Annual Report 2008
ARLIS/NA Delaware Valley Chapter

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2009 Chapter Officers
President: Katy Rawdon, The Barnes Foundation
Vice-President/President-elect: Karen Lightner, Free Library of Philadelphia
Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Louise Castaldi, University of the Arts
Past-President: Andrea Goldstein, Temple University

Chapter Meetings

The chapter held two meetings in 2008. Our spring meeting was held in the newly-renovated Ruth & Raymond G. Perelman Building at the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Friday, March 28. This meeting included two components: a special program of lectures in the morning, and a chapter business meeting in the afternoon. This expanded meeting was possible due to special funding from ARLIS/NA. The ARLIS/Western New York, ARLIS/New England, ARLIS/D.C.-Maryland-Virginia and ARLIS/New York chapters were invited to the morning program via an email to each chapter president. The program was well received with 43 registrants and 40 attendees. Of these, 24 were current DVC chapter members and 19 were visitors. Each presenter for the morning program was a contributor to the recent publication, Art Museum Libraries and Librarianship, co-published by ARLIS/NA and the Scarecrow Press and edited by Joan M. Benedetti. Using this book as inspiration and framework for the event, we were able to create a cohesive program that at the same time offered diverse perspectives. Information about the program and the agenda are available online: http://mysite.verizon.net/katyrawdon/Arlis/Arlis1.htm. Speakers and their topics were: Roger Lawson from the National Gallery of Art, “Copyright & Fair Use in the Art Museum Library: An Overview”; Allen K. Townsend from the Arts Library at Yale University: “Three Experiences in Museum Library Development and Fund-Raising”; and Linda Seckelson from the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s Watson Library: “Reader Services and Reference in Large Art Museum Libraries.” Lunch was provided and tours of Philadelphia Museum of Art Library and of the Perelman Building were offered.

Nineteen people attended the afternoon chapter business meeting - eighteen Chapter participants and one guest. The meeting began with the presentation by former Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Deegan, of the minutes from the Fall 2007 meeting. After their approval, current Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Louise Castaldi, submitted a report on the Chapter’s finances and on membership. Cate Cooney, in her capacity as Northeast Regional Representative, reported on several matters related to ARLIS/NA, and explained that she will cease operating as Regional Representative and will become ARLIS/NA’s Chapters Coordinator. The financial support from ARLIS/NA for the current meeting, in the form of a check for $500, was announced. Our chapter’s contribution of $150 to the welcome party at the 2008 ARLIS/NA conference in Denver was also announced. Annabell L. Curran was announced as the 2008 recipient of the Marietta Bushnell Boyer Travel Award for 2008,
which includes a $400 scholarship to attend the ARLIS/NA meeting. Volunteers for the 2008 Nominating and Outreach Committees were sought.

The fall meeting of ARLIS/NA Delaware Valley Chapter was held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at Moore College of Art. Twelve Chapter members attended. The minutes for the spring 2008 meeting were unanimously approved, and Mary Louise Castaldi gave the secretary-treasurer’s report. Annabelle Curran, 2008 recipient of the award, reported on the 36th annual ARLIS/NA Conference, held in Denver, May 1-5, 2008. Cate Cooney, in her capacity as ARLIS/NA Chapters Liaison, reported on several matters regarding ARLIS/NA. The Outreach Committee reported that Stephanie Riley, Jennifer Cho and Ed Deegan, representing ARLIS/NA and the Chapter, attended the annual Drexel University iSchool “Rush at Rush” event, held on April 17, 2008 at Hagerty Library. They handed out ARLIS/NA literature, and awarded a student chapter affiliation to Jessica Evans.

The Chapter voted to contribute $200.00 to the ARLIS/NA Conference for 2009. A motion was also passed to cancel the Chapter’s 2009 travel award due to lack of sufficient funds. The Nominating Committee put forward the candidate for the position of Vice-President/President-Elect (to serve as President in 2010 and Past-President in 2011): Karen Lightner, head of the Art Department at The Free Library of Philadelphia. Karen was elected unanimously. Several announcements of local interest were made, and the meeting was adjourned.

**Activities**

The major chapter activity for 2008 was the Spring meeting and special program, held in the newly-renovated Ruth & Raymond G. Perelman Building at the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Friday, March 28.

As stated, the Outreach Committee represented ARLIS/NA and the Chapter at the annual Drexel University iSchool “Rush at Rush” event, held on April 17, 2008, 4:30-6:00 P.M. at Hagerty Library. They handed out ARLIS/NA literature, and awarded a student chapter affiliation to Jessica Evans.

**Membership Statistics**

**2008: [recorded 15 Oct 2008]**

Renewals:
- Member: 18
- Affiliate: 7
- S.Memb: 1
- S.Affil.: 2

New:
- Member: 2
- Affiliate: 1
- S.Memb.: 0
- S.Affil.: 3

**Total:** 34

**Treasurer’s Report**

Balance at closing date of last report (27 March 2008): $2,224.99
Balance of Marietta Boyer Travel Award Fund (27 March 2008): 147.00

Deposits made through 15 October 2008 (incl. interest): 140.38
(including membership dues and interest)

Expenditures through 15 October 2008: 1,327.36

Balance at close of business 15 October 2008: 1,038.01

**Additional Comments**

There are no issues for the Executive Board at this time.