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2008 Chapter Officers

Ellie Ward, Chair (Akron Art Museum)  
Meg Shaw, Vice Chair/Chair Elect (University of Kentucky)  
Maggie Castellani, Secretary/Treasurer (Cleveland Museum of Art)  
Ellen Rohmiller, COLLAGE Editor (Dayton Museum of Art)  
Helen Carter, Past Chair (Cleveland Museum of Art)

Chapter Meetings

The Ohio Valley Chapter held both spring and fall meetings in 2008. The spring meeting was held on Saturday May 3rd at the ARLIS/NA Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. We met for lunch at the 1876 Restaurant in the Grand Hyatt Denver and had 11 people in attendance, which included Ohio Valley members Ann Abid, Jane Carlin, Pam Eyerdam, Betsy Lantz, Anne Morris, Gail Storer, and Ellie Ward, Chair. Also in attendance were ARLIS/NA members Dana Bjorklund, Leslie Jankowski and Amy Trendler and guest Jim Morris. Our agenda included discussion about a new Collage editor and whether to change from a paper format to an electronic format accessible only on the Ohio Valley website. We also discussed ways to attract new members and several suggestions on how to do so. The dates of the fall meeting were announced, October 31 at the University of Louisville hosted by Vice Chair Meg Shaw. Anne Morris suggested a trip to the Toledo Museum of Art sometime in the late spring/early summer 2009. Most subjects were tabled until the fall meeting so that more members could participate in discussion.

The fall meeting took place at the Ekstrom Library and the Speed Art Museum on the campus of the University of Louisville, October 30 and 31, 2008, hosted by Meg Shaw, Vice Chair and Gail Gilbert. On Thursday, October 30th several members met for dinner downtown at the Bristol restaurant. On Friday the meeting began at the Ekstrom Library with a lecture on Public Art in Louisville, a discussion on the Artists’ Files Project, a demonstration of the robotic retrieval system and a presentation on the University of Kentucky’s Second Life program. We had lunch at the Speed Art Museum and following lunch had our business meeting in the auditorium of the Speed. After the business meeting concluded, we were given a gallery talk on the exhibition, Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

At the business meeting we had 12 members present: Helen Carter (Past Chair), Maggie Castellani (Secretary/Treasurer), Pam Eyerdam, Gail Gilbert, Chris Hatten, Alison Huftalen, Jacque Riley, Ellen Rohmiller (Collage Editor), Meg Shaw (Vice Chair) Gail Storer, Ellie Ward (Chair) and from ARLIS/NA Amy Trendler (Development and Marketing Liaison). Guest present: Beth Bringman and Elizabeth Meyer.
The meeting was called to order and the treasurer’s report was given. The travel award winner for the fall meeting was Ellen Rohmiller.

Amy Trendler discussed the rotation of officers on the ARLIS/NA Executive Board, membership dues increase, message sent out by Ken Soehner, President of ARLIS/NA, the membership directory, Art Documentation becoming a peer reviewed journal, an education survey being established regarding ARLIS/NA mentoring and the 2009 annual conference in Indianapolis. Ellen Rohmiller is stepping down as editor of Collage. We voted to put Collage online only to increase usage of our website and to defray costs associated with paper and postage. We also voted to combine the duties of a membership outreach/recruiter with the Collage position.

We voted to establish a website liaison who will update the website on a regular basis rather than having a committee try to handle it. We voted to write up a contract and pay no more than $500 to that person for 2009. This will be assessed next fall again.

The nominating committee will need to find candidates for the Vice Chair/Chair Elect position, the Collage editor position and one person for the Travel Award Committee. The slate will be posted by November 30th.

We again discussed the trip to Toledo and the membership was very enthusiastic about it. We voted to send a card and a $50 Amazon gift certificate to previous member Mona Chapin on her retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

These meeting minutes can be found on the Ohio Valley website, [http://www.ov-arlis.org](http://www.ov-arlis.org)

**Activities**

During 2008, one issue of Collage was published and mailed to members. Because Ellen Rohmiller retired as editor, her replacement, Alison Huftalen, Toledo Museum of Art, will not publish a new issue of Collage until spring/summer 2009.

A donation in the amount of $150.00 was given to the ARLIS/NA Denver conference for the Welcome Party. A gift certificate to Amazon in the amount of $50.00 was given to Mona Chapin on her retirement.

We hired a website liaison, Becky Bristol, to handle the constant changes to our website to keep it more current. Previously we had a website committee who did the changes but did not always have the time to keep up, so hiring someone to review and update the website seemed to be the more professional option.

The website committee orchestrated a design competition to brand our website. The winning design was created by Frederick Friedman-Romell, Ingalls Library, Cleveland Museum of Art and gives our website a new identity.

**Elections**

The nominating committee from 2007, Pam Eyerdam, Cleveland Public Library and Jacqueline Riley, University of Cincinnati, volunteered to recruit new officers for 2009. Nominations were made after the fall meeting for a Vice Chair/Chair Elect position and also for a new editor of the Collage newsletter and a ballot was mailed to chapter members with voting privileges. Matthew Gengler, Ingalls Library, Cleveland Museum of Art was nominated and elected as Vice Chair and Alison Huftalen, Toledo Museum of Art was nominated and elected Collage Editor. Meg Shaw becomes the Chair and Maggie Castellani remains as Secretary/Treasurer throughout 2009.
Membership

In 2008 we had 7 new members join and 27 members renew their membership. We also had 12 members who did not renew this year. Our total membership as of December 31, 2008 stands at 34 members.

Treasurer’s Report

Prepared by Treasurer, Maggie Castellani

Balance (Jan. 1, 2008)  $2618.16
Income for  +$1480.00
Expenditures  -$1584.78
Balance (Dec.31, 2008)  $2513.38

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