2007 Chapter Officers

President: Ann Keith Kennedy, Drexel University
Vice-President: Andrea Goldstein, Temple University
Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Deegan, University of Pennsylvania
Past-President: Lilah Mittelstaedt, Philadelphia Museum of Art

Chapter Meetings

ARLIS/NA-DVC typically meets twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Our spring meeting was held at the Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, Delaware on Friday, April 28th. There were 15 attendees, including one guest.

After the approval of the minutes, Ed Deegan submitted his report on chapter finances. The Outreach committee then submitted their report on recent activity. A message from our Northeast Regional Representative, Carole Ann Fabian, was read introducing the Chapter Affiliation Agreement. A short discussion of the agreement followed and members were advised to review the available draft on the ARLIS/NA website. Meeting programming was discussed, and a list of potential topics was created for future meetings. It was decided that the fall meeting would focus on image reproduction issues in libraries.

Following this business meeting, the group toured Winterthur Library. Cate Cooney presented several examples of the collections’ rare books. We also viewed select items from the Joseph Downs Collection of Manuscripts and Ephemera and toured the library’s Decorative Arts Photographic Collection.

After lunch at the Visitor’s Center, members were free to tour the estate’s extensive and beautiful gardens in the afternoon. A tour of the house and museum was also offered and ten members took advantage of this tour.

Our fall meeting was held on Thursday, October 19th at Bryn Mawr College’s Rhys Carpenter Library. We had a very large turnout for this meeting as the morning session focused on the Affiliation Agreement. With eighteen members and five guests present, this was one of our larger meetings indicating great interest in the Agreement. Our Regional Representative, Carole Ann Fabian, attended the meeting in order to report on Executive Board activities, explain the history of the Affiliation Agreement, and help answer any questions that the membership may have.
The meeting began with approval of the minutes and Ed Deegan’s report on chapter finances and membership. In addition, Ed also submitted a special report illustrating the number of current Delaware Valley Chapter members who are also members of ARLIS/NA, and the number that are members of the Delaware Valley Chapter only. These statistics indicated that out of 30 chapter members (including 3 student members), 19 were also members of ARLIS/NA.

The Nominating Committee then gave its report presenting Andrea Goldstein as its nominee for 2008 President. No additional nominees were made at the meeting, and Andrea was unanimously elected.

The Chapter then turned its attention to the Chapter Affiliation Agreement. Carole Ann Fabian outlined and led discussion on existing concerns regarding disenfranchisement, difficulty in recruiting chapter leaders, legal liability, and tax status. After discussion, a vote was taken and the 18 Chapter members present unanimously agreed to sign the Agreement. After this decision, the Chapter formed new categories of ARLIS/NA-DVC participation. It was unanimously agreed that a four-category system would be instituted: member, student member, affiliate and student affiliate. It was also agreed that 2007 dues would remain at $10.00 for members and affiliates and $5.00 for student members and student affiliates. The Chapter then discussed the Marietta Boyer Travel Award Fund and determined that no travel award would be granted for 2007 in order to build up the fund following last year’s awards.

After the business meeting, we had two presentations on image reproduction. Karen Lightner and Laura Uhlman-Guest, both from the Free Library of Philadelphia, discussed the various digital collections in their library as well as standards for cataloging and accessing these collections. Nicole Finzer of Bryn Mawr College and Susan Dreher of Swarthmore College discussed how their institutions work together to create a shared digital library. The topic of Digital Reproduction proved to be a popular one, and due to time constraints Nicole Finzer agreed to host a follow-up session on the specifics of scanning a digital collection.

Following the presentations, Bryn Mawr College Libraries hosted a lovely luncheon for the Chapter at the College’s Wyndham Alumnae House. Following lunch, nine attendees toured nearby Harriton House, a historical 1704 house museum.

**Activities**

Other Chapter activities for 2006 included the aforementioned follow-up session on digital collections at Bryn Mawr, organized by Nicole Finzer. This was held on November 17th and included scanning demonstrations by Del Ramers, Image Specialist for Bryn Mawr’s Visual Resource Center. Approximately seven members attended this event.

Outreach activities included the annual Rush-at-Rush event at Drexel University on April 18, 2006. Ann Keith Kennedy, Lilah Mittelstaedt and Nancy Thorne attended this event which provides local professional organizations the opportunity to recruit members from the College of Information Science and Technology.
**Membership Statistics**

As of the Fall 2006 Meeting, ARLIS/NA-DVC had 25 renewals, 3 student renewals, and 2 new memberships:

Renewals:
- Regular: 25
- Student: 3

New:
- Regular: 2
- Student: 0

**Total:** 30

DVC members who also are members of ARLIS/NA (as of Fall 2006 meeting and based on examination of ARLIS/NA online membership list, last updated 7 June 06):

- Individual: 19
- Institutional: 2
- Business: 0

**Total:** 21

**Treasurer’s Report**

(from the Secretary-Treasurer’s Report dated 19 October 2006)

Balance of General Fund at closing date of last report (27 Apr. 2006): 1,119.74

Balance of Marietta Boyer Travel Award Fund: 165.00

Deposits made through 18 Oct. 2006: 145.39
- (including membership dues and interest)

Expenditures through 18 Oct. 2006: (170.00)
- (Check to Winterthur Museum, tour for 10 people @ $17 each)


**Issues for the Executive Board**
There are no issues for the Executive Board at this time. We thank Carole Ann Fabian for her assistance in facilitating discussion of the Affiliation Agreement. We look forward to working with Cate Cooney as our next Regional Representative.