

Minutes
Retirement SIG, ARLIS-NA,
Salt Lake City, 28 March 2019
12:30 p.m., Sussex Room, Grand America Hotel

A sheet was circulated to attendees for their name, followed by an indication of if they were, or were not on the SIG listserv.

Attendees were: E. Lee Eltzroth, Suzy Frechette, Leslie Abrams, Floyd Zula, Joan Benedetti, Carol Terry, Linda Duychak, Suzanna Simor

Welcome: Carol Terry, SIG co-coordinator, passed out the meeting agenda. She welcomed the eight attendees and told them that she had asked Lee Eltzroth to act as Recorder of the meeting. She went on to welcome Suzy Frechette as the new SIG co-coordinator, replacing MaryHelen Jones.

Suzy read a very nice Greetings and Thanks message from MaryHelen, who was unable to attend this meeting and had stepped down as co-coordinator.

Attendees introduced themselves and added the name of a book they had just read or were currently reading. There was lively conversation centered around our books.

There were no more comments on the SIG meeting minutes from the 2018 New York City conference.

SIG and listserv numbers: Carol said she had examined statistics related to our Retirement SIG — 55 members have renewed at the Retired rate; 46 (some not yet retired) have elected to be members of the SIG. One can choose this SIG in the Members' Directory and see who actually belongs. Carol obtained a list from ARLIS Headquarters that showed 35 on the listserv but 11 of those are not ARLIS members any longer - that means 22 SIG members should be but may not be, on the Retirement listserv. Carol noted that other SIGs seem to be having these technical issues as well, and the Executive Board is working with HQ on this.

The question was asked if we should use ARLIS-L for our posts.

Mentoring Proposal: The subject of Mentoring has been discussed at every meeting of the SIG (this is the fourth), and in the last two meetings we discussed dropping any formal mentoring proposal in favor of more "situational" mentoring on an informal basis. Carol suggested that we all add more to our Profiles in the ARLIS-NA members' site so that it would be more obvious what kind of mentoring we could offer if any one of us has needed expertise. It was suggested we add "Retired" and our last title to the line asking for position.

Oral History Project: Janis Ek Dahl and Milan Hughston have been interviewed; Carol Terry will be interviewed soon. Though concentration has been on Distinguished Service awardees thus far, Carol has asked several former presidents to participate in an interview. She also mentioned that Eileen Markson needs to be interviewed, and Floyd Zula told us he sees her quite often. At some point there may be an effort to interview the Society's earliest members.

2020 St Louis Conference: Suzy related the information that the conference hotel will be the historic Chase Park Plaza and the meeting will be held in the month of April. There are four co-chairs for that meeting, all at Washington University, St. Louis (Jennifer Akins, Andrea Degener, Skye Lacerte, and Rina Vecchiola).

Re our upcoming 50th annual meeting in 2022, Carol shared with us that Chicago will be the conference city. If members have any old buttons from various meetings, they could photograph them and forward the digital image so that a presentation could be put together for the ARLIS-NA 50th Anniversary.

Conversation: Discussion focused on who of the Retired group does and does not attend these meetings and why. What would get them to attend? Money is often a primary reason. Are there other, less expensive hotels our group could book as a group or individually? Although we all understand supporting the organization by staying at the Conference hotel, we did so for many years before our retirement. Booking a lunch for our group at the 2020 meeting was suggested, and all eight of the attendees liked that idea.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on 3 April 2019 by E. Lee Eltzroth, Retirement SIG member