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Proposed VRA Midwest Regional Chapter Business Meeting Joint Meeting with ARLIS/Midstates May 8, 1998

Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis

ATTENDEES:

John Butler-Ludwig, University of Chicago
Jane Darcovich, University of Illinois/Chicago
Jane Fenger, Indianapolis Museum of Art
Leigh Gates, The Art Institute of Chicago
Jane Goldberg, University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign Jennifer Hehman,
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Virginia Kerr, Northwestern University
Alma Koppedraijer, The Art Institute of Chicago
Beth Zopf, Northwestern University

John Butler-Ludwig, Chair, presided over the third organizational meeting which was held in the IUPUI University Library with nine members in attendance. The meeting followed a workshop entitled, "Copyright, Fair Use, and Visual Images: Unraveling the Needs of Artists, Scholars, Educators and Librarians", conducted by Kenneth Crews, J.D., Ph.D. of Indiana University, which was held jointly with the ARLIS/Midstates chapter.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Proposed By-Laws for the VRA Midwest Regional Chapter: Members had received copies of the proposed by-laws prior to the meeting via the the Visual Resources Association Midwest Regional Chapter Home Page, and were encouraged to review them before the meeting. Following a brief discussion, Leigh Gates originated a motion to accept the proposed by-laws. A second motion was made by Jennifer Hehman, and then a unanimous decision in favor of the by-laws was made by a show of hands.

Election:

A slate of officers has been proposed for the VRA Midwest Regional Chapter. An election are being held by both email and ground mail ballots to accommodate those who could not attend the Indianapolis meeting. Members should send their ballots to Jane Goldberg.

Next Chapter Meeting, Fall 1998:

Suggestions and ideas for when and where to hold the next meeting were discussed. It was decided that the chapter will meet between late September and late October. It was agreed that the date(s) of the meeting would ideally correspond to the ARLIS/Midstates meeting, and that the meeting might be scheduled to fall on a Friday/Saturday to accommodate out-of-town travelers, especially those members who do not have sufficient support staff. Virginia Kerr is in the process of seeking clearance to hold the meeting at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.. Possible program content for the next meeting was discussed. Proposed topics included: a grant-writing workshop; The Collaborator Project at Northwestern University; a demonstration and discussion of the AMICO project; and a digital camera demonstration with John Stokes, an imaging services vendor from Austin, Texas.

Mailing List:

Attempts will be made to broaden our mailing list to include professionals from non-academic and non-art organizations, such as corporate image collections and image management and multi-media development groups.

Professional Status Survey: The concept of a VRA Professional Status survey was discussed. Many agreed that such a survey, which would include information on salary, job description, length of service, staffing and educational background would be an asset for making a case for promotion and position upgrade, salary increase, and increase in staffing. Professionals outside of realm of art and academics might also be encouraged to participate.

John Butler-Ludwig made a motion to adjourn at 4:40p.m.

Submitted by Beth Zopf, Secretary/Treasurer, Proposed VRA Midwest Regional Chapter.