Annual Report 2012
Twin Cities Chapter

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Leadership Update
Incoming Officers for 2013:
Laura Morlock, Chair
Jessica Shaykett, Chair-Elect
Bailey Diers, Secretary/Treasurer

Brief Narrative of Activities
The Twin Cities Chapter had three meetings in 2012.

1) The spring meeting took place on May 10th at Forecast Public Art in St. Paul. Agenda items included approving fall meeting minutes, website re-design celebration and walk through of changes, conference re-caps (ARLIS/NA, VRA, AAM, etc.), call for featured librarians, call for internships for website, discussion of a possible local mentoring program, preliminary call for 2013 chapter officers (chair-elect and secretary/treasurer), and a celebration of Rosemary Furtak’s retirement.

2) The summer meeting took place on July 30th at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Agenda items included approving spring meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, discussion of travel scholarship for ARLIS/NA annual conference in Pasadena (no travel award was given in 2012), further discussion of local mentoring program, official call for nominations for 2013 chapter officers, an opportunity to remember Rosemary Furtak, reminders for posting internships or being the featured library/librarian on the website, and a tour of the American Museum of Asmat Art@UST with curator Julie Risser.

3) The fall meeting took place October 15th at St. Catherine University in St. Paul. Agenda items included approving minutes from July meeting, treasurer’s update, a review of the Fall Report to Chapters from the Executive Board and discussion of that report, final call for nominations for 2013 chapter leadership and formal vote, book club discussion update and call for next book club meeting, reminder that the travel announcement was coming, website updates and call for internships, etc., discussion of workshop of continuing ed ideas for future meetings, discussion of locations for next meeting, and a tour of the Ade Bethune Archives with archivist and chapter member Deb Kloiber

Chapter accomplishments included the following:

Re-vamping the chapter website by the website team: Bailey Diers, Shannon Klug, and Laura Morlock, led by Kristen Mastel, with Christy Dent and Jessica Shaykett.

Review and revision of chapter by-laws – mainly cleaning up language for clarity and consistency and a couple of changes to reflect actual practice by Kristen Mastel and Christy Dent. Submitted to the Executive Board for review through Laurel Bliss. Awaiting approval.
Initial exploration of a local mentoring program led by Jessica Shaykett (member of the national Mentoring Committee).

Began an internship program – created a location and pulled together opportunities for local internships. Initiated by the website re-design team and populated on the chapter website with members internship opportunities. Promoted to St. Catherine University students in the Library Science program.

First book club discussion was held August 2, 2012. Members read the book *Seven Days in the Art World* by Sarah Thornton, and met at the Walker Art Center’s outdoor cafe for discussion, networking, and food. This was so well received and interest was so high that the chapter decided to continue additional book club meetings. The second book club discussion will be held in February 2013, and additional meetings are in the planning.

Membership Statistics:
Total membership: 31
New members in 2012: 13 (6 members were previously members, but were not paid members in 2011).
Renewed members in 2012: 18
Non-renewed members in 2012: 1

Treasurer’s Report:
Balance on Jan. 1, 2012: $598.92
Income for 2012: +$265.00
Expenditures for 2012: -199.31
Balance on Dec. 31, 2012: $664.61
Notes: This past year no travel award was awarded. The expenses covered the costs of refreshments during our meetings, flowers for Rosemary Furtak, and a $100 donation for the 2013 ARLIS/NA conference in Pasadena.

**ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan**
One action item suggested to the Twin Cities Chapter was the following:

Goal III-A-1. Schedule appearances at college job fairs to promote art librarianship as a potential career path for students and to promote student membership in ARLIS/NA.

The chapter has also worked on:
Goal III-B-1 and 2.
Goal III-D-1 (the chapter has focused on this at the local level for chapter meetings).

Goal II-A (with discussions considering developing a local mentoring program).

The chapter had already begun brainstorming and working with outreach ideas in previous years, so some ground work was already in place.

The chapter promoted ARLIS/NA and the Twin Cities Chapter at St. Catherine University’s library school career night by hosting a table staffed with chapter members, handing out brochures about careers in art librarianship and the local chapter, and pointing interested students to the chapter website for resources, contacts, and internship opportunities. Completed.
The chapter website was re-designed to better reach members and interested individuals. It now incorporates social media including Facebook, Tumblr, and Flicker, all additional ways for the chapter to reach out and connect with others.
Completed.

Discussions continued on how else the chapter could reach out to communities that could be interested in ARLIS. Ideas included Springboard for the Arts (a local organization promoting resources for artists and art-field workers, among other things), how to reach other students and early career professionals, and gaining presence/space at the Minnesota Library Association conference and other local conferences to promote ARLIS/NA and the Twin Cities chapter as a resource and network.
In progress.

Another idea under discussion is to create some sort of collaborative marketing resource (brochure, mailer, directory, etc.) for all the publicly available art library collections in town.
In progress.

We foresee these discussions continuing and new ideas being implemented over time.
In progress.

The chapter continues to review the strategic plan, seeking other ways members can support these initiatives.
In progress.

**Issues for the Executive Board**
The chapter is waiting for the Executive Board’s response to our request to update the chapter by-laws. Otherwise, the chapter has no issues for the Executive Board at this time.