



Annual Report 2012 Western New York Chapter

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Meetings

During 2012, ARLIS/Western New York held two meetings following the established schedule of the group.

The spring meeting (June 15th) was hosted by Ann Skiold and Barbara Opar at Syracuse University. Fourteen members were in attendance.

Highlights from the business meeting included a change in officers: Amy Melton agreed to become Treasurer following Susan Nurse's announced retirement. Rose Orcutt became the list manager.

Programming focused on new projects at Syracuse: the Materials Collection housed in the Architecture Reading Room and important digital initiatives in the Special Collections Research Center. The Plastics website as well as the Marcel Breuer Digital Archive was shared and discussed.

The fall meeting was held October 5th at Cornell University and hosted by Martha Walker, Marsha Taichman and Susette Newberry. Seventeen members attended.

At the business meeting, Jennifer Strickland reviewed the ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan for 2011-2015 and members shared their thoughts and ideas.

Yvette Cortes was elected Vice President/President Elect for 2013-2014. Yvette agreed to continue her role as Web editor. Kim Kopatz was chosen Secretary.

The program centered around visual literacy standards.

In addition to tours of Millstein Hall and the new home of the Fine Arts Library, members visited Worldwide books. Worldwide Books was celebrating their 50th anniversary and treated attendees to a beautiful reception.

The spring 2013 meeting will be held in Rochester at the Memorial art gallery on May 17th.

Activities

- Listserv
- Website
- Facebook page
- Travel awards- national and Western New York
- Application for state level tax exemption
- Donations to national conference including special funding for the recent Toronto conference

Strategic Plan Directions

- Mentoring on an individual level as well as a group through student travel awards.
- Advocacy for the Profession as appropriate
- Collections and Resource sharing through postings on the website, Facebook page and one-to-one member contact.