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Gay and Lesbian Interests Roundtable Meeting,  
Monday, April 4, 2005, 8:00 – 9:30 AM

Moderator: Miguel Juarez, University of Arizona

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Introductions:

Meeting started at 8:15 a.m. Members in attendance: Miguel Juarez, Art and Photography Librarian, University of Arizona Library; Tom Young, Librarian at Philburg Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Matthew Wiggins, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, Virginia; Sherman Clark, NYU; Ken Correa, the Getty Research Institute Library; James Mitchell, American Folk Art Museum, New York; Dennis McGuire, Columbia College, Chicago; Cynthia Berry, Otis College of Art and Design.

Attendance was very low and Miguel asked members if they spoke to anyone who was coming? Miguel said Ted told him he was planning on attending.

Vote for new Vice-Moderator:

Miguel announced that Ray Anne Lockhard volunteered to act as in-coming moderator and would assume the moderator position in Banff. Miguel asked those in favor of Ray Anne becoming vice-moderator to raise their hands—everyone voted and Ray Anne was elected as in-coming moderator.

Report from Executive Board Liaison:

Miguel stated that we were supposed to have a board liaison in attendance, but since one was not present. Miguel asked if anyone knew who the liaison was—Sherman said it was Margaret Webster.

Sessions Sponsorships:

Miguel announced that this year there was no session sponsored by GLIRT—he encouraged those attending Banff to submit ideas for sessions. Miguel suggested Banff would be a good place to create sessions that offer resources.

Old Business

Members Listserv

Miguel asked whether the current listserv (the general ARLIS-L list) was adequately meeting communication needs? Matthew stated the general listserv was an effective means. Miguel asked whether new forms of communication, such as blogs, were
needed? Matthew said that perhaps GLIRT could perhaps sponsor a blog for members. Miguel stated ARLIS as an organization was investigating blogging software for members and perhaps in the future, a blog could be created.

**Website**

Miguel said he e-mailed James Viscochil repeatedly asking for support for the creation of a web page. James seemed too busy. He stated in the new organizational web page configuration, GLIRT is supposed to have space for a web presence. He asked for volunteers to manage the website and no one volunteered.

Members asked who would be writing the content for a GLIRT blog? Would Ray Anne be doing it? Miguel said those were good questions but he did not have answers. He said he would work with Ray Anne closely to offer support for the transition.

**New Business**

*Program ideas for 2006 Banff conference (May 31 deadline.)*

Miguel asked members for ideas for Banff. No ideas were forthcoming. Miguel stated GLIRT's 15th year anniversary is coming up next year. Perhaps we can work on a special event to commemorate the anniversary in Banff.

**Announcements of a GLIRT-nature**

*The GLIRT Binder*

Miguel asked members to send him or Ray Anne any GLIRT related e-mails that will be good to include in the GLIRT binder. Miguel stated the binder has some gaps and is not consistent—he encouraged members to send him copies, either in electronic or hard copy format. Members questioned whether earlier GLIRT documents may already be housed in the organizational archives in Syracuse?

*New Business or Concerns*

Miguel stated that there is an assumption that host committees will have guides to restaurants, bars and different venues but somehow, this year there was nothing. Miguel asked whether that was a GLIRT issue or does it depend on who is on the local program committee--should GLIRT take more of a leadership role in this issue? Should we recommend that this be done or is it just an assumption.

Sherman said the local program committee usually takes care of this. Miguel asked whether they needed to be reminded that they do this every year, since some years there are no materials, especially since other inserts are included such as dining guides, etc. Should GLIRT request that a local GLBT guide be included in the conference material? Sherman stated that it would not hurt for GLIRT to request this material.
Tom Young suggested GLIRT as a round table could create a guide instead of depending on someone else to do it. We would then provide this material to members.

Sherman informed the group on his activities in the Queer Caucus of the College Art Association. They try to do a reception every year in the hotel. There was one this year and there was a noon-time session on queer exhibitions, if these exhibits are an idea whose time has gone, because of recent discussions of identity based exhibitions.

The meeting concluded with members sharing projects they were working on, including an artists' book titled "Marriage Matters," by Cynthia Berry on GLBT families.

There was also discussion on whether ARLIS’s archives were processed and if not, who would process them—Miguel shared that there was some discussion at the New York Leadership Breakfast about electing someone as the official ARLIS archivist.