.

Craig asked Grimm if chapters were meeting in person once again. Grimm responded that several chapters had, often in hybrid format, with a business meeting that could be attended virtually or in person.

Back led a discussion on the future of in-person meetings in Central Plains. The primary question was if the chapter wished to have a meeting in the fall. Craig cited the benefits of personal contact at in-person conferences and the value of solid content to encourage attendance. At least one person made a case for meeting at the annual conference to keep travel costs manageable. Nelson said that the Nelson-Atkins might be able to host a meeting in Kansas City; Poehler offered to assist. Few persons stated definitively that they would come. It was acknowledged that some members had retired and the positions of others had changed so that art librarianship was no longer their focus. Jones made a plug for a conference that does not entail elaborate planning or labor. Craig expressed approval for the paraprofessional category adopted by ARLIS/NA to broaden membership and referred to the past history of chapters as conduits for active membership in ARLIS/NA. Akins endorsed the architectural tours of the Architecture and Planning Section, which Central Plains might wish to consider. There was a consensus to proceed with plans for a meeting in Kansas City but revert to a virtual meeting should the pandemic or other factors make an in-person meeting ill-advised. Nelson and Poehler will review calendars and propose several dates for a fall meeting, which they will send to Back. She will share them with the chapter via a poll to determine the best dates.

Back asked who was attending the annual conference in Chicago and might wish to meet informally. Six persons responded. She will follow up with them.

Nelson gave a report on our newsletter, *The Irregular*. She planned to continue the current pattern of one per year, published in January. She will solicit submissions in October for the next issue.

Back reminded the chapter that in the next election members will vote on two officers, vice-chair / chair-elect and communications officer. Farrell expressed willingness to serve a third term of the latter but encouraged others to volunteer. The work had been a good opportunity to learn and serve. Akins expressed interest. No one expressed interest in the position of vice-chair / chair-elect. Poehler acknowledged Farrell's work as an officer; Craig acknowledged Jones's work as an officer.

Back opened the floor for discussion and sharing of information. Poehler announced that she will retire from the Kansas City Art Institute at the end of May. Although she had no news to share about the vacancy, information should be available soon. Members congratulated her.

Back adjourned the meeting at 11:40AM.

The following report was distributed in e-mail in mid-March and is included as an addendum to the minutes:

ARLIS/NA Central Plains Chapter Report of Secretary/Treasurer, March 10, 2022

Treasury

Balance on Jan 1	\$4837.53
Total Income	\$161.01
Total Expenses	\$250.00
Balance on Mar 10	\$4748.54

Income included six bundled memberships (\$120), two memberships by check (\$40), one promotion to join bill.com (\$1), and a deposit of one cent—presumably to test connection between bill.com and the chapter’s account. Additional note and point of clarification on 31 March: The chapter’s support for the annual conference (\$250) of ARLIS/NA represents total expenses. There was no additional expenditure.

Membership

ARLIS/NA Central Plains Membership (presumed as of March 10)

Akins, Jennifer (Jenny)*	Washington University in St. Louis
Back, Andrea (Andi) (Chair)	University of Kansas
Besaw, Jeanne*	Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
Bobo, Susan*	Oklahoma State University (retired)
Carbonell, Marilyn*	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (retired)
Craig, Susan V.*	University of Kansas (retired)
Crane, Rachel*	Wichita State University
Cranor, Anna*	Stephens College
Eggebraaten, Lisa	North Dakota State University
Farrell, Lora (Communications Officer)	Kansas City Art Institute
Frechette, Suzy*	St. Louis Public Library (retired)
Impastato, Kristina (Kris)*	St. Louis Public Library
Jones, Phillip J.* (Secretary/Treasurer)	University of Arkansas
Macken, Megan (Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect)	Oklahoma State University
Mautino, Sara	Oklahoma State University
Michael, Ron*	Birger Sandzén Art Gallery
Nelson, Amelia	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Norris, Joyce Goering	Wichita Art Museum

Owens, Tammi
Poehler, M. J.
Russell, Marilyn L.
Rylance, Keli
Sullivan, Jill Halbach*
Urton, Ellen R.*
Vecchiola, Rina
Weidman, Jeffrey*
Windon, Katrina*
Young, Thomas*
Zilinskas, Lulu

University of Nebraska Omaha
Kansas City Art Institute
Haskell Indian Nations University (retired)
Saint Louis Art Museum
Post Memorial Library
Kansas State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (retired)
University of Arkansas
Philbrook Museum of Art (retired)
National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum

*Lifetime member

Submitted by Phil Jones