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Midwest Chapter, Visual Resources Association
Spring Meeting
March 21, 2002

VRA and ARLIS/NA Annual Conference
Casa Gallardo, Union Station
St. Louis, Missouri

In attendance:

Jane Darcovich, University of Illinois-Chicago

Noriko Ebersole, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Jane Ferger, Indianapolis Museum of Art

Eileen Fry, Indiana University

Michael Geeraedts, Illinois Institute of Art – Chicago

Jane Goldberg, University of Illinois – Champaign/Urbana

Jennifer Hehman, Indiana U. / Purdue U. at Indianapolis (IUPUI)

Karen Johnson, Judson College

Brooke Knudsen, DePauw University

Beth Kopine, University of Missouri - Columbia

Rebecca A. Moss, University of Minnesota

Heidi Ratz, Minneapolis Institute of Arts

Jodie Walz, University of Minnesota

Betha Whitlow, Washington University

Jane Darcovich called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. Review and approval of the Fall 2001 minutes: Though we didn't have a copy of the minutes from the fall meeting, they had been posted on the web page for review. The vote was unanimous for approval.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report (R. Moss): Rebecca distributed some handouts that included the current bank balance (\$558.54), a Membership form and an updated membership list. We had 29 current members going into the meeting and 5 more paid bringing the total to 34.

3. Vote for position of Secretary/Treasurer (J. Goldberg): Jane Goldberg presented the report of the Nominating Committee. There were no other nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer besides Betha Whitlow. The vote was unanimous for approval. Thank you Betha!

4. Discussion of proposed regional fall meeting: For the fall meeting, there is the possibility of meeting with ARLIS Midstates and VRA Great Lakes with the ARLIS Twin Cities chapter in Minnesota. ARLIS Midstates had already said yes to such a possibility, and VRA Great Lakes has so far not responded. There are a number of places and things to do in the Twin Cities that are appealing, including the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Walker Art Center, the Mall of America and NPR's Prairie Home Companion.

- Call for collaboration from Education Committee: The VRA Education Committee sent out a message to all the Chapter Chairs asking them to consider having collaborative meetings with other organizations such as ARLIS/NA and SLA. Our proposal to have a regional fall meeting would fall right in step with this request.

- Leadership Workshop: Jane Darcovich, along with the other Chapter Chairs, was given the opportunity by the Education Committee to attend a Leadership Workshop during the conference. They gave suggestions on how to plan for projects with an emphasis on making associated charts, graphs and timelines. A summary of the content will be presented at the Fall meeting.

5. Other business, announcements:

Chapter Silent Auction project: The Chapter project theme was for the members to find unique writing pens and send them to Meg Klinkow who would fashion a box for them. There was enough response that five boxes were created in the end. Meg, Leigh Gates and Jane Darcovich helped create the boxes. They were a great success at the Silent Auction and represented a significant financial donation to ARLIS/NA and VRA. Many thanks to all who participated, especially Meg, Leigh, Jane and Jane Ferger who came up with the idea.

Thanks were given to Rebecca Moss for her time of service as Secretary/Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55, and it was time to have appetizers and margaritas!

Submitted by Rebecca A. Moss