Research Committee Meeting

Minutes

March 31, 2001

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

Outgoing Members: Joan Stahl, Co-Chair; Linda Tompkins-Baldwin, Co-Chair; Barbara Prior; Thomas Riedel; Lee Sorensen; Patricia Thompson; Peter Blank (Board Liaison)

Incoming Members: Barbara Prior, Co-Chair; Natalia Lonchyna, Co-Chair; Thomas Riedel (continuing); Patricia Thompson (continuing); Linda Tompkins-Baldwin (continuing); Terrie Wilson; Laurie Whitehill-Chong (Board Liaison)

Attendees at the meeting: Joan, Linda, Thomas, Lee, Peter, Natalia, and Laurie

Recorder: Natalia Lonchyna, Co-Chair

Old Business:

Last year’s activities were recapped. Thanks were expressed to members of the committee and also to those who contributed to the Update Columns. The Award Winners were announced. They are as follows:

H.W. Wilson Award

$1500 was awarded to each recipient.

- Lamia Doumato, "Illuminated Manuscripts of the Crusader Era: A Bibliography"
- Jonathan Franklin, "The Art Auction Catalogue: A Bibliographical Study"

Worldwide Award


Since there is Wilson Award money left over from last year, the amount that may be awarded for 2002 is $3560. A new award has been proposed by Jean Sue Libkind, Director of Worldwide, for electronic publications. Discussion ensued as to whether the new electronic award would somehow negate or duplicate the electronic component that is now in existence under the criteria for the existing Worldwide awards. This was followed by a discussion of redrafting original award guidelines. It was agreed that Laura would bring this matter to the Executive Board for approval.

New Business:

Worldwide Awards—how to best distribute submissions to the committee? A discussion followed with different suggestions. Some of the difficulty arises when a particular book is difficult to acquire through ILL because of its recent publication date and it’s not in any collection or it is a reference book, therefore non-circulating. Joan ended up doing a lot of photocopying of material and sent it to committee members. Although this worked well, sometimes photocopying & mailing costs may not picked up by the committee chair’s institution. It was decided to put in a request for a budget for the Research Award Committee to cover these costs. However, if approved, this budget will be available for the following year (2003). Peter informed the committee that the Management will deal with soliciting the checks for the award from both H.W.Wilson & Worldwide.

This was followed by a discussion of ways to advertise—in addition to advertising through the listserv, a flyer could be put together and included in the next Update. Doing a splash for the award on the web with a link to the Worldwide website was another suggestion.
A question arose whether to contact Jonathan Franklin (AWS editor) directly when updating the Award page. Discussion followed of potentially issuing a Certificate of Award with the check to present to winners.

Update Columns: It was agreed that this was an effective way to advertise the awards. Distribution of assignments followed: June 10 (Natalia), October 10 (Linda), February 10 (Tom). All Update articles are to be sent by due date to Linda Zieper.

Buddy System. As not everyone from the incoming committee could attend the meeting, it was decided that this would be done through e-mail after the conference.