

Newsletter • August 2009

Greetings to all MACAA Members and Friends,

I am very pleased to write to you and share exciting news. As you know, MACAA sponsored a well-received conference this past October. Our success was in no small part due to the efforts of a capable and generous host, the Herron School of Art and Design / IUPUI. I have heard from many of you that you greatly enjoyed the conference and the city of Indianapolis. I hope you will be pleased to know that the future continues to be bright for MACAA conferences.

I have just returned from the MACAA summer board meeting in Richmond, Virginia. While there, the board began preparing for the upcoming 2010 conference which will take place October 20-23. This will be a joint conference co-sponsored with Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC). During our meeting, we were joined by Rachel Frew and Beth Mulvaney, representing SECAC. Members of the Virginia Commonwealth University conference coordinating committee were also present. Reni Gower, Peggy Lindauer, and Andy Kozlowski all participated. Melanie Christian, also of VCU, graciously assisted the MACAA board. Whether you participate in a panel, a workshop, or in the membership exhibition in 2010, I am certain you will have a good experience. Please check the MACAA website <macaart.org> for ongoing updates.

Scott Betz, president of Foundations in Art: Theory and Education (FATE), joined the discussion of future conference sites. MACAA has reached an agreement with FATE that will see a second MACAA meeting in the academic year of 2010-11. MACAA will collaborate with FATE on an April 2011 conference in St. Louis. As many of you who have been with MACAA for some time know, we previously held an annual conference and now hold a biennial conference. The board, however, has been actively seeking St. Louis as a conference site. When this collaborative opportunity presented itself, the board chose to seize it. I think this was a wise choice and one that will benefit you, the membership.

Conference planning for Richmond in 2010 and St. Louis in 2011 will continue in the coming months. Sponsoring two conferences in one academic year will be a challenge. Thankfully, we are not alone and will be assisted by strong organizations. If any reader of this newsletter wishes to have an active role in the planning, please contact me at john.richardson@wayne.edu. If you wish to nominate yourself or another for the board, you are also welcome to contact me. While the board hopes to offer you a more robust newsletter in the future, one that will include member achievements and news, please accept this one with my best wishes. I hope to see you at a MACAA conference in the near future.

John Richardson
President, MACAA



MACAA Board Members at the summer board meeting, shown in front of the VCU Fine Art Building:

L to R, Tommy White (U of Oklahoma); Barbara Giorgio (Ball State U); Joe Seipel (Savannah College of Art and Design); Marlene Lipinski (Columbia College Chicago); Scott Sherer (U of Texas - San Antonio); Jeff Boshart (Eastern Illinois U); Mysoon Rizk (U of Toledo); Phil Laber (Northwest Missouri State U); and John Richardson (Wayne State U).

Board Members not pictured: Kurt Dyrhaug (Lamar U); Vance Farrow (Herron School of Art and Design); Ralph Larmann (U of Evansville); and Maria Velasco (U of Kansas).



At work . . .



At play . . .