Annual Report 2005
ARLIS/NA Central Plains Chapter

Submitted by Susan Bobo, Immediate Past Chair

Leadership Update - 2006 Incoming Officers

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NARRATIVE

At the close of 2005, Central Plains listed a total of 26 members.

Five CP members were able to attend the ARLIS/NA annual conference in Houston during the spring. Tom Young, Chair Elect and recipient of the 2005 travel award, represented CP at the leadership breakfast in Houston.

Central Plains Chapter’s spring meeting was held at the Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, Missouri on May 19-21, 2005. The meeting, organized by Tom Young and hosted by M. J. Poehler and her staff, was well attended with 18 members present.

After the business meeting, Tom Young moderated a panel discussion on library statistics; how and why they are used. Members shared examples of the kinds of statistics they keep at their institutions.

After a break for lunch at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, attendees took time to view several shows in the museum galleries, peruse the progress of the new addition to the museum and visit the Nelson’s library.

The group reconvened at KCAI for a program on digital imaging. M. J. Poehler demonstrated ARTstor and Susan Craig presented on her experiences at KU with Saskia. Friday’s activities were capped off by a lively group dinner at Brio in the nearby Country Club Plaza.

The meeting wrapped on Saturday with a trip to Powell Gardens, (the Kansas City Botanical Gardens), located 30 miles east of Kansas City. Members enjoyed touring the visitor center and chapel designed by noted architect Fay Jones and lunch at the Café Thyme.

Of course, the highlight of the year was the Fall 2005 chapter meeting, October 27-30, 2005 at the Inn of the Governors, Santa Fe, NM as a joint meeting with the Mountain West chapter. Nine CP members and five CP guests attended.
The theme of the conference was “Where Cultures, Museums and Libraries Meet.” The keynote speaker was Barbara Buhler Lynes, Curator, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. Conference participants toured the current exhibit on "Georgia O'Keeffe and Andy Warhol, Flowers of Distinction" followed by a reception at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Research Center.

Other highlights included: a panel of Native American Artists, a tour of the Institute of American Indian Arts Museum followed by a reception, tours of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, the Museum of Spanish Colonial Art and the Museum of International Folk Art followed by a reception.

The conference included two workshops. Pat Wagner, the LAMA/ALA regional institute trainer for project management, led a workshop on "Managing Time, Money, and Quality at your Library." The second workshop on "Cataloging First Aid: All You Need to Know to Make Cataloging Work" was conducted by Daniel Starr, Manager of Bibliographic Operations at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Kay Teel, Catalog Librarian at Stanford University.

Other sessions covered a variety of topics including Native American Art and Resources, Primary Source Research, Planning a Web Resource, Reference and Team Teaching, and Recruiting New Art Librarians.

Each chapter held a separate business meeting on October 29.

Thanks to the nominating committee (M. J. Poehler and Ellen Petraits), an excellent candidate was found for the only open position. Ellen Urton was elected unanimously as Vice Chair/Chair Elect for 2006-07.

A major project for the chapter is the update of the old print directory, *Who's Who in Central Plains* (1997). The directory will continue in electronic format only. The working group of Susan Bobo, Kay Logan-Peters and Mikael Kriz will create criteria for the scope of the new directory/resource guide. Since the project is more than a simple directory, it may be eligible for funding by ARLIS/NA.

Other topics discussed were an increase in dues and other ways to increase chapter revenues. Currently, the chapter's main expense is the grant for a chapter officer to attend ARLIS/NA. Increasing the amount of the grant would make it easier for someone to attend the national conference. It was moved that we raise annual dues from $10 to $15 for 2006. The motion was carried. Lifetime memberships remain $100.

Susan Craig volunteered to host the Spring 2006 meeting in Lawrence, KS.

**Issues for the Executive Board:** thanks to Leigh Gates, our Midwest Representative, communications between the board and the Central Plains chapter have been excellent. All our questions have been addressed. Other than to extend our deepest appreciation for the board’s financial support of the joint meeting with Mountain West chapter, there are no other issues for the board.