

MEMBER NEWS

▶ **Beth Dodd** and **Regina Koehler** attended the Society of American Archivist 2001 conference in Washington D.C. (A full listing of the program is available on the [SAA Web site](#)).

This year's SAA conference had a good selection of sessions that covered issues related to architectural records. Additional sessions that caught our interest included grant funding & development, privacy & confidentiality, digital records, visual materials, information seeking behavior, and non-traditional archival records. The International Archives and Information Technology Exposition included booths offering information and sales of archival products and services of nearly forty vendors. SAA committees, sections and roundtables as well as archival associations and foundations also offered office hours. Students exhibited posters reflecting current projects.

The American Architectural Foundation and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) archive kicked off the conference with an open house featuring a sample from their collections. Hosts were Sarah Turner, AIA and Sherry Birk, American Architectural Foundation. Later, we also attended a tour of the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division.

Meetings included that of the Visual Materials Section where we saw a fascinating presentation by Robin Segal of the National Geographic Society Illustrations Library and Image collection. At the Architectural Records Roundtable meeting, Sherry Birk gave a

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▶ **Conference Planning From The President**

I encourage everyone to attend this year's Chapter Meeting. I can promise it will be the best ARLIS/Texas-Mexico Annual Meeting ever held in New Mexico. The Planning Committee has worked up a tour-heavy agenda, and I promise to try to keep the Business Meeting under 8 hours! Bring comfortable shoes and be ready to answer the essential New Mexico question, "Red or green?" (which refers to chile on your New Mexican food; I always go with whichever is hottest.) I look forward to seeing you all in Albuquerque on November 1.

Polly Trump
 President
 Architecture Librarian
 University of Arizona

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▶ **ARLIS/Texas-Mexico Annual Meeting 2001**

November 1-3, 2001
 Albuquerque, New Mexico

THIS IS NOT YOUR DADDY'S ANNUAL MEETING. In the past, chapter meetings have been held in Texas and usually everyone heads for home around noon on Saturday. Last year, the membership voted overwhelmingly to hold the 2001 Annual Meeting of ARLIS/TEXAS-MEXICO in Albuquerque, with a side trip to Santa Fe. New Mexico is known for the quality of its light, green chile, and art. Prepare for a NEW experience in NEW Mexico!

Tentative Itinerary

Thursday, November 1	
1:00 p.m	Meet, greet, and pick up registration materials in the lobby of La Posada de Albuquerque
1:30	Walking tour of Downtown Albuquerque led by Ed Boles, City of Albuquerque, Historic Preservation Office
2:00	Tour of historic KiMo Theatre
6:45	Gather in lobby to travel to dinner at El Norteño, 6416 Zuni Road SE (Dutch treat)
Friday, November 2	
7:15 a.m.	New Members breakfast at Conrad's (a tradition which began last year -Chapter officers will meet for breakfast with new members although everyone is encouraged to join us)
8:15	Meet in lobby and to travel to Rio Grande Valley Library System's Special Collections branch, 423 Central Avenue NE
8:30	Business Meeting*

presentation on collaborative collecting in D.C. **Beth Dodd** and Sarah Turner are incoming co-chairs of the roundtable. Members shared information on the projects they are working on, many include mounting their finding aids on the web. Bruce Laverty of the Philadelphia Athenaeum showed his web based Philadelphia Architects and Buildings project. There is a push to make this incredible project a model to replace COPAR's union catalog.

Division News

Museum Libraries

▶ The Amon Carter Museum is preparing for its grand reopening after completion of a two-year, \$39 million expansion and renovation project that triples the amount of exhibition space and enhances the museum's public spaces.

The library collection and offices are fully installed after the intense move that occurred this summer. The library stacks, with twenty-two movable shelving units and three large stationary units, provide close to 7,000 linear feet of shelving space. Staff began checking out books in August. The microform room accommodates over 22,000 microfilm reels and spacious storage for the microfiche collection. The library reading room, one of the most stellar spaces in the new building featuring warm teak paneling and a softly illuminated arched ceiling, is complete. Reading room furniture, however, has not been installed. The visual resource collection is installed but not yet ready for use.

Library operations are slowly reaching normal levels. Staff has started cataloging, with the goal of regaining control of the backlog that mounted during the move. Interlibrary loan activities resumed

	Business Meeting *At some point we will break for a tour of the Special Collections branch and lunch will be involved
11:00	The Nobility of Failure: Learning from our Mistakes
2:00 p.m.	University of New Mexico Tours including the Meem Archives of Southwestern Architecture, the Online Archive of New Mexico (NEH-funded project), and a newly acquired Latin American political poster collection
5:00	Return to hotel
6:15	Gather in lobby and depart for Chapter Dinner at Sadie's Cocina, 6230 Fourth Street NW
Saturday, November 3	
8:00 a.m.	Gather and depart hotel for Santa Fe
9:30	O'Keeffe Tours including Georgia O'Keeffe Research Center and Museum
12:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
2:00	Institute of American Indian Art tours including the museum, library and presentation by Virginia Salazar on Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act
5:00	Dinner at Harry's Road House
7:30	Return to Albuquerque

[Print and Send ARLIS/Texas-Mexico Annual Meeting 2001 Registration Form](#)

[ARLIS/Texas-Mexico Annual Meeting Hotel Information](#)

▶ **Past President's Annual Report**

Texas-Mexico Chapter Annual Report
January 1, 2000-December 31, 2000

Officers

President: Jacqueline Allen, Dallas Museum of Art
 Vice-President/President Elect: Polly Trump, Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute
 Secretary Treasurer: Carl Close, McNay Art Museum, through 6/14/00
 Interim Secretary/Treasurers: Laura Schwartz, The University of Texas at Austin, Robert Beebe, San Antonio Public Library and Tara Carlisle, University of North Texas
 Past President: Chia-Chun Shih, Kimbell Art Museum
 Webmaster: Sam Duncan, Amon Carter Museum
 ARLIS/NA South Regional Representative: Pat Lynagh, Smithsonian American Art Museum

2001 Officers Elected at Annual Meeting, October 13, 2000

Vice-President/President Elect: Laura Schwartz, The University of Texas at Austin
 Secretary Treasurer: Beverly Carver, University of Texas at Arlington

List of Chapter Meetings

March 20: Informal meeting of members at ARLIS/NA conference, Pittsburgh, PA

with our RLG partners on September 4. The staff anticipates the first public researchers on November 1.

Reopening Week Schedule:

October 20: Members and Donors Preview Day Carter members and friends will enjoy a special opportunity to preview the museum prior to its public reopening.

October 21: Public Dedication Ceremony The museum reopens on Sunday, October 21, 2001 with a public dedication ceremony, beginning at 1 p.m. on the museum plaza. The museum will then remain open until 7 p.m.

October 22, 23, 24 and 26: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

October 25: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Contact the museum's [Web site](#) for more information concerning the expansion and reopening activities.

Sam Duncan
Acting Librarian
Amon Carter Museum

Architecture Libraries

▶ Please welcome new member **Regina L. Koehler**. Regina is an archives track student in the GSLIS program at The University of Texas at Austin. She also works part-time at UT as Special Collections Assistant in the Architecture and Planning Library and the Alexander Architectural Archive. She has a B.Arch from Virginia Tech and has a special interest in architectural archives and photographic collections. Her prior experience includes working with the HABS/HAER collection and with photographic materials at the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division. She has also worked at the photographic

October 12-14: Annual Chapter Meeting, Houston, TX

Activities of the Chapter

Annual meeting was planned, starting in Pittsburgh, with the tremendous assistance of the Chapter Executive Committee and members residing in Houston. Most of the current members of the chapter attended the annual meeting which was very successful. This was also the first joint meeting with members of the newly formed VRA/Texas Chapter. Summary reports on meeting sessions and tours can be read in *The Medium* 26/2, edited by Polly Trump. The 2000 directory and Vol. 26 of *The Medium* have resided on the Web site, exclusively, this year. This distribution method is made possible since all members now have access via institutional or personal Internet accounts. Our web site home was established during the year, in that it was removed from space on a personal member's account and given it's own provider.

The Medium Column Coordinators beginning with Vol. 27

Academic libraries: Tara Carlisle
Architecture libraries: Karen DeWitt
Exhibition listing: Phil Heagy
Museum libraries: Mary Leonard
Public libraries: Robert Beebe
Visual resources: Sheryl Garcia

Membership Statistics

36: 32 Members, 4 Subscribers

Additional Comments

2000 Lois Swan Jones Award went to Jon Evans, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. His report can be found in *The Medium* 26/1

2001 Lois Swan Jones Award Committee, chaired by Marty Stein, had an application deadline of December 1. Two awards of \$500 each for the 29th ARLIS/NA conference in Los Angeles, CA were presented to Brandon Pope and Joanna Cook.

The Chapter donated \$250 toward the 29th Annual Conference Welcome Party.

Texas/Mexico members approved an increase in annual dues from \$10 to \$15.

The chapter requested financial assistance from the Society to pay travel expenses for a new member from Mexico to attend the Chapter meeting in 2001 in Albuquerque. The Society approved the request for the full amount of \$500.00.

Implemented a member listserv on 12/3/00. Members subscribe via a link on the Web page at <http://www.arlis-txmx.org>.

Submitted by Jacqueline Allen
Past-President, ARLIS/Texas-Mexico

▶ ARLIS/Texas-Mexico Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000

archives at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, as well as in an architectural firm library, and at the American Institute of Architects bookstore.

The General Libraries at The University of Texas has redesigned its web pages. All branch library pages now have new addresses. Please update your links as necessary.

- [Fine Art Library](#)
- [Architecture and Planning Library](#)
- [Alexander Architectural Archive](#)

Janine Henri
 Architecture and Planning Library
 The University of Texas at Austin

Visual Resources

▶ The Visual Resources Division of ARLIS/NA recently launched its new [Web site](#), designed and maintained by Daniel Nolting (Yale University).

Welcome to Merriann Bidgood, the new VR Curator for the Art Department at the University of Houston. While not an ARLIS member (yet!), Merriann has been active on the VRA listserv. Shortly after officially becoming Curator, Merriann was faced with damage due to Tropical Storm Allison. The Art VR Library at UH was flooded, and the slides had to be moved to the fourth floor of the School of Architecture (adjoining the Architecture VR Collection). Merriann graduated from UH with a BA in Art History in Fall of 2000. She had previously worked in the VR Library as a work study student.

Visual Resources represented at IFLA Art Section Satellite meeting. Mark Pompelia and Sheryl Wilhite were among ARLIS/Texas-Mexico members at the IFLA Art Section

Balance beginning July 1, 2000	\$532.38
Income	
2000 Memberships	\$30.00
2001 Memberships	\$480.00
1999 Conference Registration	\$10.00
2000 Conference Registration	\$465.00
Chapter Dinner	\$870.00
Lois Swan Jones Contributions [2000]	\$335.00
T-shirts	\$20.00
Interest	\$4.30
Total Income	\$2,214.30
Expenses	
Miscellaneous Meeting Expenses	\$92.00
Chapter Dinner	\$833.46
Rienzi Tour	\$108.00
Contribution to ARLIS /NA 2001 Welcome Party	\$250.00
Fees for Cashier's Checks (3 @ \$4.00 each)	\$12.00
Total Expenses	\$1,295.46
Balance ending December 31, 2000	\$1,451.22

Submitted by Robert Beebe
 Interim Treasurer
 ARLIS/Texas-Mexico Chapter

*Note: Treasurer, Carl Close, resigned during the term. Incomplete banking and membership records made it impractical to reconstruct exact activities between January and June 30, 2000. However, approximate income and expenses were tallied and the Executive Committee agreed that it was best to start with July records and move forward.

▶ **From The South Regional Representative, ARLIS/NA**

The Mid-Year Executive Board meeting was held in New York in August. It was a very good meeting and our President, Ted Goodman was a gracious host. We met in the Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library at Columbia University. I especially enjoyed being in New York again because I had lived there from 1985-1992 but had not been back to see the place since then. We had little time for gallivanting around, since we spent most of our time in meetings. However, the Board members are a fine and interesting group of people, we even had a chance to hang out. We all packed into a great restaurant for dinner on Saturday night for good food and conversation. We had a chance to meet other New York art librarians at a party Ted hosted at his home on Sunday night. (I also had a chance to make a new friend in the extra 9 hours I spent in the airport trying to get home on Midway after they declared Chapter 11 that Monday.)

Regarding the business meeting, we discussed many ways to make ARLIS a more recognizable professional organization and connect that idea to an overall vision of sponsorship and donors. We are striving for increased coordination between committees and functions, such as publications and related financial systems. The finances of the Society are in good shape, so that is fine news.

Satellite meeting in Boston,
sponsored by ARLIS/New England.

Sheryl Wilhite
Visual Resources Curator
Wellesley College

I am really looking forward to attending the chapter meeting in Albuquerque in November. The joint meeting in St. Louis is looking very good too. I am especially excited about seeing the Cahokia Mounds. I saw the mounds at Poverty Point in Louisiana and found it very interesting.

I would very much like to hear what you are interested in having the Board know about your Chapter needs and desires. I hope to hear from you in person at the meeting or by email if you have some ideas for this. Thanks and I'll be seeing you soon.

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