

Architecture Specialty Group (ASG)

2011 AIC Annual Meeting

I'm pleased to report that the 39th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia was a great success! ASG would like to thank all of our presenters from the Student Session on Thursday morning, the ASG/RATS Joint Session on Friday morning, and the ASG Friday afternoon session. It was an exciting and informative group of presentations. I encourage those members who could not attend the meeting to visit the new AIC Blog www.conservators-converse.org for a brief review of the individual talks. Thank you to all of our volunteer bloggers.

2012 AIC Annual Meeting

We're happy to announce the election of **Stephanie Hoagland** of Jablonski Building Conservation in New York, New York, as next year's Program Chair. The 40th Annual Meeting will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from May 8–11, 2012. Abstracts for the 2012 meeting should be submitted by September 6, 2011, please feel free to contact Stephanie with any ideas or local connections to assist in ASG planning and events. Please see the Annual Meeting News column in this newsletter issue for more information about this innovative meeting (page 13). Stephanie can be reached at: [shoagland \[at\] jbconservation.com](mailto:shoagland[at]jbconservation.com) or 212-532-7775, X-15.

ASG Board News

In other Board news, **Joshua Freedland** will be transitioning to Chair Emeritus and **Patty Miller** will become the new Chair. **Roy Ingraffia** of Milner + Carr Conservation LLC, Philadelphia, PA, was elected Treasurer/Secretary. ASG would like to thank outgoing Chair Emeritus **Charles Phillips** and Treasurer/Secretary **Leslie Friedman** for all of their hard work.

—Patty Miller, ASG Chair
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Book and Paper Group

2011 AIC Annual Meeting

On Thursday evening, June 2, approximately two hundred Book and Paper Group members and guests gathered at the **American Philosophical Society (APS)** for our annual reception. For the fourth year in a row, **Preservation Technologies, LP** sponsored the reception and we are extremely grateful for their ongoing sponsorship. This support enables us to have wonderful gatherings at no cost to our members. We were really happy

that **Bob Stauss** was there with us! Special thanks to **Jamye Jamison** for organizing the amazing reception and to the APS, especially **Anne Downey**, for making it happen. We had a great time at the reception in the lovely Benjamin Franklin Hall and on the three really fabulous tours of the conservation laboratories, the library (including some amazing treasures), and at a gallery talk and tour of the exhibition, *Of Elephants and Roses: Encounters with French Natural History, 1790–1830*.

The papers and the discussion groups were really excellent this year. A huge thank you is due to **Jo Anne Martinez-Kilgore**, BPG program Chair, for all of her hard work putting the program together. The Library Collections Conservation Discussion Group (LCCDG) held a panel discussion about training book and library conservators in light of the recent program closure in Austin. Representatives from the three American ANAGPIC member programs and from Simmons College talked about their new initiative through the Mellon Foundation. The Archives Conservation Discussion Group (ACDG) presented wonderfully diverse papers about the challenges associated with digitization projects.

We had seventeen papers on topics ranging from Lascaux, to magnets used for drying parchment documents under restraint, to the conservation and analysis of a book of hours belonging to Catherine of Cleves. Half of the papers focused on treatment, as requested by our membership. Please consider submitting a paper for consideration for Albuquerque next May (for more information see page 13 of July AIC News).

BPG Board News

Thanks to those who volunteered to run and to all of you who voted online for Assistant Program Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for BPG. The newly elected officers are:

Sarah Reidell, Assistant Program Chair

Stephanie Watkins, Secretary/Treasurer

A huge thank you is due to our officers who are stepping down for jobs exceedingly well done, **Jo Anne Martinez-Kilgore** and **Jennifer Hain Tepper!**

Business Meeting

A full report on the business meeting will be in the next column. In the meantime, if I may be of assistance, please be in touch.

—Penley Knipe, BPG Chair
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Conservators in Private Practice

2011 AIC Annual Meeting

Many who participated in the CIPP Seminar at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia found it useful for the development of new business in the realm of art-related insurance claims. The seminar was well-attended and provided participants with the tools and insight needed for outreach in this important field. CIPP members will soon have access to the presentation online. (Another perk for belonging to CIPP!)

In addition to the fine technical and ethical topics discussed at the General Session, we were presented by Barbara Appelbaum with a challenge and a reality check for our times; to “bring conservation treatment out of the closet,” “make it into a subject of interest in itself,” and make it into a tool for public outreach. A portion of her presentation is printed in this newsletter (pages 1, 7 & 8).

Barbara’s insightful words echoed my long-held views on this very topic. In this fourth year of a major economic decline, programs that support of the arts are on life support, and too many CIPP members, recent conservation program graduates, and programs in Institutions find themselves in an existential struggle.

The topic of AIC 2012 Annual Meeting is outreach. Let’s start the discussion now!

—George Schwartz, Chair, CIPP
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Electronic Media Group

2011 AIC Annual Meeting

The EMG session at the Annual Meeting was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended it. Experts from the United States and Europe discussed topics such as:

- The Conservation of Computer based Art
- The Information Carrier: Obsolescence and Migration
- Complex Media Installations: Documentation, Acquisitions, Loans
- Obsolescence in Electronic Art

The program was made possible by the generous support from the Kress Foundation, which covered travel costs for our European speakers.

EMG Board News

We welcome the newly elected EMG officers:

Sarah Stauderman (Assistant Program Chair) serving 2011–2012 and then as Program Chair in 2012–2013

Martha Singer (Secretary/Treasurer) 2011– 2013, serving her second term on the EMG board

A very big note of appreciation is owed to outgoing Program Chair **Joanna Phillips**. Joanna has put together a wonderful program this year and also we are extremely thankful for all her

fantastic work on *TechFocus I: Caring for Video Art*. Thank you Joanna for all your enthusiastic work for EMG!

JAIC Special Issue

The EMG board received formal approval from the AIC JAIC Editorial Board for a special JAIC issue to publish selected talks of the conference *TechFocus I: Caring for Video Art*.

—Christine Frohnert, EMG Chair
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Objects Specialty Group

It is a pleasure to be writing in my new capacity as OSG Chair for 2011–2012 after an inspiring and well-attended Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. I would like to thank outgoing Chair (new Chair Emerita) **Carolyn Riccardelli** for all of her support and advice over the past year. I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Archaeological Discussion Group co-chairs, **Claudia Chemello** and **Susanne Grieve** in the planning of this year’s meeting. Thanks also go to **Helen Alten**, outgoing Chair Emerita for her service to OSG and AIC.

2012 AIC Annual Meeting

It is already time to turn our attention to the planning for next year’s annual meeting, with the theme “Conservation and Outreach,” to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our new program chair for the 2012 meeting is **Mina Thompson**, Associate Conservator of the Museum Resources Division in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The OSG membership will no doubt be hearing from Mina soon as she puts out a call for papers for the 2012 meeting. Please see the Annual Meeting News column in this newsletter (page 13) for more information about this innovative meeting.

I look forward to another exciting and busy year, and hope to have the opportunity to work closely with the OSG membership as the year unfolds.

—Sanchita Balachandran
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Photographic Materials Group

2011 AIC Annual Meeting

The recent 2011 AIC Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, was the setting for thought-provoking and stimulating presentations and discussions.

The PMG luncheon session on Friday, June 3, was well attended, and Paul Messier presented an update on the FAIC–Mellon Hermitage Project, including a summary of its history. It’s an impressive project and we look forward to hearing about future developments. For more about this presentation and others at the Annual Meeting, see the AIC Blog at www.conservators-converse.org.

2012 AIC Annual Meeting

The next AIC meeting will be held in Albuquerque, NM, May 8–11, 2012. This will be the 40th anniversary of AIC! The theme of the meeting is Connecting to Conservation: Outreach and Advocacy. Please send abstract submissions to Ruth Seyler at [abstracts \[at\] conservation-us .org](mailto:abstracts[at]conservation-us.org). More information about this appears elsewhere in the AIC News, print and online versions, and in email messages from Ruth Seyler to the AIC membership. If you have any questions concerning the PMG program, please contact Monique Fischer, PMG Program Chair at [mfischer \[at\] nedcc .org](mailto:mfischer[at]nedcc.org). More details will be coming in the next few issues of the AIC News and on the AIC website, as well as via the AIC-PMG listserv.

If there are questions or if I can be of assistance, please contact me.

—Barbara Brown, PMG Chair
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Paintings Specialty Group

2011 AIC Annual Meeting

The annual meeting in Philadelphia was a great success! Thank you to all of our speakers for their contributions and to outgoing Program Chair **Patti Favero** for all of her efforts to make the event such an enjoyable one. We had two PSG sessions as well as a joint session with RATS. This year's Tips session took the form of a reception and was generously sponsored by **Gamblin Artists Colors** and **Golden Artists Colors**.

PSG Board News

Thank you to everyone who voted in our electronic election this spring. Congratulations to **Katrina Bartlett**, our new Program Chair and to **Mary McGinn**, our new Nominating Committee Member. Thank you both for your willingness to serve and I look forward to working with over the coming year.

PSG Business Meeting

The business meeting went very smoothly. Secretary/Treasurer **Dawn Rogala** is preparing the minutes, which will be posted on the PSG listserv.

The most notable development was the unanimous passage of a revised version of the PSG Rules of Order. The revisions allow for the creation of a new Assistant Program Chair position. The person in the new position will serve two years, becoming the Program Chair during their second year of service. The overlap with other officers and the shared responsibility will make the job of arranging the annual meeting events easier and will ensure better continuity of organizational knowledge. Our revised Rules of Order will now go to the AIC Board for approval. Once approved, we will move forward with nominations and a special election later this summer to elect a new Assistant Program Chair.

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And on to Albuquerque!

The 40th Annual Meeting will take place May 8–11, 2012 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Please see the Annual Meeting column on page 13 of this newsletter for more information about innovative plans for this meeting. We hope to see you there.

—Laura Rivers, PSG Chair
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Research and Technical Studies

2011 AIC Annual Meeting and RATS Board News

Thanks to the RATS program chair, **Dr. Catherine Stephens**, for putting together four excellent sessions at the 2011 AIC meeting. The highlight was the business luncheon/meeting (minutes available at: www.conservation-us.org/science) where **Dr. Antonio Sgamellotti** gave an excellent overview of the mobile conservation science laboratory, “Molab,” which travels through Europe analyzing artworks for different institutions. Also during lunch, the results of the recent elections were announced:

Dr. Caitlin O’Grady, Conservator with the Department of Historic Resources, Virginia, was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Jason Church was elected as the new Vice-Chair and lucky individual who will organize the next meeting. Jason is a materials conservator at the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. This was the only contested position and we thank **Gretchen Guidess** for also running.

Dr. Cory Rogge, the Andrew W. Mellon Conservation Scientist at Buffalo State College was elected as the new Communications Officer.

Dr. Stephens, Senior Scientist at the Carnegie Mellon University has officially begun her term as the Chair.

Stephanie Porto, Paper Conservator, Niagara Art Conservation in Ontario, Canada, has assumed the newly created Chair Emerita position.

Stephanie Porto, **Renee Stein** and **Kathleen Kiefer** constitute our new nominating committee that will be responsible for finding Vice-Chair candidates during 2012–2013.

The RATS committee is excited about topping the three hundred member mark and our upcoming 20th anniversary. We hope to commemorate the occasion with exciting new projects that are in the works—so stay tuned!

—Catherine Stephens, Chair
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Textile Specialty Group

As outgoing Chair I would like to thank **Susan Mathisen** for the excellent TSG program and for organizing the sold out reception at our most recent annual meeting. I hope the panel discussions will continue on our new TSG discussion list serve.

2011 AIC Annual Meeting and TSG Board News

For those of you who were not able to ASG • BPG • CIPP • EMG • OSG • PMG • PSG • RATS • TSG • WAG attend the business meeting, the board bid a fond farewell to **Seta Wehbe**, our longstanding secretary, and **Joel Thompson**, our PostPrints editor. Seta held the position of secretary tirelessly for many years, and the board thanks her for her hard work and will miss her quiet strength. Joel has preformed the impossible by delivering PostPrints volumes in a timely fashion for more years than she cares to remember. She has streamlined the editorial process and enabled our specialty group to receive a less expensive digital version, rather than paper volumes. In the past few years she has worked with **Sarah Stephens** and **Mandy Holden** to help prepare for a smooth transition to the editor position. Many thanks go to **Fran Mayhew** who undertook the daunting task of organizing the many years of TSG business and correspondence. Fran not only kept the archives, but located missing records and created a history of their origin and intended purpose. A huge thank you for all of your efforts! They are much appreciated.

Many thanks to all who made the past two years such a rewarding endeavor. In particular I would like to thank **Meg Geiss-Mooney** who continues to fearlessly handle the treasurer post and keep us on track financially. Incoming Chair, **Susan Mathisen** and I welcome **Robin Hanson** from the Cleveland Museum of Art as the new program chair, and **Mandy Holden** as the incoming secretary.

—Denise Migdail, outgoing TSG Chair
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Wooden Artifacts Group

2011 AIC Annual Meeting

WAG had an excellent program at the AIC Annual Meeting in Philadelphia this year, capably organized by **Alex Carlisle**. Presentations focused on decision-making about levels of conservation, and covered a wide range of objects, including: boats, musical instruments, Antarctic expedition artifacts, and gilded furniture. Many thanks are due to Alex and to all the speakers for sharing their knowledge with us.

WAG Board News

A new slate of officers was elected at the meeting, including **Alex Carlisle** as WAG Chair, **Stephanie Auffret** as Program Chair for the annual meeting in Albuquerque in 2012, and **Bret Headley** as Secretary/Treasurer, replacing **Kathy Gillis**, who has served in the post for many years. Many thanks to Kathy for all she has done for WAG.

2012 AIC Annual Meeting

The meeting in Albuquerque will focus on advocacy and outreach, and AIC has already released its initial call for papers. Please see the Annual Meeting column (page 13) in this newsletter for more information about this innovative meeting. Stephanie will be issuing a call for papers to WAG members in the near future. Any WAG member interested in submitting a paper proposal should send it to AIC using the form provided on the AIC website. If you want your paper only considered for the WAG session, you should submit it to AIC directly.

It's been great serving as WAG chair these past two years, and I look forward to seeing you all in Albuquerque!

—John Childs, outgoing WAG Chair
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