

## NEWSLETTER: SUMMER 1998

### ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARIZED

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Association of Architecture School Librarians was held March 14 through 17 at the Cleveland (Ohio) Renaissance Hotel in conjunction with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. ACSA president, John McRae, (Mississippi State), welcomed the more than 300 attendees and introduced the Board of Directors and Program Chair Craig Barton (University of Virginia).

Barton urged everyone to visit the poster exhibition and the new books display and to attend the Topaz Medallion presentation and the keynote address, all scheduled for the remainder of the afternoon.

Local Events Chair James Dalton (Kent State) introduced Hunter Morrison, director of the Cleveland city planning department since 1981.

Morrison, after extending greetings from the mayor, explained how Cleveland had used public and private partnerships to become "the new American city." In some detail he defined the role of each of the four anchors to downtown revitalization: Tower City Center (where the annual meeting was held), Playhouse Square, North Coast Harbor, and the Gateway Sports and Entertainment Center. He showed no slides but urged everyone to take a walk and look around.

In the evening the President's reception was held at the restored Arcade Building. Built in 1890 its four floors of speciality shops surround an elaborate atrium. Kathleen Demsky (Andrews University), AASL vice-president/president elect, said, "It was the perfect place for such an occasion. We were treated to unusual and tasty hors d'oeuvres and beverages, the live band added to the atmosphere of the reception. In addition it was a plus to meet up with those friends from the past and make new acquaintances."

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

The librarians' sessions began with a continental breakfast sponsored in part by Princeton Architectural Press.

VP Demsky introduced John Meunier, Dean of the School of Architecture at Arizona State and member of the National Architectural Accrediting Board. He discussed what teachers and the NAAB expect from architecture librarians, emphasizing the need for a place where the students feel welcome and where they can find the information necessary to complete the assignments required by accredited programs.

He pointed out that accrediting teams look for indications that a library is receiving a fair share of the institution's resources and that an honest self-assessment has been presented to the team. He also noted the impact of computers and the growth of

Ph.D. programs on architecture libraries.

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The second session of the morning was an opportunity for the publishers' representatives to present their latest wares. Mark and Linda Kean demonstrated their CD-ROM, entitled Architecture: An Interactive Introduction, A Multi-media Textbook Covering the History, Art, Science, and Profession of Architecture. They were followed by representatives from MIT Press, Phaidon, Princeton Architectural Press, Spon/Rutledge, Rizzoli, and Wiley. When asked what the publishers could do for librarians, the attendees answered, "Improve bindings, limit books to sizes that fit on shelves, increase the number of copies printed, and accept standing orders."

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The afternoon activities began with a shuttle bus delivering the group to Shooters, a trendy restaurant in the Flats Entertainment District, overlooking Lake Erie, for lunch. This was followed by a visit to the Cleveland Museum of Art, again including transportation by shuttle bus. In addition to the permanent exhibits, the librarians could visit two traveling exhibitions entitled, Papal Treasurers: Early Christian, Renaissance, and Baroque Art from the Vatican Collections and Faberge in America, the work of Peter Carl Faberge, court jeweler to the Czars.

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The group returned to the hotel for the business meeting. The minutes and financial statement follow.

## MINUTES

20<sup>th</sup> AASL Meeting - Cleveland, Ohio  
Business Meeting, March 15, 1998

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:25 PM by Ann Scott.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 1997 Meeting:

The minutes were distributed to the members at the meeting by Joon Mornes. A correction was made to replace the word "Organizations" with "Associations" in the first line under Section 4, item a.

III. Election Results

Helen Powell reported for the Nominating Committee: Helen asked Margaret Culbertson to consider the possibility of accepting the combined duties of Secretary and Treasurer. At the time of the meeting, it had not been determined. Vice President/President Elect: Joon Mornes, Univ. Of Minnesota; Judy Connorton, Ann Lally, and Helen Powell served on the AASL Nominating Committee this year.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Kathy Brackney  
Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed. Cash balance (3/14/97): \$2,121.24; Total Debits: \$565.56; Total Credits: \$2,164.57; Ending Balance: \$2,941.52; Certificate of Deposit (12/31/97): \$2,164.57; Total Assets (3/13/98): \$5106.09.

V. Old Business

a. AASL Brochure:

This topic was discussed further, and there was general agreement among members that we need to move ahead with the project for the purpose of recruitment of

future members.

A motion was made, moved, and passed: Anita Carrico will consult with a professional designer working with Pat Weisenburger and the Committee. The project is scheduled to be finished by January 1999, and sent with the Conference mailing.

b. Web site:

Ann Scott will ask for further assistance from Jeannine Brown and Michael Leininger to link to all architecture related URLs.

## VI. New Business

a. Future Meetings:

1. Alternate meetings with ARLIS:

The pros and cons of alternating meetings with ARLIS/NA was discussed at length. Agreement was made to continue AASL meetings in conjunction with ACSA national conferences. Anita Carrico volunteered to be the liaison person for the ARLIS/NA meetings.

2. Program Committee:

Due to heavy work load for the VP to program the annual conference alone as it has been practiced in the past, the idea of creating a committee to share the responsibilities was discussed. It was agreed that the VP will be empowered to create the committee. The Committee can consist of the past President, Vice President, and/or other volunteer members. Ann Scott, Kathy Demsky, and Kathy Brackney volunteered to serve on the committee for the coming year.

b. Newsletter in envelopes:

Pat Weisenburger proposed and members passed that the newsletters be mailed in

envelopes due to the experience of mail damage in the past.

c. URLs of homepages:

This item was discussed earlier. Please see item IV.b. above.

d. Raise dues:

It was agreed to raise the annual membership dues to \$10. There will be a late fee for registering late for the conference.

e. Combine offices of Secretary/Treasurer:

The group discussed combining the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Jane McMaster volunteered to be the Secretary if the offices are kept separate. It was mentioned that combining the offices may require a change in the bylaws.

f. ARLIS/NA proposal--NARC representative:

This item was discussed earlier. Please see item VI.a.1. above.

g. Responsibilities/functions of President and Past-President:

The discussion begun above in item VI.2. was continued. A motion was made and passed that the President and Vice-President serve on the program committee. There will be an additional one or two other members.

h. Other:

There were no other items discussed.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Joon J. Mornes-Secretary

**AASL TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**3/14/97 – 3/13/98**

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| <b>Cash Balance: 3/14/97</b>  | <b>\$2121.24</b> |
| Less Debits:  |                  |
| 3/20/97 reimbursement for supplies – '97 conference (A. Scott)  | 18.30            |
| 3/20/97 reimbursement for A/V rental – '95 conference<br>(to J. Smith, who paid ACSA with her personal check) | 54.10            |
| 5/1/97 A/V rental – '97 conference (ACSA)   | 136.88           |
| 7/15/97 reimbursement for newsletter expenses (P. Weisenburger)   | 161.99           |
| 12/29/97 " " "  | 43.38            |
| 3/13/98 refunds for dues overpayment (to I. Askelson, K. McMahon, J. Mornes)                                  | 14.00            |
| 2/28/97 – 2/27/98 Bank service charges (checking account)   | 136.91           |
| <b>Total Debits</b>   | <b>565.56</b>    |
| Plus Credits (membership dues, conference registration fees, etc.):   |                  |
| 5/98  | 344.84           |
| 10/14/97  | 10.00            |
| 3/13/98   | 1006.00          |
| 3/13/98 Breakfast sponsorship – '98 conference (Princeton Arch. Press)  | 25.00            |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  | <b>1385.84</b>   |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>   | <b>2941.52</b>   |
| <b>Certificate of Deposit (12/31/97)</b>  | <b>2164.57</b>   |
| <b>Total Assets (3/13/98)</b>   | <b>\$5106.09</b> |

## MONDAY, MARCH 16

Reviving a popular format of earlier years, VP Demsky arranged for a panel of teaching faculty and librarians to discuss library instruction from each view point. Professors Carol Flores (Ball State) and Daniel Freedman (University of Cincinnati) stressed the need for instruction in research methods, uses of the Internet, and the content of architectural periodicals.

Librarians Wayne Meyer (Ball State and AASL Past President) and Jane Carlin (University of Cincinnati) observed that students often don't have accurate information for locating books and articles on a particular architect or building, that the instructor's presence during the instruction period is helpful, and that the faculty often need instruction as well as the students. The following advice evolved from the discussion that followed:

- \* Be aware of the different needs of the graduate and undergraduate student.
- \* Don't wait for an invitation to offer instruction.
- \* Know the faculty and the courses.
- \* Become familiar with the information in the Web.
- \* Revise and update materials often.
- \* Make the architecture library the gateway to other libraries.

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The afternoon session was held at the Cleveland Public Library. After an extensive guided tour of the new, ten-

story wing designed by Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, Director Joan Clark and several staff librarians invited the AASL members to the Board Room for a question and answer session, focusing on the non-traditional design and its reception by staff and users.

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A time for sharing information was the final event of the afternoon. Members discussed a wide range of subjects such as the Global Architecture index on the Web, material exchanges among libraries, the future role of the slide curator, and the future of the branch library. Several people distributed hand-outs; others gave reports from other conferences they had attended.

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The evening was devoted to an elegant dinner at the Watermark Restaurant, reached once again by shuttle bus. The group raised a toast in thanks to Kathy Brackney, who is relinquishing the treasurer's duties after many years of dedicated and accurate service.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

The final day was free for visiting various Cleveland landmarks such as the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, shopping at the mall adjoining the Renaissance Hotel, or attending the garden show at the near-by Convention Center.

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT BY KATHLEEN DEMSKY**

### **A Look Back**

The scheduling of the program was one of the difficult tasks I faced as organizer of the conference. For example, John Meunier could only come at that one time slot. So how can we get to some of those key ACSA meetings and still attend AASL? This is a question that we will need to continue to work with. It is possible to obtain ACSA program guides and perhaps we can make those a part of our registration packet in the future.

One of the first things I did in planning for this past years conference was to check with ACSA regarding their tours so that I could leave that time free for those who wished to attend. It was rather disappointing this year, for whatever reason, they decided to do self-guiding tours and maps were available at the registration desk. ACSA scheduled time for them on Tuesday afternoon from 12:30-5:30 as I stated in our program.

### **Thoughts on the Future of AASL**

We have agreed that we have something which makes our existence worth maintaining. And we need to consider restructure from time to time for improvement to accommodate change. AASL has a vital need for existence which transcends AAL or ARLIS. These organizations are also important and I feel good about the selection of Anita Carrico as our ARLIS representative. As academic architecture librarians our role is to

support the architecture schools we represent. It is critical for AASL to continue to link with the ACSA educators, we are a part of that education process and pedagogy. It is necessary to continue a high profile existence with the ACSA educators.

There are several items that I would like to see us continue to incorporate into our yearly conference along with some items to make the VP's job easier.

Schedule time for "Information Exchange"

Schedule time for the publishers representatives

Because we can't all attend both AASL and ACSA meeting due to schedule conflicts possibly we could send an AASL representative to ACSA meetings who could then report those topics of interest to us as a group.

Pass on AASL address database on disk to each new VP and possibly the treasurer would need a copy, and AASL stationary to officers who may need it.

Develop and pass on a generic registration form which is also available on disk enabling the VP to simply change place, time, and dates for the upcoming conferences.

Pass on other information vital to planning the conference such as ACSA contact people's names and phone numbers.

Finally, the administrative end of things can become fragmented and communication gets lost because of our outside interest and responsibilities. I would like to see continued discussion among ourselves regarding the future organizational structure of our

conferences. We each bring to our organization a uniqueness and yet there are certainly standards which apply when organizing the yearly conference. Wayne Meyer and Ann Scott, along with other past presidents, have put together some essential suggestions, and I would like to see us continue these discussions.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

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Kathryn S. Brackney  
Georgia Institute of Technology

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Patricia Weisenburger  
Kansas State University

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### **CPL CONFERENCE REPORT BY JANINE J. HENRI (UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-AUSTIN)**

Planning Data in the New Electronic Age, the Council of Planning Librarians' 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was held in Boston and Cambridge, April 3-6, 1998. This was my first CPL conference and I was fortunate to have been granted a conference travel award.

Held in conjunction with the American

Planning Association's National Planning Conference, the CPL conference began on Friday evening with a welcome/registration reception followed by an optional dinner. Twenty members registered and most attended all of the programs.

Saturday was spent at Harvard University. After gathering in the special collections room at the Frances Loeb Library, Graduate School of Design (where archival materials were on exhibit), we were treated to a presentation by David Cobb, Head of the Harvard Map Collection and Arlene Olivero, GIS Specialist, Harvard Map Collection on "The Massachusetts Electronic Atlas." This included a live web demonstration of this first fully interactive State Atlas. This cooperative project is an innovative public service. Data comes from the Harvard Map collection (400,000 maps, 10,000 atlases, 400 CD-ROMs), the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the Mass. Assoc. Of Regional Planning Agencies, MassGIS (a unit of the Environmental Protection Agency), and Environmental Systems Research Inc. The emphasis is on post-1990 Census data. Next, Paul Cote, GIS Specialist, Harvard Graduate School of Design, demonstrated their "Boston Metropolitan Area CD" project which includes data from digitized aerial photographs, scanned US Geological maps, and street outlines from the Boston Sewer Commission (in a USGS tile grid system). This CD can only circulate to Harvard faculty and students because of copyrighted data. Issues discussed included: metadata standards (still being hashed out); at what level to document data; map geometry; authorship; semantics (parcel, etc.); CD standards (ISO 9660); zooming (possible with GIS, but each

zoom adds inaccuracy to data derived from paper maps).

After lunch in Harvard Square Hugh Wilburn (Frances Loeb Library) provided an architectural tour of the Harvard campus. This was followed by a presentation by Ardys Kozbial, Manager of the Property Information Resource Center, Harvard Planning and Real Estate. This project to digitize Harvard's building plans and project records and link them to interactive maps, even records the location of each tree on campus, its species, health, and history! Ardys manages the records for Harvard's buildings: 68,000 drawings (60,000 paper, 6,000 CAD, 2,000 digitized images) as well as specifications. Harvard Planning and Real Estate hired a firm to take aerial photographs of the campus which are also linked to the GIS map.

This exhilarating day ended with the option of attending the APA waterfront celebration at the Charlestown Navy Shipyard.

Sunday started out at MIT with a tour of the Rotch Library. We then boarded a bus for a tour of the Olmsted Emerald Necklace park system around Boston and a visit to Fairsted, the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline. We toured the house, office, and grounds and learned about the program to process the Olmsted Archives of over 140,000 of the firm's drawings. Margaret de Popolo (Rotch Library) and planning historian Sam Bass Warner, Jr. guided our tour bus through neighborhoods with elegant mansions, mixed-income communities on sites of

former public housing projects, South Boston row house and wood house architecture, and areas in dire need of rehabilitation.

After lunch we returned to the hotel for our business meeting. This was the difficult portion of the conference as we discussed the council's viability. Financially the council is in great shape but the difficulties have been in recruiting new members willing to participate actively and run for office. Suggestions included no longer meeting in conjunction with the APA. We decided to survey the membership. (Results are not yet in.) Jan Horah (New York University) is now the new CPL President, Julia Gelfand (U.C. Irvine) is past-President, Deborah Sommer (U.C. Berkeley) continues as Secretary/Treasurer, and Priscilla Yu (U. Of Illinois) is Member-at-Large.

One of the special features of CPL meetings is the "Publisher's Forum" where publishers are invited to make presentations about their publication projects, in an informal cocktail party setting. This year's forum was held after the business meeting at the "Top of the Hub" (50<sup>th</sup> floor of the Prudential Building). MIT Press, Sage, Academic Press, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Greenwood Press, and Carolina Planning participated. This was an enjoyable affair for all. Publishers seemed to appreciate the opportunity to ask us for feedback.

Monday was reserved for panel presentations. Karen Hersy, MIT Counsel, and Isabella Hinds, Vice-President, Copyright Clearance Center, addressed electronic copyright and licensing issues.

Legal ramifications of licenses include: defining authorized users and permitted uses, lack of archiving privileges, institutional liability for unauthorized use, pre-empting elements of basic copyright law (we may be signing away rights we--or our users--otherwise have!), standards (what is an electronic page?). Good news: ARL is preparing a "licensing principles" guide to help us with these issues.

After the closing luncheon, CPL and APA held a joint session on "Planning the Planning Library," facilitated by Shannon Paul (APA Library) and Lynne DeMeritt (Municipal Research Center, Seattle). This session was well attended and many in the audience came with specific questions for the panelists. APA members clearly look to CPL for practical advice to run their own firm libraries. There was still time in the afternoon for members to visit the extensive APA book and vendor exhibit area.

After this first CPL conference experience I am truly "hooked." The small close-knit group reminded me of AASL. If your clientele also includes a planning faculty, I urge you to consider attending a CPL conference if you possibly can.

## **FROM OUR MEMBERS**

### **ILENE FRANK (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA)**

has an article in the spring 1998 issue of ART DOCUMENTATION describing the E-mail reference service at USF. This is a revision of a presentation at the

ARLIS/NA conference last year.

**ANN LOLLY (UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA)** reviewed Kenneth Frampton's new book on Charles Correa in the spring issue of ART DOCUMENTATION.

**JOON MORNES (MINNESOTA)** reports that she has been busy assisting with the schematics of the new addition which will house the library. Steven Holl is the architect.

**BERNA NEAL (ARIZONA STATE)** reports that doing research is as interesting as finding information for other people. During a six month sabbatical, she is preparing an annotated bibliography of Native American architecture writings held by the Heard Museum in Phoenix. She hopes that the information will be mounted on the Heard's web page. She promises a more detailed report in the winter newsletter.

**BETSY PECK LEARNED (ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY)** co-edited the spring issue of ART DOCUMENTATION.

**ANN SCOTT (KANSAS STATE)** spent three weeks touring gardens in England, Scotland, and Wales. She is always on the lookout for design and planting ideas for landscaping business.

**TORA WILLIAMSEN-BERRY (OKLAHOMA STATE)** missed the AASL conference this year because she was in Bolivia making the necessary court appearances and interviews to complete the adoption of

Pablo Logan Berry. He was born on August 20, 1997; the Berrys received custody on February 11, 1998 and brought him to the U.S. on March 17. Tora confesses that he is the light of her life. Congratulations to the Berrys from AASL and a big welcome to the US to Pablo.

Tora also mentions that Bolivia is a beautiful country with very friendly people and is reported to be the safest in Latin America for travel. If anyone is looking for an exotic destination, she highly recommends Bolivia.

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## **1998-99 AASL OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT: KATHLEEN DEMSKY (ANDREWS)**

**VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT: JOON MORNES (MINNESOTA)**

**SECRETARY/ TREASURER: MARGARET CULBERTSON (HOUSTON)**

**PAST PRESIDENT: ANN SCOTT (KANSAS STATE)**

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