Annual Report 2011
Central Plains Chapter

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Chapter Officers selected for 2011:
Ellen Urton, Chair, Kansas State University
Phil Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect,
Clare Vasquez, Secretary/Treasurer, St. Louis Art Museum
Skye Lacerte, Past Chair, Washington University in St. Louis
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 Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 26. Members discussed sessions, meetings, and tours that they planned to attend.

The Spring Chapter Meeting was held in Fayetteville, Arkansas on May 19 – 21. The Business meeting and presentations were hosted by the University of Arkansas’ Mullins Library. Professor Leo G. Mazow presented Benton, Banjos, and Beyond: Interdisciplinary Research in Art History. A roundtable discussion of new online and print resources and trends in services followed. The group toured Mullins Library, Fine Arts Library, and the Architectural Records Archive. Friday evening the group visited the Crystal Bridges Museum Trail and viewed James Turrell’s installation Skyspace at sunset.

The Fall Chapter Meeting was held in Columbia, Missouri on October 6 – 8. The Business meeting and presentations were hosted by Hugh Stephens Library at Stephens College. Speakers presented information on the Dupont Grant Project for the Stephens College Costume Museum and Research Library and the Art Collection Inventory Project. Members toured the Stephens College Costume Museum and Research Library and the Museum of Art and Archaeology, with a stop at Eero Saarinen’s Firestone Baars Chapel. A highlight of the meeting was the Friday night Artrageous gallery crawl.

Activities of the Chapter:
• Appointed a team to establish a presence on social networking media. This work is in progress.
• Began the migration of the Chapter’s website to the TEI server; this work is in progress.
• Efforts continued to recruit more members.
• Discussed the possibility of regional conference with a nearby chapter.

Membership
As of December 31, 2011, the chapter had 21 regular members, and 9 Lifetime members for a total of 30.

Finances
The chapter’s bank account balance as of December 31, 2011 was $3,359.69.