Annual Report 2012
Mountain West Chapter

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Officers for the calendar year 2013:

Chair: Julie Williamsen, Brigham Young University
Past Chair: Peggy Keeran, University of Denver
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Nicole Beatty, Weber State University
Secretary/Treasurer: Jenni James, Institute of American Indian Arts

In the end, it was a somewhat quiet year for ARLIS/NA-Mountain West. We held two chapter meetings in 2012, one in-person meeting at the ARLIS/NA conference in Toronto and a virtual meeting on November 7.

We had hoped to hold a conference in Park City, Utah in September, but, although the planning went well and we were very excited, we didn’t have enough proposals submitted to hold the conference. We spent the first half of the year planning for the conference, but finally cancelled it in July due to lack of content. As we didn’t hold the conference, we didn’t give out a travel award.

In order to build our chapter numbers, at our virtual meeting in November Williamsen, the incoming chair, asked members to think of individuals at their institutions or in their geographic areas who would benefit from professional development and connection opportunities by joining MW. We also discussed mentoring and joint meetings, either with other ARLIS chapters or with members of VRA in the MW area. Elaine Paul, a member of VRA from the University of Colorado at Boulder, reported that she and others are looking into forming a Four Corners VRA chapter. Chapter state coordinators also reported on efforts to build membership through various means, including local meetings. To keep chapter members in touch with each other, we discussed holding informal virtual meetings every few months, in addition to the two formal chapter meetings a year. The ARLIS Executive Board asked if MW would like to host a future national conference, and the Utah members said they would explore this possibility. We discussed a plan to have the MW logo redesigned over the next year in order to comply with ARLIS/NA criteria.

Our chapter newsletter, The Mountain Ledger, offers us the opportunity to keep informed about our members and offers opportunities to highlight our collections. The summer 2012 newsletter covered chapter news, the ARLIS/NA conference in Toronto, special collections at various institutions, digital initiatives, and collaborative ventures.
Despite the fact that we didn’t hold either an in-person or virtual conference, we did increase membership in 2012, with 31 paid members, including 10 new members. This number was up from 23 in 2011 and 26 in 2010.

**Income and Expenses for 2012** (provided by Jenni James, Secretary/Treasurer)

2012 Income: $1340.00  
  Dues: $775.00  
  Winberta Yao Travel donations: $265.00  
  Donation: $300.00 (for conference or other needs)

2012 Expenses: $1123.67  
  ARLIS/NA Welcome Party donation: $250.00  
  Cancelation fee to Treasure Mountain Inn: $869.90  
  Online Membership Payment Fees to PayPal: $3.77  
  (Winberta Yao Travel Award was not given this year)

Ending Account Balance (12/31/12): $3095.93

**2012 Membership Report**

31 paid MW chapter members (increase from 23 in 2011)  
10 new members: CO: 2, NM: 4, NV: 1, UT: 3

Membership by State
- Arizona: 3 members
- Colorado: 8 members
- Montana: 0 members
- Nevada: 1 member
- New Mexico: 11 members
- Utah: 4 members
- Wyoming: 1 member

Outside the Mountain West Chapter region
- California: 2 members
- Michigan: 1 member

**Chapter Committees for 2012**

Nominating Committee:
- Chair: Meredith Kahn  
  Chris Ramsey  
  Tom Riedel

State Coordinators
- Arizona: Marly Helm
- Colorado: Tom Riedel
- Nevada: Peggy Keeran
- New Mexico: Jenni James
- Utah: Christiane Ramsey
Wyoming and Montana: Jennifer Mayer

Travel Award Committee
Chair: Alexandria Caster
Kay Teel

Webmaster: Christiane Ramsey

Newsletter Editor: Marly Helm