Minutes for ARLIS/NA Southeast Chapter Business Meeting
Annual ARLIS/NA National Conference, Ft. Worth, TX, March 22, 2015
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm, Omni Hotel, Sundance 2 Meeting Room


1. Welcome and Introductions
Kasia Leousis, president, welcomed us, and attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda changes – Kasia Leousis
Stephanie Grimm was not in attendance; Kasia gave web updates in her place.

Robert Kopchinski, ARLIS/NA executive director was present to talk to us about next steps for planning the 2017 conference.

2. Approval of minutes from the Chapter business meeting in Birmingham, AL, November 2014.
The minutes of the chapter business meeting held November 6, 2014 at the chapter conference were unanimously approved pending some grammatical and spelling edits provided by Sandra Still.

3. Reports and Updates
Professional Development Travel Award -Kasia Leousis on behalf of Courtney Baron and Olivia Miller
Sara DeWaay of UNC Charlotte is this year’s winner.

Treasurer’s report - Kasia Leousis on behalf of Karlen Kane
No updates.

Webmaster’s Report - Kasia Leousis on behalf of Stephanie Grimm
No updates.

ARTifacts status and update - Kasia Leousis on behalf of Cary Wilkins
Cary would like submissions of news, articles, as well as notices of anything published or presented by group members. New members are also encouraged to send photos and bios. Cary will email a call for submissions.

LoPresti awards – Kasia Leousis on behalf of co-chairs Caroline Barratt and Emily Luken
Calls for submission will be coming soon.

Kasia also reminded us that we have ARLIS/NA special funding proposals to think about.
4. New business:

New Orleans 2017 ARLIS/NA Annual Conference – Robert Kopchinski

Robert Kopchinski will be going to New Orleans in April or May to check out city amenities, neighborhoods, and hotels. A few members of ARLIS/SE (possibly Marty Miller and Lindsey Reynolds) will accompany him.

Preliminary dates: March 31-April 4, or mid-April are preferred dates, but it all depends on hotel availability. Site recommendations will be made to the ARLIS/NA board, which will then make a final selection and finalize dates.

As a chapter, we need to identify a logo to go with our theme: Arts du Monde. There is usually $500.00 available for logo development. Lindsey is discussing with Birmingham Museum of Art’s graphic designer to see if he is interested in working with us.

Members discussed neighborhoods and arts organizations in New Orleans, ideas for tours, workshops and receptions.

Kasia Leousis will send email with various roles that need to be filled for the Conference Planning Committee. She and Kim Collins are the co-chairs, but we will need lots of chapter involvement.

Atlanta 2015 Chapter meeting - Teresa Burk

Conference dates are November 12-13, 2015.
Conference committee is looking in the Midtown area for hotels. All members are asked to email Sandra Still [libsjs@emory.edu] if they are planning to stay at the conference hotel and if they prefer a single or shared room ASAP.

Members present discussed programming opportunities, focusing on SCAD and Emory campuses. Vamp & Tramp have agreed to present. Planning committee hopes to have programming finalized in July. Members are encouraged to contact Teresa Burk [tburk@scad.edu], Kim Collins [kcolli2@emory.edu], or Sandra Still with programming ideas. They will email a call for presenters in late summer or early fall.

Bylaws revisions – Kathy Edwards

Bylaws have been revised to clarify wording about our different meetings. There have also been a few small changes to realign chapter bylaws with those of ARLIS/NA.

Members discussed limitations of membership eligibility paragraph and decided not to include regional residency as an eligibility factor for membership in the Southeast chapter.

Bylaw revisions unanimously approved with suggested edits.
Southeast Chapter Meeting 2016 – Jennifer Friedman
Can we host the conference in Florida in 2017 instead of 2016? Ringling renovation will be complete by 2017 so that would be their preference. Now we need to find a location for 2016 so as to have time to apply for ARLIS/NA special funding. Interest was expressed in Tennessee, either Nashville or Memphis though it is unclear if we have any boots on the ground in those cities. Charleston was also discussed.

5. Announcements
Recognition of ARLIS/NA Southeast members presenting at conference:
Kim Collins – poster, Archive Research Program for Graduate Students

Heather Gendron – moderator, Photographers’ Self-Publishing: Contexts for Collecting Contemporary Photobooks

Kasia Leousis – poster, The Materials Laboratory as a Teaching Tool

Kathy Edwards – moderator, Postcards from the Edge VIII: I Didn’t Know Urban Planning was About...

6. Adjournment