

Minutes for VRA Midwest Chapter Meeting
Saturday, March 26, 2011
VRA+ARLIS/NA Joint Conference 2011 in Minneapolis, Minnesota

Present: Sarah Christensen, Jennie Crowley, Amy Fordham, Chris Schommer, Rebecca Moss, Jennifer Hehman, Colette Lunday-Brautigam, Lise Hawkos, Jane Darcovich, Amanda Rybin, Betha Whitlow, Shannon Cody, Jacob Esselstrom, Wendall Sullivan, Heidi Eyestone

I. Welcome and Introductions with ARLIS/TC

Wendall Sullivan and Kristin Mastel called the meeting to order. They welcomed everyone to the joint chapter meeting. The meeting was held at the Hilton Minneapolis Downtown Hotel. All present introduced themselves and gave their organization designations.

II. VRA Midwest and ARLIS/TC Joint Discussion

Continued joint regional meetings and workshops were discussed. Both organizations agreed that workshops in particular can draw participants from beyond the regional and national membership ranks and could be used as a recruiting tool for membership. The Copyright Practicum was used as example as it has large appeal to both memberships and draws outside participants. Mentorship of new members was mentioned as an important retention tool.

III. Review and Approval of Annual Report and Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Wendall Sullivan and Heidi Eyestone presented the annual report and fourth quarter financial report. The fourth quarter report states all the account activity through December 31, 2010. We spent \$55.07 at the Fall Meeting in Minneapolis in October and donated \$250.00 to the VRA+ARLIS/NA 2011 Joint Conference. The membership drive through the VRA bursary resulted in a \$330.00 asset gain. The end-of-year balance was \$1,306.04. A VRA Midwest travel award in the amount of \$250.00 given to member Amanda Rybin and was not reported in the fourth quarter report. With this expense deducted from current totals, our balance will be \$1056.04. Currently we have 23 memberships for 2011 and we will continue to take memberships throughout the year. There was a suggestion that members who are in the Midwest region who are national members but not regional chapter members should be recruited to also join VRA Midwest. As time was short, there was not a formal approval of these reports. If any member has objections, please let the Chapter officers know of your issues.

III. Review and Approve Fall 2010 Minutes

The fall meeting was a joint meeting ARLIS/TC. Wendall Sullivan, Heidi Eyestone, Heidi Raatz, Rebecca Moss, Inga Thiessen, Julieann Swanson, and Allan Kohl were in attendance. Meeting minutes are available for review by the membership and will be posted to the VRA Midwest webpage.

IV. Election of President

Wendall Sullivan served as president during the 2010-2011 year. There was a call to the membership for a volunteer to serve as president. Rebecca Moss volunteered to be president for a two-year term through the 2013 conference. Heidi Eyestone is on her second year as VRA Midwest Secretary/Treasurer, her term expiring at next year's conference in 2012.

V. Discussion of Fall 2012 Meeting

The location of the fall meeting was discussed with Chicago being raised as a possibility. Heidi Eyestone raised the possibility of hosting a workshop on the topics of the Semantic Web and Embedded Metadata with Greg Reser as facilitator at Carleton College. She has grant money available and it was suggested that VRA Midwest could apply for a VRA Foundation grant. The topic of copyright was also raised but it was felt this topic had been recently covered by the conference Copyright Practicum.