ARLIS/NA Group or Appointment: Twin Cities Chapter

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Leadership Update
The leadership roster for the Twin Cities Chapter for 2020 is as follows:
  - Chair: Meg Black, mblack@artsmia.org
  - Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Jennifer Riestenberg, Jennifer.Riestenberg@walkerart.org
  - Secretary/Treasurer: Lizzy Tegeler, ejtegeler865@stkate.edu
  - Past Chair: Beth Goodrich, bgoodrich@craftcouncil.org

Membership Statistics
- Total membership: 26 (26 in good standing)
  - Full members: 16 (16 renewal, 0 new)
  - Friends: 7
  - Students: 3

Treasurer’s Report
- Balance on January 1, 2019 (Wells Fargo): $1,065.13
  - Income (Wells Fargo): $421.31
  - Expenditures (Wells Fargo): $950.68 (includes $400 check to open Bremer account and initiate bank change)
  - Bremer opened 7/23/2019: $400
  - Expenditures (Bremer): $12.87
- Ending balance as of December 31, 2019, total: $922.89
  - Wells Fargo: $535.76
  - Bremer: $387.13
Activities for 2019

The chapter held two business meetings and two social events in 2019.

Winter Book Share, January 31
Eighteen members and friends gathered at a local restaurant for food and to share book title recommendations. A reading list was shared with the wider membership following the meeting.

Spring Business Meeting, May 31 at the Minnesota Museum of American Art in St. Paul
Twelve members and friends attended the Spring Business Meeting. The members voted to approve the minutes of the 2018 fall business meeting, to move its bank account to a new institution, to update language around the annual travel award, and to gather ideas for our 2019 fall business meeting. There was an update from the Outreach task force on efforts to create a contact list of art liaison librarians in greater Minnesota to whom we could extend invitations to participate in the chapter activities. Invitations will be sent to this contact list for future meetings. Following the business meeting, the chapter had a guided tour of the “Good Making of Good Things: Craft Horizons Magazine, 1941-1979” exhibition, led by Assistant Curator Mia Laufer.

Summer Book Club, August 22
Eight members and friends attended the Summer Book Club at a local restaurant, where we had a lively discussion of Optic Nerve by Argentinian author Maria Gainza.

Fall Business Meeting, October 25 at the American Craft Council Library
Sixteen members and friends attended the Fall Business meeting at the ACC library in Minneapolis. One new attendee from St. Paul Public Library responded to the invitation extended to our Outreach contact list. Members voted to approve the Spring Business meeting minutes, and the election for the new Vice-Chair/Chair Elect for 2020 was held. The treasurer gave her financial report and provided information about the new bundled dues process. Application information for the travel award was planned to be released in December, with selection to be made in early January. A task force to draft a session proposal for the Minnesota Library Association annual conference was formed. The membership felt this would be a good opportunity to continue outreach efforts on a statewide scale. The MLA conference will take place in Duluth on October 1-2, 2020. Following the business meeting, the librarian of the American Craft Council gave a presentation on the library and archive collections, and opened up the rest of the meeting to making activities and browsing.

Ongoing projects and preliminary goals
The chapter continues its efforts to expand membership to greater Minnesota. In addition to submitting a session proposal at the Minnesota Library Association annual conference, the chapter is also submitting a proposal for the annual meeting
of the Academic and Research Library Division of MLA, which will take place in May 2020.

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan
The Twin Cities Chapter is aligning with the ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions in the following ways:

- **Leadership and Advocacy:** The Twin Cities Chapter supports and encourages members to participate in the ARLIS/NA conference by offering the annual scholarship award. Members are also encouraged to support the annual conference through submitting session proposals, taking on leadership roles, and attendance. Two chapter members presented at the 2019 conference in Salt Lake City, for a total of five sessions.

- **Organizational Advancement:** The Twin Cities chapter’s outreach efforts aim to increase chapter membership and visibility of ARLIS/NA across the state.

- **Art Information Professionals:** The Twin Cities chapter promotes professional development for its members through the annual scholarship award, and through regularly scheduled networking events. Our twice-annual business meetings typically include an educational component in the form of a facility tour, exhibition tour or a talk provided by members or local experts in the art or library field.

- **Diversity and Inclusion:** All meetings are open to members and non-members alike. The chapter offers a low-cost “friends” membership at the rate of $15 per year. Students from St. Catherine University School of Library Science are particularly encouraged to attend meetings.

- **Collections and Access:** Our meetings typically begin with a time for attendees to share stories of specific projects or career successes. Most networking meetings will take place in a location where members can visit repositories and learn about the specific collections. These meeting sites are a valuable opportunity for members to gain a greater understanding of repositories and collections in the Twin Cities area.

**Other**

The Chapter continues its efforts of outreach to increase membership and extend membership greater Minnesota. We have seen a 10% increase in membership in 2019 over 2018, including one new member at the Friend level and two new student members.