Architecture Section Business Meeting

Minutes

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Art Libraries Society of North America 29th Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA

Moderator Chris Sala (Columbia University) called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Introduction of new officers:

She introduced the incoming officers:  Moderator, Sue Koskinen (UC Berkeley) and Vice-Moderator elect, Kitty Chibnik (Columbia University). Chris then called for a volunteer or self-nomination for the Update Column editor position. Sarah McCleskey (Clemson University) stepped up and agreed to do the job. Thanks Sarah! Daniel Starr is our new ARLIS/NA Executive Board Liaison. He did not attend.

Report from Update Column Editor Claudia Hill:

Claudia said there was no new business and that she would not be continuing next year. Please submit your reports and column topics to Sarah McCleskey – smccles@clemson.edu

Report on Joint AASL-ARLIS/NA Task Force on NAAB Standards (Janine Henri):

Janine passed out the text version of the proposed new guidelines for writing NAAB self-assessments. Peer group statistical information is a problem – it’s hard to compare collections and institutional facilities. Some of the minor changes in the NAAB Standards will relate to terminology while the major changes relate to incorporating visual resources and other media. Deborah Thomson-Wise stated that the original intention was that the document should be a narrative description to link what you are doing in the library with the program or school the library you are associated with. This is still fallout from the Boyer Report. Librarians should write the report rather than the dean or some school official. Discussion followed regarding statistics – we should encourage NAAB to use our statistics. People talked about number of volumes versus linear feet of volumes and different ways to measure and/or count. It was noted that the questions posed by NAAB are difficult to answer as it is hard to know what they are getting at -- Kitty stated that the real purpose was for leverage with the library administration. Sarah noted that it is hard to identity your peers. Jean said don’t put names on the reports. Jean Brown is on the AASL: statistics committee. AASL is revising the core list of periodicals with the notion of dropping the “percentage.”

Report from the AASL Baltimore Conference 2001 – Janine Henry:

Janine will submit the report online as time was passing. Next year’s AASL meeting will be in New Orleans.

Report on Architecture Section website – Nancy Pistorius:

Nancy was not able to attend the meeting. It was scheduled at the same time as the copyright meeting, there was discussion regarding the timing of our business meeting – so that it would not conflict with sessions of major interest. Sue said she would look into this for next year.

Program Proposals for the St. Louis 2002 conference.

Many ideas were talked about it was recommended that sessions be of interest to both ARLIS/NA and VRA.

Some of the ideas were:

Preservation or adaptive reuse were mentioned in combination with local architecture, digital images etc.

Using the Arch as a focal point for public policy, landscaping, design, etc.

Accessibility / ADA issues in combo with space planners and the diversity committee.

Digital blueprints / archival digitizing - it was announced that the Mass Copar "Blueprints to bytes” book will be out in May from Harvard.
Closing remarks from Sue Koskinen:

Items to work on in the next year: Architecture Section web site – call for web site ideas.

To include: Get a list of Architecture Section members from HQ. Architecture Listserv directions. Add a list of core periodicals, links to other site, email addresses of members. Etc.

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(Reviewed by Chris Sala, past-moderator, Architecture Section)