Annual Report 2007
ARLIS/NA Ohio Valley Chapter

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2007 Chapter Officers

Helen Carter, Chair (Cleveland Museum of Art)
Ellie M. Ward, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (Akron Art Museum)
Kay Downey, Secretary/Treasurer (Cleveland Museum of Art)
Ellen Rohmiller, COLLAGE Editor (Dayton Art Institute)
Gary Ginther, Past Chair (Ohio University)

Chapter Meetings

The Ohio Valley Chapter held both spring and fall meetings in 2007. The spring meeting took place at the 2007 ARLIS/NA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. It was a brief meeting with only 4 members present, but we discussed some important issues including the upcoming fall meeting, as well as possible membership changes for the chapter as a result of the ARLIS/NA Membership Survey and its recommendations.

The fall meeting took place in Akron this year on October 25 and 26. The Thursday night dinner was well attended with 11 people making the trek to Crave Restaurant on East Market in Akron, just down the street from the Akron Art Museum. The Friday program took place at the newly renovated Akron Art Museum on Friday, October 26. We had an excellent turnout and a great program for the day. There were 26 attendees, including 2 new students in the Kent State University library program. The Friday program included a welcome from the Museum’s director, Mitchell Kahan, and a presentation by the Director of Curatorial Affairs, Barbara Tannenbaum, on the museum’s yearlong journey to its new space and an overview of current and upcoming exhibitions. Becky Bristol and Bryan Loar presented the chapter’s new website as well as ArLiSNAP’s site. Bryan Loar and Helen Carter also discussed their experiences at the ARLIS/NA Conference in Atlanta in 2007, as both were first time attendees. David Holmes, from the Foundation Center in Cleveland, gave a presentation on grants and grantseeking and how the Foundation Center can help you and your library in such efforts. Pam Eyerdam spoke about the Artists File Committee and asked for input on a presentation she will be making at the 2008 ARLIS/NA Conference in Denver about the collaboration between public and
academic libraries. The business meeting, held after lunch with 14 members and 4 guests in attendance. The meeting minutes can be found on the chapter website, www.ov-arlis.org

Activities

During 2007, two issues (June and December) of the chapter newsletter, COLLAGE, were published. The chapter also launched its new website in 2007, www.ov-arlis.org and formed a website committee to help with content and maintenance of the site. The existing committee members were Becky Bristol, Bryan Loar, and Helen Carter. Stephanie Wachalec volunteered to join the website committee at the fall meeting in Akron. Term limits were set at 3 years on a rotating basis.

Jane Carlin announced that she would step down as a member of the Travel Award committee. The 2008 Travel Award Committee will be Anne Morris and Maggie Castellani, who both volunteered to serve during the fall business meeting.

The chapter members decided to create an affiliate membership level for non-ARLIS/NA members. The membership cost remains $20.00 for affiliates. An affiliate member can serve on committees but cannot hold office or vote. The membership also decided that any student members of ARLIS/NA could have free chapter membership for the duration of their student membership with ARLIS/NA (limited to 3 years).

The website committee has initiated a design competition in order to brand our new website. Details can be found on the website at www.ov-arlis.org and the deadline is February 8, 2008. Submissions will be reviewed by the website committee and a decision will be made in 2008 regarding the winning entry, at which point the website will be updated with our new “identity”.

Elections

A new nominating committee was form to recruit new 2008 Ohio Valley Officers. Pam Eyerdam and Jacqueline Riley volunteered. Nominations were made after the fall meeting and a mail ballot was sent out to Chapter members with voting privileges. Meg Shaw was nominated and voted in as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Maggie Castellani was nominated and voted in as Secretary/Treasurer. Ellen Rohmiller remains COLLAGE Editor.

2008 Chapter Officers

Ellie M. Ward, Chair (Akron Art Museum)  
Meg Shaw, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (University of Kentucky)  
Maggie Castellani, Secretary/Treasurer (Cleveland Museum of Art)
Membership

There were 37 new and renewing members in 2007.

Treasurer’s Report

According to Treasurer Kay Downey, Sky Bank has been purchased by Huntington Bank, so our account is now with Huntington.

Balance (January 1, 2007) $2742.81
Income $1115.00
Expenditures $1239.65
Balance (December 31, 2007) $2618.16