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Linda Zieper, editor

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From the President

Autumnal greetings to ARLIS New England members and friends!

Planning is really heating up for the 2010 annual conference of ARLIS North America. As you may know, this conference will be held at the Seaport Hotel in Boston from Thursday April 22nd to Tuesday April 27th, and planning and hosting activities are the responsibility of our chapter. The 2010 conference was the focus of the business portion of our fall meeting on October 10 at the Currier Museum in Manchester, New Hampshire, where we worked on a theme for the conference. This meeting was a brilliant success, thanks to the glorious weather, the beauty and interest of our venue, and the splendid hospitality of our host, Alison Dickey, librarian at the Currier. After a fascinating talk about the history of the museum and the recent expansion by the Currier's Deputy Director Susan Leidy, and a sumptuous lunch in the café, there were guided and self-guided tours of the wonderful permanent collections and the Andy Warhol exhibition, as well as other tours including one of Frank Lloyd Wright's nearby Zimmerman Usonian house. Many thanks to Alison Dickey and our hosts at the Currier, as well as to our members whose attendance ensured the success and interest of the meeting.

An equally splendid meeting is already being planned for the fall of 2009, on Friday, Oct. 16th, at the Clark institute in Williamstown, Mass. This will be a joint ARLIS/VRA meeting; in addition to the New England chapters of ARLIS and VRA, we'll invite the upstate New York chapters of both groups. Save the date!

This will be my last message to you as president, and the orb and scepter are passing to President-elect Darin Murphy at the end of December. May our chapter and our members all prosper in the coming year!

Michael Young

The ARLIS/NE Nominating Committee is pleased to present a strong slate of candidates for the offices of secretary, public relations officer and vice president/president-elect. A note of explanation on the lateness of mailing out the ballots - we had some difficulty in recruiting candidates this year, which may in part be due to prior commitments for work to be done for the ARLISNA Boston conference. We urge fellow chapter members to volunteer for office in the future as a way to serve the organization and gain valuable professional experience beyond one's home institution.

Sincerely,
2008 ARLIS/NE Nominating Committee
Ellen Petraits, Chair
Darin Murphy
Michael Young

ARLIS/NE Fall Meeting

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH
October 10, 2008

Minutes of the business meeting

President Michael Young called the meeting to order at 10:35. Copies of the agenda, minutes of the spring meeting and the treasurer's report were distributed. Linda Zieper gave the secretary's report, announcing that there were currently 102 paid members and associates of the chapter. Janis DesMarais explicated the treasurer's report, including the proposal to exchange the checking account for a money market account. These pay a little interest and limit

withdrawals to six per month, including three checks per month. Linda asked that news, both professional and personal, be sent to her for the fall issue of *Focus*.

Rachel Resnik explained the proposed changes in the chapter's dues structure, which will be subject to a vote. (Ballots will be distributed to the election of officers and renewal notices.) One change has already taken effect. ARLIS/NA requires the chapters to distinguish between chapter members, who are also members of NA and chapter "associates," who are not. The proposed changes are: the creation of a reduced-fee membership and associate status for retired and unemployed members; and expanding the student member/associate status to include part-time as well as full-time students enrolled in graduate programs in library science or visual resources curatorship. \$8 is the proposed rate for these categories.

The Awards Committee is made up of the winners of last year's travel and Seibel awards, Rachel Beckwith and Ashley Peterson. Volunteers are sought to serve on the nomination committee.

At this point, Rachel asked the board members to leave the stage and the four co-chairs of the Boston 2010 ARLIS/NA conference to take their place. Ann Whiteside and Jennifer Friedman, program co-chairs, and Deborah Barlow Smedstad, local arrangements co-chairs. Co-coordinators and committee members were also announced.

The program committee will consist of Susanne Javorski, Betsy Peck-Learned, Deb Vericoff, and a student. Darin Murphy and Allen Townsend will serve as development co-chairs; the web master will be Hannah Sears.

A volunteer is still needed as proceedings editor. As members of the local arrangements committee, Barbara Polowy will be responsible for the silent auction, Deborah Barlow Smedstad will have responsibility for the budget; Richard McElroy will be responsible for the exhibits, Gabrielle Reed and Linda Zieper will be co-coordinators for publicity, Ann Reid and Brooke Henderson co-coordinators for hospitality, and Amanda

Bowen and Sarah Dickinson tour co-coordinators. All these functions welcome ideas, assistance, and excitement. The conference will be held within the period April 22-27, 2010 at the Seaport Hotel, which is near the Institute of Contemporary Art.

The remainder of the business meeting was devoted to brainstorming ideas for a conference theme and possible funding "partners." The group counted off and broke into four smaller groups, which came up with a variety of possible themes or phrases reflecting Boston's history, its history of innovation, and its coastal location. The conference co-chairs also asked members to suggest fundraising opportunities. Members with connections to institutions are encouraged to identify themselves. Ann Whiteside will create a list of possible contributors of money or merchandise and identify who will contact each.

Allison Dickey, librarian of the Currier Museum and our host, reminded members to wear their museum tags in the galleries and that lunch would be held in the winter garden, which encompasses the museum's former entrance. Members will meet their guides for the three tours: the Zimmerman House, the permanent collection, and the Warhol exhibit after lunch. The meeting concluded with an illustrated talk on the history of the museum, its founders, and the recent extensive renovation by Susan Leidy, the museum's deputy director.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Zieper, Secretary

Boston 2010 ARLIS/NA Conference Theme Announced (Ta Da):

**Revolution and Innovation:
At the Hub of Discovery**

This theme incorporates ideas from the brainstorming session at the fall meeting and will be used to shape the conference's programming. A student competition to design a logo using this theme will be announced soon early in the new year.

Treasurer's Report

October 10, 2008

Current Balances

1-year CD as of 10-8-08 \$3924.73 rate
2.75 % matures on 8-5-09

2-year CD as of 10-8-08 \$3724.48 rate
4.75 % matures on 2-12-09

Checking Account \$2193.17

Activity

1-year CD was renewed on 8-5-08. Interest
rate changed from 5 % to 2.75 %

Received \$62.34 from John Woods for mail-
ing costs of the *Focus* newsletter

Business Money Market Account

Information

Sovereign Bank: Up to 6 withdrawals per
month, 3 of which can be checks

0.40 % interest with a \$1000 minimum bal-
ance

\$1000 minimum balance waives \$10

monthly fee for account

Janis DesMarais

ARLIS/NE Joins Facebook

Gabrielle Reed, public services librarian at
MassArt has set up a Facebook group for the
chapter. Take a look and sign up at:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=36143357103>

ARLIS/NA Chapters Coordinator

The chapters coordinator acts as liaison
between the Executive Board and the chap-
ters, just as the regional representatives did.

I respond to questions and issues, and
represent the chapters on the board. I also
help coordinate board representation at
chapter meetings, and I organize the chapter
leaders' meeting at the annual conference.

Recently, I have been talking with our
Technical Advisor, Martha Ruddy regarding
using Memberclicks to give Web space to
chapters. This is something that the board
wants to provide, and that many chapters
could use. Shalimar Fojas White, chair of
the membership committee and I also dis-
cussed featuring chapters on the main page
of the ARLIS/NA Website. I see the chap-
ters as the lifeblood of ARLIS/NA and
would love to have them spotlighted in this

way. As the year draws to a close, I will be
in touch with chapter leaders quite a bit us-
ing the chapter leaders listserv. I'll be wel-
coming the new chapter leaders and
reminding them of the newly revised *Chap-
ter Success Book*, preparing the new roster,
gathering chapter meeting minutes to share
with the board, and of course, gently re-
minding chapter leaders to submit their an-
nual reports. There are eighteen

ARLIS/NA chapters, so there's plenty to
do! I hope you will feel free to get in touch
with me with any questions or concerns.

Best regards from the Delaware Valley,
Cate Cooney

ARLIS/NA Chapters Coordinator

From the Members

Only Ruth Thomas submitted news, but she
has plenty: She participated in the panel,
"Beyond Books & Journals: Delivering
Non-Traditional Content that Users Want,"
Society for Scholarly Publishing 30th An-
nual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 29-
30,2008: PowerPoint presentation
and discussion of my webpage, "Finding
Images on the Web,

[http://www.bu.edu/library/instruction/
findimages/index.html](http://www.bu.edu/library/instruction/findimages/index.html) . She also edited and
updated chapter on library research for the
10th edition of *Sylvan Barnet's A Short
Guide to Writing About Art*, MI: Pearson
Education, in press. Ruth also reports on the
trip she took with her grand daughter to
Greece: "Carmen and I spent two weeks in
Nauplio, Greece in June. Carmen had more
beach time than scheduled after I managed
to fracture my foot early on! We did bus to
Athens and climb the Acropolis with Lexing-
ton friends. Carmen got to "perform" and
test the acoustics at the theatre in Epidauros
and run the footrace in Olympia's stadium!
She now recognizes Asclepius'
serpent-entwined staff in drugstores and
medical areas! And In August we got a
sweet and spunky Shih Tzu puppy Carmen
named Jo-Jo!"

Thanks to John A Woods Appraisers for
underwriting the cost of mailing this issue of
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