

Minutes
VRA/SC Meeting
May 17, 2006

Introductions

1. Reading of VRA National letters recognizing the VRA/SC Chapter donation to National raffle and yearly achievements.

Anne Blecksmith said goodbye as outgoing Chair, and Jackie Spafford was introduced as incoming Chair. Jennifer Johnson passed on the position of Treasurer to Deb Lenert.

2. Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$478 (there was no charge for the May meeting). Request for outstanding member fees to be paid.

3. Future meetings and programs: Jackie suggested that we begin thinking about professional development workshops, since the last one was the UCSD Summit over a year ago. Maureen stated that Trudy Levy is looking for West Coast talent to teach at the Summer Educational Institute in Portland, Oregon this fall. Murtha Baca is already signed up to teach a digital planning workshop. Next year the SEI will be at Bloomington, Indiana.

It was stated that CCO or Digital Capture workshops would be helpful. Discussion ensued regarding a workshop and possible place; members were asked to think on this. It was also stated that Charles Phoenix, slide collector, does thematic slide shows from slides found at garage sales, etc, with his own fictional commentary. Maureen suggested a fund-raiser utilizing Mr. Phoenix's talents.

The Gemological Society stated the possibility of hosting a future meeting at their site in Carlsbad. Hollywood Heritage was another idea offered.

Heather announced that there is interest in a joint ARLIS/VRASC meeting later this year.

Discussion of possible visit to Getty Villa this Fall, either for the joint meeting or a Chapter meeting.

4. Chapter travel award and sponsored membership: Discussion on whether to keep the sponsored membership – last time it was offered there were no applicants for this award, while there were several for the travel award. No one had issue with getting rid of the sponsored membership. Extra funds will be used for the travel award and the Chapter donation to the National Conference.

It was stated that ARLIS raised over \$1,000 through its artist book conference last fall and was able to use the money to fund more travel awards for the members.

5. Discussion on whether to raise membership fee and not charge for meetings, unless there is an extra cost (like a catered lunch). Voted unanimously to raise dues for 2007 to \$20.

6. The 2008 VRA National conference is scheduled to be in San Diego, at a hotel downtown on Union Street. Jackie asked everyone to keep in mind what we can do to contribute to the 2008 conference. The possibility was discussed of a weekend event with a meeting at the Gemological Society and a tour of San Diego.

7. Members on National Committees: Maureen – education committee, Jackie travel awards committee. Will give reports to VRA/SC list.

8. Maureen announced that the Museum Computer Network Conference is in Pasadena this fall. She also asked everyone to think about whether they could utilize a possible VRA intern, and stated that there will be more about this on the list-serv.