

Visual Resources Association Greater New York Chapter Notes from 11 May 2007 at NYSID in New York City

In attendance

Sherman Clarke (Chair), Johanna Bauman (Vice Chair), Barbara Treitel (Secretary/Treasurer), John Blakinger, Helen Chillman, Claire Dienes, Barbara Elam, Nancy Harm, Kristine Heid-Santiago, Joy Kestenbaum, Steven Kowalik, Billy Kwan, Carol Lekarew, Emerson Morgan, Justin O'Connor, Christine Persche, Jenni Rodda, Flora A. Rodriguez, Monique Safford, Chris Spinelli, Kerry Sullivan, Barbara Treitels, Carey Mack Weber, Dustin Wees, Eric Wolf

I. Welcome by Inge Heckel, the president of NYSID

II. Treasurer's report, membership report (Barbara Treitel)

- Balance \$1,250
- Spent in 2007 \$300 - \$50 for NYTSL joint meeting, \$250 donation to VRA Silver Jubilee Conference in Kansas City
- 34 active members, 9 new members for 2007

III. Website

- Sherman reported from the chapter meeting at the VRA conference in Kansas City regarding the centralization of all chapter websites under the main VRA website at <http://www.vraweb.org/>.
- The purpose of centralizing the sites on one server is to simultaneously provide a web presence for those chapters who do not have the resources to maintain their own website, but also to standardize the format and branding of the chapter pages
- As of now the content that is live on the main VRA website is not up to date, even though the link to the chapter page is going to the vraweb site not the one hosted by Eric on the NYSID server. Eventually the chapter web master will be able to have access to update the content on the VRA chapter page, but these tools are not yet available.
- Eric is continuing to maintain the website on the NYSID server, and Don Beetham is maintaining the email list. Once we have back end access, a decision will have to be made about whether or not we will link from our vraweb chapter page to the one hosted at NYSID.
- Eric offered to continue hosting the chapter website at NYSID in addition to updating the content on the vraweb site for the time being.

IV. Travel awards

- For the 2006 conference one smaller travel award of \$200 and two workshop awards of \$55 were available, but no one responded.
- In Email Dustin and Johanna, the Travel Award Committee, proposed that it would be better to announce the award in the fall and make one large award available. There was some discussion about past years in which multiple smaller awards were made available because of the geographic proximity, such as the Baltimore conference a few years ago.

- Eric moved that VRA/NY make the decision about the size and number of travel awards based upon geographic considerations. The motion was seconded by Carol Lekarew and passed unanimously.
- Johanna will be sure to include travel awards on the agenda of the fall meeting so that the award announcement can be made in a timely fashion for members interested in applying. At that time we will also make a decision about the amount.

V. Elections

- Per the chapter Bylaws, Johanna Bauman will become Chairperson for the coming year.
- Billy Kwan volunteered to run for the office of Vice Chair. His nomination and election were unanimously accepted.
- Barbara Treitel is currently in the middle of her two-year term as Secretary/Treasurer.

VI. Next Meeting

- Sherman proposed that the fall meeting be held at Vassar in Poughkeepsie, where Sarah Goldstein has offered to host a meeting.
- In order to make it a day-long meeting, Saturday or Sunday were proposed and the general consensus among the group seemed to be that Saturday would work best.
- The suggestion was also made to invite the Upstate NY Chapter and hold a joint meeting. Each chapter could hold its own business meeting and then have a program at Vassar that would be focused on the museum and other places of interest.
- Johanna and Sherman will contact Sarah at Vassar to discuss logistics.

VII. Report from Johanna Bauman on XML workshop at VRA annual conference

VIII. CCO Follow Up

- Brief discussion about the CCO workshop held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the fall of 2006. Some members talked about how CCO had informed their cataloging practices, although the cataloging systems of most members do not allow for the work/image structure outlined by CCO and VRA Core 4.0.
- Eric described a presentation at ARLIS by Margaret Webster at Cornell that demonstrated the process of taking Core 4.0 compliant data and putting it into a flat presentation tool. There was some interest expressed in having a presentation of this type to VRA/NY members. The possibility was discussed of inviting her to come to New York, or possibly Johanna could demonstrate her set up, which does the same thing.

IX. Adjournment and NYSID Program

- Meeting was adjourned at about 4:15.
- Eric, Chris, and Barry Lewis, an adjunct faculty member at NYSID, discussed their experiences implementing IDOL, NYSID's installation of Luna Insight database, and using Luna's presentation tool in the classroom.