Annual Report 2011
Texas-Mexico Chapter

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2011 Officers
President: Beverly Mitchell
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Treasurer: Edward Lukasek
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Introduction
The ARLIS/NA Texas-Mexico chapter held two meetings in 2011. The spring meeting was a short, informal gathering at the ARLIS/NA conference in Minneapolis and the other meeting was a two and a half-day fall annual meeting. Regarding business actions, a few new documents for facilitating organization and an online archive of the chapter newsletter, The Medium, were added to the website. The creation of this online archive is a huge contribution to the history of this chapter.

Conference Meeting
In Minneapolis, members of the chapter held a meeting with members of the Texas VRA. Everyone introduced themselves and, in the spirit of collaboration, shared any projects that they were working on at their library.

Annual Meeting
The chapter annual meeting was held October 27th – 29th in Fort Worth. As a result of the joint ARLIS/NA – VRA conference in Minneapolis, the chapter had a joint meeting inviting Texas VRA members, which was the first joint chapter meeting. Members attended three tours: the Caravaggio exhibition at the Kimbell Art Museum, the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, which is a new LEED-certified building, and a newly installed exhibit at the gallery, Artspace 111. Members also attended professional education events at the Amon Carter Museum. Ryan Tainter, who was the designer of the catalogue for the Donald Judd Library in Marfa, Texas, discussed its metadata and unique cataloguing method. This project was of particular importance to members of ARLIS/NA TX/MX since the chapter had been in conversation in the early 2000s with the Judd Library to catalogue this collection. The second event was a talk given by Sylvie Penechon, Amon Carter Conservator of Photography, and Jodie Utter, Amon Carter Conservator of Works on Paper, in the museum’s conservation lab. They presented works, such as an artist book by Dallas photographer, David Gibson, and a watercolor illustration by Charles M. Russell, as examples of conservation projects in the context of their discussion on conservation techniques and problems.

Business Meeting
The chapter’s business meeting was held on October 29th at the Modern Museum of Art, Fort Worth. Treasurer Lukasek reported that we had 22 attendees. After the collection of chapter meeting registration fees and member renewals and expenditures for the meeting, the current balance was $2,365.00 in the chapter’s account.
Committee Chair for the chapter’s Lois Swan Jones Travel Award, Tara Spies Smith, reported that there was only one applicant for the Lois Swan Jones’ Award in 2011, and the award in the amount of $500 went to Mary Wegmann.

The chapter also voted to create a page on the chapter website that lists the duties of officers and annual meeting planning procedures.

Laura Schwarz gave a report about the project for scanning back issues of the chapter’s newsletter, *The Medium*, and making it accessible to members on the website. Laura, who headed up the project, confirmed with Jon Evans a complete run of *The Medium*’s archive at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and requested from Jennifer Lee, Head Librarian of Preservation and Digitization Services at UT Libraries to do the scanning with no fee. The scanned documents are machine readable and now reside on the ARLIS/NA Texas-Mexico website. Samuel Duncan reviewed the content and formats of these scans, and he has loaded them onto the website, most of which are in PDF format. He will load an additional module that will make the content of *The Medium* archive searchable.

Laura Schwarz was nominated as Treasurer and Tara Spies Smith was nominated for Vice-President/President Elect. There was a call to see if there were any others interested in serving in one of these capacities and there were none. Both were unanimously elected.

The chapter voted to give a donation of $300 to the Welcome Party at ARLIS/NA’s 2012 conference in Toronto.

For next year’s venue for the annual meeting, Vice-President/President-elect, Martha González Palacios, suggested either Austin or Marfa. Most members favored Marfa, and it was decided that the meeting would be there in 2012.

For more information about the business meeting, please see the [2011 chapter minutes](#).