Annual Report 2012
Texas-Mexico Chapter

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Chapter Officers

President: Martha González Palacios
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Chapter Meetings

March 30, 2012  |  Toronto, ON

During the 40th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference, seven members of our chapter met for dinner, which served as an informal meeting. During this event members provided feedback regarding scheduling chapter meetings during ARLIS/NA conferences (this information was shared with the Chapter Liaison and chapter chairs). Martha Gonzalez Palacios also updated members on the planning of the chapter annual meeting. For highlights from the conference as reported by chapter members, visit The Medium, spring 2012 issue.

November 8-10, 2012  |  Marfa, TX

Chapter members from across Texas and beyond travelled to Marfa for the 2012 ARLIS/NA Texas-Mexico Chapter Annual Meeting. Although a small and remote town (population 1,966) in West Texas not far from Big Bend National Park, Marfa is an art mecca, specially for those interested in the minimalist art of Donald Judd. Art and architecture librarians toured the Chinati Foundation and the Judd Foundation. One of the tour leaders for the latter was Caitlin Murray, Archivist and Assistant Manager, who is currently processing Judd’s archive. The program also included an evening visit to the McDonald Observatory. Attendance at the Annual Chapter Meeting totaled 15 (14 members and 1 non-member). For details on some of these activities as reported by chapter members, visit The Medium, fall 2012 issue.

Following are highlights from our Chapter Business Meeting held November 10 at the Austin Street Café in Marfa:

• Changes to guidelines for the Lois Swan Jones Award Committee were approved in order to clarify eligibility and expectations from committee members and applicants. The discussion also included the possibility of creating another travel award or expanding the scope of the LSJ Award to allow for recipients to use the funds for SEI but given the original goal of this award and financial limitations, the chapter decided not to implement these changes. This might be revisited in the future.
• The membership approved a motion to seek hosting the ARLIS/NA Annual Conference 2015.
• It was decided to form a committee to implement relevant goals of the ARLIS/NA 2011-2015 Action Plan.
• The chapter voted to donate $150 to the 2013 ARLIS/NA Welcome Party in Pasadena.
• The 2013 Chapter Annual Meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX; tentative dates are set for October 31 to November 2. Jon Evans, ARLIS/NA Past President, encouraged the organizer of this and future meeting to incorporate programming for professional development.
For more information, see the full version of 2012 business meeting minutes.

Activities of the chapter

• The Medium
  Our chapter’s newsletter started publication in 1974. In 2011 Laura Schwartz and Sam Duncan initiated a project to digitize early issues of The Medium in order to have the complete run available online; this project was completed in February of 2012.

• ARLIS/NA Annual Conference 2015
  Last December the ARLIS/NA Executive Board accepted our chapter’s invitation to host the 43rd Annual Conference in Texas in 2015. A final decision on the host city is pending but up for consideration are Austin and Fort Worth.

• ARLIS/NA 2011-2015 Action Plan
  Our membership approved the creation of an Action Plan Implementation Committee. Over the next year, this committee will put together an implementation plan to work on relevant goals:
  Goal III. A.1, Promoting art librarianship as a career, which could involve greater outreach to library or art graduate students
  Goal I.B.1, Developing outreach efforts to increase membership recruitment and retention.

Membership statistics (as of February 27, 2013)

Current members: 28
New members: 4
Renewing members: 24
Non renewals: 9 (three were student memberships)

Treasurer’s Report (February 2012 – February 2013)

Current balance: $2,546
Income: $967
  Dues: $530
  LSJ Award: $437
Expenses: $780
  LSJ Award: $500
  AN Hosting: $95
  Domain name: $35
  Welcome Party donation $150

Leadership Update | 2013 Chapter Officers

President: Tara Spies Smith
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Treasurer: Laura Schwartz
Secretary: Rebecca Barham