

ARLIS/NA NW Chapter Meeting
Virtual Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2009

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The Chair, Paula Farrar, convened the meeting at 11:05am PST with nine in attendance.

Welcome & Wimba Overview by Paula Farrar

As this was the Chapter's first "virtual" meeting, Paula began by introducing the components and features of the Wimba Classroom module and made sure everyone could hear and be heard.

Introductions & Roundtable

Going in the order in which people showed up on the classroom roster, each participant introduced themselves and discussed any changes happening in their libraries and institutions.

2008 Business Meeting Minutes

It was moved to approve the minutes from the 2008 Business Meeting. The motion passed.

ARLIS/NA Canadian Representative's Report by Liv Valmestad

Liv Valmestad, of the Architecture/Fine Arts Library at the University of Manitoba is the current Chair of ARLIS/Canada. She reported the following:

- James Rout, of the Banff Centre, will be her replacement on the board.
- The Ontario Chapter met on November 6, 2009. They are getting ready for the 2012 Conference in Toronto. They are in the process of booking a hotel for the event.
- The Annual Conference in Boston is fast approaching. The hotel rooms are pricey (\$260/night US), but the conference is shorter this year. Papers were called for around themes this year, which seems successful.
- On the ARLIS/NA web site, online book reviews are now available. (See <http://www.arlisna.org/pubs/reviews/index.html>)
- November 7th was the deadline to submit designs for the new Art Documentation cover. The top three designs will be mailed to members for a vote.
- ARLIS/NA is in the process of creating a tri-lingual brochure in English, French and Spanish. It should be ready by January 1, 2010.
- Liv wanted to remind everyone about the Lunchtime Chats that happen. They are focused on educational and professional development topics. (See <http://www.arlisna.org/chats/index.html> for more information)
- The organization is currently accepting nominations for the Melva J. Dwyer Award, given to the creators of exceptional reference or research tools relating to Canadian art and architecture. So far, there have been four submissions. (See <http://www.arlisna.ca/index.php/Awards/>)

- James Rout announced that the Banff Centre is getting a new fine arts facility. It is set to open in 2010.

There was a discussion about whether to try to have a joint chapters meeting (Northwest, Ontario, Montréal-Ottawa-Québec) in Alberta in December 2010 with new facilities opening at both the Banff Centre and the University of Calgary's new fine arts facility. It was discussed to try to engage both facilities for one occasion. Sentiment was favorable that this could work, at least for the Northwest Chapter. Anyone with thoughts about this should contact James Rout at james_rout@banffcentre.ca.

Treasurer's Report by Marilyn Nasserden

Marilyn Nasserden delivered the Treasurer's report (revised with more detail than verbal report in online meeting):

Last year we opened the fiscal year on Nov. 1, 2008 with \$4,379 and closed on October 31, 2009 with a balance of \$4,475. All amounts in US dollars.

- 2009 Membership fees collected (22 people: 18 members and 4 affiliates): \$369 US
- 2008 Vancouver Chapter meeting registration revenues (16 registrants): \$474 US
- Membership and meeting revenue: \$843 US
- Bank revenues: \$63 US (\$99 US [\$105 Canadian] interest, etc. – \$36 US fees)
- Total expenses: \$823 US (\$700 US awards + \$123 US [\$130Canadian] meeting expenses)
- To calculate Canadian \$ into US, used exchange rate .94746
- As of October 31, 2009, Vancity:
 - Community Service Account #1 \$1,087.06 (\$1,147.34 Canadian)
 - US Chequing #1 \$410.90
 - Term deposits \$2,842.38 (\$3,000.00 Canadian)
 - Membership shares \$135.22 (\$142.72 Canadian)
 - Total bank balance: \$4,475.56 US

Travel Awards by Traci Timmons

Traci Timmons announced the travel awards. In 2009, the Chapter awarded one \$500 (USD) award to attend the annual conference in Indianapolis in April 2009. This year's recipient was Adrienne Lai. She wrote a wonderful report that includes photos, and is available here: http://nw.arlisna.org/2009_travel_award_report_indianapolis.htm

There was no Chapter Meeting award this year as it was a virtual meeting.

The Chapter discussed continuing its support of travel awards to attend the annual conference and next year's chapter meeting.

It was moved to approve two travel awards for 2010; \$500 (USD) to the annual conference and \$200 to the fall chapter meeting. The motion passed.

Membership Dues & Categories

There was a proposal to increase the chapter dues by \$5 to \$25 for regular member/affiliate and \$10 for student and retired member/affiliate. The attendees reviewed the new membership form put forth by Paula that included this increase and made a suggestion to include a "renewal" box to help the treasurer distinguish between new and returning members. It was noted that this increase was small and that it could help support the travel awards and the Chapter's support for the annual conference.

It was moved to approve the increase in dues. The motion passed.

ARLIS/NA Conference Support

The members discussed the email sent by Barbara Rockenbach, Chair of the ARLIS/NA Development Committee, in which she commented on the fact that "Last year over 80% of the chapters donated a total of \$2,375 making the Welcome Party possible. Chapter gifts ranged from \$75 to \$350." In light of the fact that we are one of the smallest chapters it was proposed that we did not need to strive to the upper end of the donation scale.

It was moved to send \$100 to ARLIS/NA in support of the annual conference. The motion was passed.

TEI Services (website, listserv, collection of dues)

TEI is ARLIS/NA's new management company. They have offered to provide chapter website hosting, listserv management and membership dues collection free of charge.

After a discussion about the pros and cons of each service, the participants agreed to:

- Move the web site to this new host with the understanding that Hollis Near would still have easy access to update and that the URL would be something like northwest.arlisna.org.
- Move the listserv to TEI.
- Participants agreed not to have TEI collect dues because we are a cross-border chapter and there is no leeway for more than one membership level.

It was moved to switch hosting of our web site and listserv to TEI. The motion was passed.

2010 Executive Board

Vanessa Kam and Paula Farrar presented the slate of candidates for 2010:

- Chair: Paula Farrar
- Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Angela Weaver
- Treasurer: Marilyn Nasserden
- Secretary: Traci Timmons

The slate was approved by acclamation.

Website Logo Design Contest

The Chapter held a design contest to come up with a new logo for our chapter web site. Paula Farrar presented three designs. The participants voted on the designs and chose one that featured a design made up of the names of prominent Northwest artists.

Revision of Chapter Bylaws

The following changes to the bylaws were proposed by Paula Farrar:

- In Section II.A., remove Montana. Montana is part of the Mountain West Chapter and is not listed in the header we've had on our chapter web site.
- In Section V.F., remove the Regional Representative as an ex-officio member, and add the ARLIS/NA Canadian Member-at-Large and Northwest Chapter Past Chair.
- In Section V.E., Membership and Dues, it was requested that we remove the clause "If a member's dues remain unpaid for one membership year the membership shall be considered terminated." as it implies that the membership continues for another year even if fees are not paid.

There was a suggestion to add the ARLIS/NA Chapter Liaison as an ex-officio member to our Chapter as well.

It was moved to make the changes to Sections II and V, as noted above, and to add the ARLIS/NA Chapter Liaison. The motion was passed.

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It was moved that we create a committee to explore adding the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba to be included in the Northwest Chapter. The motion was passed.

Brainstorming Session: Reinvigorating the Chapter

There was a good bit of discussion about how to re-invigorate the Chapter. Some ideas suggested were:

- Vanessa Kam discussed organizing informal gatherings with library school students and area/local art library professionals. They planned to have an informal gathering connected with an art walk event, the Eastside Culture Crawl in Vancouver (<http://www.eastsideculturecrawl.com/>).
- Paula Farrar suggested continuing to use Wimba Classroom - because it was so successful - to have lunchtime chats similar to that of ARLIS/NA.
- Other suggestions included using more social apps like blogs and Facebook on our chapter web site.
- James Rout has been working on the site for ARLIS/NA Canada and shared the work he had done. If you are interested in seeing it, please go to [arliscanada\[dot\]engineseven\[dot\]com](http://arliscanada[dot]engineseven[dot]com). (Please know this site is under development and not for public distribution.)

We agreed that this discussion about chapter re-invigoration needs to continue.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35pm PST.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Timmons, Secretary