

ARLIS/NA NW Fall Chapter Meeting

December 13, 2011 – 10-12 PST

Virtual meeting

ARLIS-NW Chapter Chair, Angela Weaver, Librarian at University of Washington, convened the meeting at 10:04 PST with nine Chapter members in attendance.

Attendees: Margaret Fast, Vanessa Kam, Claire Dannenbaum, Alan Michelson, Marilyn Nasserden, Ksenia Cheinman, Suzanne Rackover, Hollis Near, Dan McClure, and Angela Weaver (Chair)

Welcome by Angela Weaver

Introductions

Short introductions by those present were delivered using the audio and chat features of AdobeConnect conferencing software. Academic libraries were well represented, and one student (University of British Columbia) was present.

Treasurer's Report by Marilyn Nasserden

Summary: We opened the fiscal year on Nov. 1, 2010 with \$4,783.84 and closed on October 31, 2011 with a balance of \$4,837.04 – an increase of \$53.20. We had 21 members/affiliates in 2011 (18 members and 3 affiliates). We had nine fewer members this year (many were students) and a decrease in income as a result. No funds were required for Chapter Travel Award as it was a virtual meeting. (All funds are recorded here in US dollars.)

Three motions related to Chapter budget were put forward:

- Increase donation to support ARLIS/NA conference to \$150. (approved)
- Increase funding for Chapter-sponsored Travel Awards:
Chapter Meeting Travel Award increase to \$200. (approved)
ARLIS/NA Conference Travel Award increase to \$500. (approved)

Expenses:

- \$500. ARLIS/NA Conference Travel Award (Bailey Diers)
- \$100. Support for the ARLIS/NA 2011 conference in Minneapolis

Finally, Marilyn reminded members to renew!

Chapter Chair's Report

In 2011, the Chapter awarded one \$500. Travel Award to attend the joint ARLIS/NA - VRA conference in Minneapolis in March 2011. This year's recipient was Bailey Diers. Her report is available here: http://nw.arlisna.org/2011_travel_award_report_minneapolis.htm

Setting Chapter Priorities in 2012

In an effort to set Chapter priorities in the coming year, Angela proposed developing a survey to determine future needs of the Chapter. Key areas would include:

I. Member support and professional development

- Events and programming
- Partnerships with other organizations
- Communication
- Coordination

II. Student outreach

- Learning Opportunities and Mentoring
- Communication
- Coordination

III. Other issues as determined

It was decided to develop a local **Chapter Working Group** to initiate and evaluate a Chapter survey. The following members volunteered to oversee the survey process: Margaret Fast, Dan McClure, and Angela Weaver. The focus of the survey will be to determine which focus areas should be developed and how.

The topics outlined by Angela generated a lot of discussion. Student outreach was an area of interest to many members, especially the prospect of a **Chapter Mentoring Program**. Vanessa Kam described informal outreach activities between the UBC Fine Arts Library and UBC Library school students, including a gallery crawl. She has arranged student interns on the reference desk in her library and sees clear benefits of interactions between students and working professionals. Many members are willing to do outreach on their own campuses by, for example, handing out brochures about ARLIS and publicizing events. The following members volunteered to explore student outreach and mentoring: Suzanne Rackover, Vanessa Kam, Dan McClure, Alan Michelson, Margaret Fast, and Ksenia Cheinman.

Another lively topic of conversation was related to the **proliferation of ebooks** and their relevance in the art and design library setting. Several librarians described being frustrated by institutional mandates that give preference or require the purchases in ebook format. Chapter librarians are trying to determine how this requirement impacts collection development and access to material. Several issues were discussed:

- Paper formats are still preferred in art/design/architecture disciplines
- Visual quality of paper sources is far superior
- Ebook selection is woefully lacking in art/design/architecture compared to other disciplines
- Rarely does a student or faculty request an item in ebook format--some are disappointed when it arrives as an ebook!
- Local collection assessment is critical: how do people use our libraries? A library's collection needs are locally determined and cannot be generalized by the needs of the host institution
- Chapter members would benefit from more developed research on ebooks by discipline

Other news and points of discussion

Marilyn Nasserden proposed hosting a Chapter meeting at University of Calgary in August 2013. They have a new facility (Taylor Family Digital Library) and are near enough to The Banff Centre to coordinate activities between the two institutions. Banff is humming in the summer months. Marilyn and Suzanne will follow-up later in the year.

Alan Michelson is currently Secretary for ARLIS/NA Executive and attended the Board meeting in Houston, Texas. He reports that Jon Evans, Board President is a fantastic communicator and brings much needed energy and transparency to the Board.

Dan McClure of Pacific Northwest College of Art (PNCA) announced that he is working on college materials to meet the new NWCCU accreditation standards, continuing development of the Mimi institutional repository and planning for a new/reuse building which will house a newly designed library, slated to open in 2013 or 2014.

Vanessa Kam described an assessment project in the UBC Fine Arts Library. This process involved convening focus groups in Architecture and Studio programs to better understand how students use library resources and facilities.

2012 Chapter Executive Committee

There were no volunteers to an open call for the Chair-elect position posted on the Chapter listserv. As a result, the 2012 Executive Committee stands:

Chair: Angela Weaver, Drama Library and Acting Head, Art Library, University of Washington

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Dan McClure, Director of Library, Pacific Northwest College of Art

Treasurer: Marilyn Nasserden, Librarian, University of Calgary

Secretary: Claire Dannenbaum, Librarian, Eugene, Oregon

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PST.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Dannenbaum, Secretary