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Outgoing officers:
Marc Gartler, chair
Kitty Jansen, secretary/treasurer

New officers elected for the 2010 calendar year:
Rebecca Price (University of Michigan), chair
Jennifer Parker (University of Notre Dame), vice-chair / chair elect
Jennifer Hehman (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis),
secretary/treasurer
Amy Trendler (Ball State University), newsletter editor (continuing role)

This past year our total membership was 37, including 2 new members and 3 new student members. We continue to be fiscally sound, with close to $2,000 in the bank. Our primary income is from membership dues and our primary outlay is an annual donation to the Welcome Party of the ARLIS/NA conference. We also have a travel award account, the William C. Bunce Travel Award, from which we present $250-$500 annually. We have an active online newsletter, published twice each year; May and October.

The Midstates Chapter met in Milwaukee on October 2, 2009. Fourteen members were present. We were hosted by the Milwaukee Art Museum and met in conjunction with the VRA Midwest Chapter (SP, Goal I: objective D). We began our day with a discussion of the state of arts and visual arts librarianship with our VRA colleagues. After lunch each group conducted its business meeting. The meetings were followed by a museum tour.

Our activities this past year include cleanup and updating of our bylaws to bring them in line with changes in the society/chapter relationship and with current practices, particularly with the move to TEI as our management company. The revisions were unanimously adopted and the revised bylaws were posted to our site on April 13, 2010. Our website is now hosted by TEI, which insures easier transitions from year to year. This year we hope to move our dues payment to TEI; in line with that we adopted a single payment structure (all members pay $20), rather than a graduated structure.

Our primary initiative this year is to strengthen and increase our membership. To that end, we established a Membership Committee, which is charged with retention and recruitment of chapter members. The committee is chaired by the vice-chair / chair elect. We plan to reach out particularly to institutions and library schools that are not currently represented in our membership (SP, Goal III: objectives C and D). A secondary initiative is to increase the awareness of our work and increase the ability to share our expertise and knowledge. We plan to institute a directory of our institutional work on our website (SP, Goal II, objective B and Goal III, objective A).
We will meet at the spring conference in Boston and we plan to meet again in the fall in Ann Arbor, Michigan. At that time we plan to meet in conjunction with the VRA Great Lakes Chapter and are pursuing a program that will interest and involve both groups.

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