Museum Library Division Business Meeting

Minutes

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

Meg Klinkow, co-moderator of the Museum Library Division, welcomed division members. She introduced Ken Soehner, who completed Toni Reese’s term as co-moderator and is slated as the incoming moderator; and Eumie Imm-Stroukoff, the incoming Update column editor and recorder for the 2001 business meeting. Meg thanked the following individuals for their dedication over the previous year: Nancy Simon, former moderator; Toni Reese, former co-moderator; Kaylyn Hipps, former Update column editor; Rosemary Haddad; and Jolene de Verges, former recorder.

2001 Museum Division-sponsored conference sessions were: Through Time and Space: Documenting Museum Collecting and Exhibition History on the Web, moderated by Daniel Starr; Contemporary Native American Art: Challenges for Artists, Curators, Scholars, Librarians, and Educators, co-moderated by Joan Benedetti and Marilyn Russell-Bogle; Never the Twain Shall Meet: Museum Systems and Library Systems, moderated by Daniel Starr; and the Museum Library Directors Discussion Group.

Ken Soehner was elected as moderator of the division. Candidates for the vice-moderator position were introduced. Two of the four candidates for this position withdrew or were not present. Frances Clymer and Jeffrey Weidman were declared the remaining candidates. Sue Greening’s motion to have both Frances and Jeffrey serve as co-vice-moderators was seconded and passed unanimously.

Reports from the past year: Nancy Simon reported on developments from last year’s business meeting in Pittsburgh. Meg Klinkow reported on the division’s action step committee; the use of ARLIS-L to share knowledge about museum library questions, NINCH proceedings, and other postings; and an upcoming 3-day art and museum librarianship workshop. Roger Lawson reported on the NINCH Working Group; the symposium Building and Sustaining Digital Systems; and other projects. Eumie Imm-Stroukoff reported on the newly formed Solo Librarians Discussion Group.

New business and announcements: Ken Soehner outlined a potential project for the upcoming year. He would like to compile library policies and procedures for the museum library community. This document would enable colleagues to share information, create standards of excellence for museum libraries, and save time and money. Division members accepted the project and suggested topics such as access policies, statistical comparative data, and lending/borrowing policies.

The minutes from the 2000 Business Meeting were unanimously approved.

Jeannette Hirsch announced the formation of the new Middle Managers Discussion Group. Roger Lawson announced that the Technology and Planning Committees would like more collaboration. Daniel Starr, the incoming Vice-President/President-Elect of ARLIS/NA, was introduced.

Submitted by Eumie Imm-Stroukoff