ARLIS/NA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes
March 31, 2001

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

Present:

Committee members:  Lorna Corbetta-Noyes, Jennette Dixon, Judith Herschman, Beverly Joy-Karno, Susana Tejada, Daphne Dufresne, Marilyn Berger, Carol Terry, Frances Clymer, and Leslie Abrams (board liaison).

Guests: Beatriz MacGregor (Karno Award), Margaret Shaw, Hugh Wilburn (IFLA Pre-Conference Chair), Beth Houghton, Jing Liao, Gu Yinhai (Getty Grant recipient).

Announcements, Introductions.

Mr. Gu Yinhai, visitor from China and Getty Grant recipient, was introduced to the IRC.  He presented each member with a gift and thanked them for the opportunity to visit.  Mr. Gu would speak later in the conference at a session sponsored by the IRC. Dinner plans with Mr. Gu were discussed.

Committee Organization and Communications.

(1) Membership-- Ed proposed enlarging the committee to 10 members.

(2) Charge-- The committee’s charge was reviewed.  http://www.arlisna.org/c23.html.  A revised, simpler charge was recommended:  The committee’s purpose is to strengthen understanding of the art information community worldwide.

(3) Communications -- There were no articles for Update from the IRC last year.  Linda Zieper confirmed that committees can submit news at any time; there is no regular schedule for them.  An IRC listserv was re-established.  Renate continues to maintain the IRC Website http://www.cam.org/~renata/irc_top.html

(4) Budget – IFLA membership is no longer part of IRC budget.

Action item:  Leslie would recommend a committee guidelines revision to the Executive Board regarding committee membership.  New wording proposed: “Not to exceed ten members, including the Executive Board liaison”.

Affiliations.

The group noted that anyone could recommend affiliation (that is, not an IRC role per se) and that correspondence involved the ARLIS/NA president, then action required involved vote of ARLIS/NA membership.

Action item:  Ed would prepare a list of associations for possible affiliation for the Board to review.

IFLA Updates.

Terry, Wilburn, and Dixon gave reports on the IFLA 2001 Pre-Conference to be held in Boston, in August.  Dixon reported on IFLA Art Section developments.  The IFLA conference planners were praised for the efforts in developing a great pre-conference.

Strategic Planning.

The IRC is on track with its planning tasks except for keeping track of affiliate publications.

Action item:  Leslie will bring to Executive Board the issue of what to do with affiliate publications.  They are supposed to be sent by HQ to the IRC chair but he has received none (ever).  The IRC recommends that backfiles go to a library school library (such as UNC-Chapel Hill) if it lacks the issues.

Conferences.
Ed reported on 2001 conference planning complexities. Ideas for the 2002 conference were discussed. The prospect of planning two years in advance was discussed. The IRC endorsed the idea of identifying non-North American art web sites of value to ARLIS/NA and the prospect of having a program featuring such sites.

**Action item:** Ed will follow up with a 2002 conference program proposal and related communications.