

ARLIS/OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER Meeting Minutes
ARLIS/NA Conference, Toronto, Canada
March 31, 2012

Present: Gail Storer (Chair), Alison Huftalen (Vice-Chair), Pam Eyerdam, Matthew Gengler, Stacy Brinkman, Leslie Jankowski, Betsy Lantz

1. Meeting called to order by Gail at 5:30 pm.
2. Gail moved to approve the minutes from the Fall '11 meeting with a minor date correction on the minutes. Minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Gail began discussion related to membership. Membership has gotten back to a steady state, but still needs improvement. A number of ideas were discussed about how to increase membership.
 - a. Possibly hold local events geared towards MLS students (likely in Cleveland due to the location of Kent State). Cleveland Museum of Art is always represented at Kent State's library career night but that doesn't seem to be enough. Pam suggested making a connection with Octavofest and the public library.
 - b. Stacy brought up the idea of possibly creating some type of mentoring program for MLS students with current ARLIS/OV members. It was brought up that online graduate students may have difficulties with making professional contacts because their relationships with fellow students and faculty might be weaker due to lack of face to face time. Stacy is on the Education subcommittee for ARLIS and will talk with those running the ARLIS/NA mentoring program about ideas that might help us do that on a smaller chapter level to make better connections with MLS students.
 - c. Alison suggested that maybe should make more direct contact with MLS faculty, in order to make contact with students who would be interested in mentoring or in ARLIS OV. Betsy offered to do that with Kent State, Leslie offered with Kent State Columbus and Alison will try to make contact with Wayne State (many of their online students live in NW Ohio).
5. Discussion about where the Fall meeting should take place. Alison cannot host in Toledo, as she did so a few years ago. No specifics yet, but Cleveland has agreed to host our Fall 2012 meeting, and possibly work with the events happening at Octavofest.
6. The 2011 Annual Report is available on the ARLIS/OV blog/website and on arlisna.org.
http://www.arlisna.org/organization/admindocs/annreports/2011/ch_ov.pdf
7. Gail said that our by-laws need to be updated. Alison suggested that we could send the

by-laws out to the membership and ask for thoughts, suggestions etc. and then put discussion of the by-laws on the agenda for our Fall meeting.

8. It was recommended by Gail that we start a google group to better keep track of member emails. You do not need a gmail account to be a part of it. Everyone thought this was a good idea.
9. It was suggested that we create a Facebook page for the Chapter. It's not hard to create and we can see how it goes. Everyone thought this was a good idea.
10. The Travel award for the ARLIS/NA conference went to Pam Eyerdam.
11. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.