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*Linda Zieper, editor*

## **From the President**

ARLIS/NE members enjoyed the Fall weather during our meeting at Chesterwood, the summer home and studio of Daniel Chester French. We toured the museum and, later, Curator Linda Jackson gave a talk. Some members stayed to visit Hancock Shaker Village.

We had lunch and a meeting on the grounds at Chesterwood. Members agreed to vote on changing the by-laws so the position of public relations officer could be added to the Executive Board. This officer will assist the secretary and board with membership and related meeting content. The ballot for this change will be mailed soon.

Members are still interested in a joint spring program with VRA NE at Peabody Essex Museum (possible date is May 19<sup>th</sup>) so Rachel Beckwith will have more information for you in the spring.

Anne Reid and Rachel Resnik attended the Ars Libri/SOWA event in early December bringing several interested students to the reception and tour. Anne and Rachel also attended the October 20<sup>th</sup> Simmons College Career Night and were pleased that there was interest from students and GSLIS dean, Michelle Cloonan. Rachel reported that other participants included the Massachusetts Library Association, Medical Librarians, Law Librarians, NE Archivists and others.

*Kathy Ritter*

## **Treasurer's Report**

Susanne Javorski reports that, as of December 20, 2005, the chapter's bank balances are as follow:

Checking account:	\$2333.43
1-year CD	\$3436.43
2-year CD	\$4764.33
Balance:	\$10,534.19

## **Fall Meeting, December 2, 2005, Boston**

ARLIS/NE members and guests gathered at Ars Libri in Boston's South End on December 2, where they were graciously welcomed for a tour and reception. Gabriele Ouellette, David Stang, and John Ritter spoke about their collections, as well as the exhibitions they currently have on display. They also discussed collection development services they can offer to libraries that render them more useful than a typical online book dealer.

The talk was followed by a wine and cheese reception. The group of attendees included GSLIS students who had joined ARLIS/NE Brooke Henderson, Rachel Resnik, and Anne Reid at Simmons earlier

## **Awards and Scholarship Application- Deadline Extended to January 31, 2006**

ARLIS/NE offers two awards and a scholarship. The purpose of the awards and scholarship is to support the attendance of ARLIS/NE members at the ARLIS/NA annual conference, offer opportunities for professional development, and extend aid to aspiring art information professional currently enrolled or accepted into a fully accredited New England school of library and/or information science. For more information about the specific awards go to: <http://www.arlisne.org/awards-scholarships.html>

Deadline for applications has been extended to January 31, 2006.

Send applications to:

Debby Aframe, Librarian  
Worcester Art Museum  
55 Salisbury St.

Worcester, MA 01609

Phone: 508-799-4406 ext. 3106

Fax: 508-798-5646

E-mail: [debbyaframe@worchesterart.org](mailto:debbyaframe@worchesterart.org)

that afternoon to talk about the art library profession. After the Ars Libri event, a smaller group attended the SOWA gallery hop to get an exciting glimpse of the Boston art scene.

**Reminder: Membership Renewal Due.**

It is time to renew your ARLIS/NE membership! Renewal forms were sent out with the ballots. We need to update and distribute the membership directory for 2006, so please, send in your renewal form and check for \$20 to:

Anne Reid, Administrative Manager  
Graduate School of Library and Information Science  
Simmons College  
300 The Fenway  
Boston, MA 02115-5898  
Phone: 617-521-2805

If you have misplaced your form, or wish to recommend membership to a new colleague, the form is also available on the chapter's web site:

<http://www.arlisne.org/membership-form.html>

**Fall Meeting, September 30, 2005**

Chesterwood and Hancock Shaker Village  
Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Call to order: After a morning tour of Chesterwood, the ARLIS/NE group held a brief meeting during lunch. Kathy Ritter, chapter president, welcomed members to the meeting.

Treasurer's report: Susanne Javorksi reported on revenue and expenses, as well as the chapter accounts. Revenues totaled \$2269.40 (for period of October 2004 membership mailing to Sept. 30). Expenses totaled \$3106.63 (January to Sept. 30). The combined total of the checking account (\$1556.92) and two CDs (1 year CD \$3404.64 and the 2 year CD \$4726.49) is \$9688.03. Susanne noted that there are more expenses than revenues, but it is not a problem because there is plenty of money in account.

PR/Membership Committee: Anne Reid and Rachel Resnik reported on the October 20 alumni/student networking and

careers panel event at Simmons College GSLIS. As part of this event, Anne and Rachel will represent ARLIS/NE as part of a professional organizations fair during the networking session.

Kathy Ritter brought up the issue of revising the by-laws to create a membership/PR position separate from the secretary position. In discussion, those present agreed that a separate PR position, following the NY chapter model, would be beneficial. It would also create a larger governing board. The group voted to bring the issue to vote to the whole membership. Kathy Ritter will send out a formal ballot. The membership/PR position will be up for vote at the next round of elections.

New member Michael Young expressed interest in helping with programming. The group expressed interest in more programming, such as the NY chapter's monthly programs. Kathy encouraged the group to use the ARLIS/NE listserv more for discussion.

ARLIS/NA Funds, Annual Request:

Kathy Ritter reported that there were no replies for the request for special projects. Kathy suggested members think of speakers for next year; recommendations may be sent out on the listserv or e-mailed to officers.

Awards Committee: Debby Aframe will chair with assistance from Susan Milstein. The committee will award the travel, Seibel, and Frietag awards. Two travel awards of \$300 will be awarded. The awards are designed for the ARLIS/NA conference. Members are encouraged to apply for the awards, even if they are already partially covered by their institutions.

New Webpage: Christina Jedziniak reported that the new web site is almost complete. She updated the coding and the design, which will include the official logo. She plans to have the new web site completed in time for the October 20 event. She encouraged members to give her feedback.

ARLIS/NE Timeline/Spring Meeting Site: VRA is still interested in holding a joint VRA and ARLIS/NE spring meeting at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, although a date has not been set. Suggestions

for the meeting content should be sent to the listserv or Rachel Beckwith.

Ars Libri in December: The Ars Libri event will be held Friday, December 2. The talk and reception at Ars Libri will begin at 4:00, followed by the South End gallery hop from 5:30 to 8:00. The Ars Libri space will only accommodate standing room for a talk and reception, so other space will have to be found for programming beyond the Ars Libri portion. The possibility of finding a space nearby for a talk by ARLIS/NE members on collection development was mentioned. The suggestion was made to instead provide a forum for other book local dealers or the Boston Artist's Book Group could be invited to showcase what they do. Amanda Bowen recommended keeping the event focused on Ars Libri, perhaps inviting other Ars Libri staff to speak, and the gallery hop, since ARLIS/NE has been working to set up the Ars Libri event for two years.

ARLIS/NA Web site (AWS) news and features: Carol Graney is editor of the replacement for ARLIS/NA's *Update*. It is now called News and Features, so please send your news to Carol. Linda Zieper is still our ARLIS/NE *Focus* editor so any local news should go to her.

Nominating Committee: Richard McEroy will chair the nominating committee, with assistance from John Teahan. Offices up for election are: vice president, treasurer, and the public relations position. Students can run for offices, though they should be reminded that the schedule flexibility to attend meetings is mandatory. With respect to the new PR position, Kathy Ritter and Rachel Beckwith will look into the timeline for changing the bylaws. Rachel Resnik suggested the current secretary decide which position she is more interested in: the secretary position or the PR position.

Martha Maier inquired about the outcome of previous discussions on joint meetings. RISD is a possibility for fall 2006. Rachel reported that because the ARLIS/NA conference would be in Banff this year, it would be difficult to go to Montreal.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35. The group then went to the Hancock Shaker Village for the self-guided tours.

### **ARLIS/NE Executive Board Meeting**

*Mount Holyoke College, July 22, 2005*

In attendance: Rachel Beckwith, Anne Haas, Susanne Javorski, Christina Jedziniak, Anne Reid, Rachel Resnik, Kathy Ritter, Linda Zieper

Call to order and introductions: Kathy Ritter convened the meeting. Anne Reid was introduced as the new secretary, replacing Cameron Caswell who resigned because she was moving to Baltimore. Rachel Beckwith offered to assist with the transition. The possibility of splitting the current secretary position into a secretary position and a PR/membership officer was discussed. The secretary position involves more work than the other position because of the membership component. Adding another position devoted to membership and PR, as many other groups have done, could be helpful. Rachel Resnik volunteered to assist Anne Reid in the current secretarial position; the board will look into the ARLIS/NA *Chapter Success Book* and at the ARLIS/NY model for a PR position ideas.

Treasurer's Report: Susanne Javorski reported that there is currently \$2,059.44 in the checking account, \$4,700.88 in the 2-year cd that came up in February, and \$3,388.96 in the 1-year cd that comes up in August. The travel awards will be \$300 each. The Freitag Award and the Seibel Award are each \$500. The travel awards are \$300. Linda suggested increasing the scholarships. Susanne will work up a budget sheet.

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan and ARLIS/NE Plans: Kathy Ritter distributed copies of the ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan 2000-2005 and the ARLIS/NA *Chapter Success Book*, as well as the ARLIS/NE bylaws, calendar, and Nominating Committee documents. ARLIS/NE and other chapters have been asked by ARLIS/NA to look at chapter goals to see how they fit with goals in the strategic plans. In reviewing the ARLIS/NA goals, the board agreed that, in

general, ARLIS/NE is currently following goals, but perhaps needs to be "louder."

Examples:

*Outreach.* ARLIS/NE involvement in October 20 careers/professional organization panel for students being organized by the Simmons GSLIS Alumni Board. Anne Reid will follow up with more information when it is available.

*Event Promotion.* Use ARLIS/NE web site to promote events. A survey sent out to membership in March 2005 resulted in 13 responses, which varied greatly. Members expressed desire for more substance in events (such as the ArtStor event) and more advance notice about events, although the board discussed that events are already advertised 6 to 8 weeks in advance.

*Listserv.* All members should be on the listserv, though there was some question if that is actually the case. Anne will check the membership database. In the future, all new members will automatically be added to the listserv.

*Membership involvement.* Critical to get members involved.

Chapter Success Guide and Calendar:

Ars Libri: Rachel Beckwith reported on her inquiries to Ars Libri in Boston's South End as a potential meeting location. Because of limited space, it would not work as a location for the fall meeting. However, it could work for a special event, such as cocktail reception during a First Friday (open gallery night on the first Friday of each month). Ars Libri could also provide lectures on their rare book and reference collections. Rachel will pursue December as a time for an ARLIS/NE event. This was discussed as a possible outreach event for Simmons GSLIS students.

Fall Meeting: Rachel Beckwith reported on the plans for the fall meeting. Two dates were chosen: October 14 as a first choice and September 30 as a backup date. It will be held at the Chesterwood Museum and the Hancock Shaker Village in Stockbridge. The proposed schedule is Chesterwood for a morning lecture and tour; Hancock for lunch and business meeting, followed by self-guided tours in the afternoon. Chesterwood

charges \$9/person for the lecture and tour only and \$20/person if it were to include box lunch; Hancock charges \$8/person for the self guided tour and \$12 for a box lunch. According to the proposed schedule, the meeting fee would be \$20, with approximately \$14 to be subsidized by ARLIS/NE. Students would be charged \$10. A save the date email will be sent. The idea of a joint spring meeting with VRA was mentioned. The Ars Libri event would be the second event of the fall.

Awards Committee: According to the ARLIS/NE calendar, the committees for the Freitag Award, the Seibel scholarship, and the travel award are formed in July. The awards committees usually include the previous year's winners, however Ursula Murphy, one of the past Seibel winners, has moved to New York City. Anne Reid will check the database for members who may have indicated interested in being involved in this area. Committee members may not apply for the awards. Board members may apply for the travel award.

Chapter Success Book: Kathy Ritter reviewed the ARLIS/NA *Chapter Success Book*. In light of this document, the possibility of moving towards a PR/membership officer position was discussed again. The board decided to table the idea of a new PR/membership position until Anne Reid has finished her current tenure as secretary. Rachel Resnik offered to help Anne with the membership work. Kathy will write up an e-mail announcement about a new position. The board was asked to look over the *Chapter Success Book* to make sure the ARLIS/NE activities align with it.

Web site: Christina Jedziniak presented the new web site design. Upcoming meetings will be added to the welcome page. The timeline will be added to the programs section. Linda mentioned that the ARLIS/NE archives are at Harvard, if items were missing from the timeline. Anne will send Christina an updated membership form as well as a PDF version of it. The webmaster will update the calendar. The official ARLIS/NE logo will be added to the site (logo from stationery). The board agreed

that the clean design of the site would be a great improvement and thanked Christina for her work on this project.

Auction Catalog Project: Kathy reported that John Teahan is still working on the project. Board members should e-mail each other ideas about other projects we might want ARLIS/NA to fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

*Submitted by Anne Reid, Secretary*

### **From the Members:**

As part of her year long sabbatical, Laurie Whitehill Chong, special collections librarian at Rhode Island School of Design, spent a month in Italy as a studio assistant to book artist, Angela Lorenz. During her stay in Bologna, she helped to complete the edition of 200 copies of Angela's book *Soap Story* and observed this talented artist as she developed both conceptual and technical portions of her newest book, based on *Pilgrim's Progress*. Laurie also conducted research on the watermarks found in the pages of the "Tavole Acquerellate" of Ulisse Aldrovandi, a set of late 16<sup>th</sup>-century bound volumes of watercolor paintings of plants and animals in the Sala Manoscritti of the Biblioteca Universitaria di Bologna. Laurie received a Professional Development Grant from RISD in support of her travels to Italy.

Two additional projects furthered her involvement in the book arts. Laurie visited Ruth Laxson in Atlanta, Georgia and was able to record a wonderful interview with this amazing 81-year-old book artist. The RISD Library has collections of archival materials for both Angela Lorenz and Ruth Laxson, so spending time with these artists was a real bonus. Throughout the year Laurie worked as a member of the steering committee, planning for *ABC: the Artists' Books Conference*, which was held at Wellesley College in June. She also served on one of the panels at the conference, "Collecting in Private and Public Institutions". **Norine Duncan** is the new ARLIS/NA & VRA liaison.

**Anne Haas** is a grandmother. Her first grandchild First Grandson...he was born Nov 5, and is named John Abraham Shankland...

**Ann Whiteside** will be returning to MIT's Rotch Library in January, as the new Head Librarian replacing Margaret de Popolo who retired after 34 years of outstanding service

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