Annual Report 2010
ARLIS/NA Central Plains Chapter

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Chapter Officers selected for 2011:
Skye Lacerte, Chair, Washington University in St. Louis
Ellen Urton, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Kansas State University
Clare Vasquez, Secretary/Treasurer, St. Louis Art Museum
Suzy Frechette, Past Chair, St. Louis Public Library
Suzy Frechette, Newsletter Editor, St. Louis Public Library
Mikael Kriz, Web Editor, St. Louis University

Chapter Meetings:

A brief informal meeting was held during the ARLIS/NA annual conference in Boston, Massachusetts on April 24. Members discussed sessions, meetings, and tours that they planned to attend.

The Spring Chapter Meeting was held in Sedalia, Missouri on May 13 – 15. Without a local member, this meeting was organized from a distance by several members. The Business Meeting and talks took place in a hotel meeting room. Susan Craig spoke on her updated Biographical Dictionary of Kansas Artists and Skye Lacerte spoke about her collection, the Modern Graphic History Library at Washington University. The group toured several historic sites in Sedalia, including the Katy Depot railroad museum, the Bothwell Hotel and downtown historic district, and the Sedalia Public Library. A tour of the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art was a highlight.

The Fall Chapter Meeting was held in St. Louis on October 14 – 16. The Business meeting and presentations were hosted by Washington University’s Modern Graphic History Library. Speakers presented information about the university’s archives and special collections. Members toured that library’s facilities, the university’s archives storage area, the art and architecture library, and the Kemper Art Museum on the W. U. campus; the St. Louis Art Museum’s exhibitions and library; and the Kraus home, a Frank Lloyd Wright house in suburban St. Louis.

Activities of the Chapter

- Used the Chapter’s Blog (http://arlisnacp.wordpress.com) to announce meetings, publish reports on them, and announce new editions of the chapter’s newsletter.
- Decided to migrate Chapter’s website to the TEI server; this work is in progress.
- Efforts continued to recruit more members.
- Created a chapter list-serv to ease communication among members and make announcements. It is private and not moderated. Subscriptions are handled by TEI at the direction of the chapter’s Secretary/Treasurer.

Membership
As of December 31, 2010, the chapter had 18 regular members, and 9 Lifetime members for a total of 27.

Finances
The chapter’s bank account balance as of December 31, 2010 was $3,199.69.