ARLIS/NA NW Chapter and VRA Joint Meeting Minutes
Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Vancouver, BC
October 12, 2018

Attendees:
Suzanne Rackover, University Librarian, Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Carly Diab, Collections, Reference + Instruction Librarian, Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Paula Farrar, Architecture & Planning Librarian, University of British Columbia
Traci Timmons, Librarian, Seattle Art Museum
Bridget Nowlin, Visual Arts Librarian, Cornish College of the Arts
Sylvia Roberts, Contemporary Arts Librarian, Simon Fraser University
Jane Devine Mejia, Chief Librarian, Vancouver Art Gallery
Rachel Kopel, Library Director, Art Institute of Seattle
Sara Ellis, Art Librarian, University of British Columbia
Kate Cawthorn, recent SLAIS Graduate
Allison Comrie, Library Practicum Participant, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity
Abigail Sebaly, Graduate Student, University of British Columbia
Alan Michelson, Head, Built Environments Library, University of Washington
Jessica, McIntyre, Librarian/Archivist, Portland Art Museum Library
Sasha Duranseaud, Graduate Student, University of British Columbia
Joanna Spurling, Vancouver Art Gallery Library and Archives Technician
Morgan Bell, Manager, Learning Technologies + Visual Services, School of Art + Art History + Design, University of Washington
Joshua Polansky, Director, Visual Resources Collection, College of Built Environments, University of Washington

Opening acknowledgment by ARLIS/NA NW President and Conference Host Carly Diab

Jane Devine Mejia has offered to be Vice Chair/Chair Elect. Passed. Thank you, Jane!

Bundled memberships
- Members of local chapter must be members of the national
- Discussion about ARLIS Canada
- Discussion regarding tax issues for ARLIS Canada and ARLIS NW
  - As we are a multi-country chapter
- Having bundled memberships makes it easier to remember
- Canada.arlisna.org
  - Canadian ARLIS website
  - Informal chapter for the national Canadian ARLIS group
● Perhaps the Canada chapter should be removed from the application due to possible confusion by Americans
● As Treasurer, Paula thinks this bundled application is a very good idea
● Motion
  ○ To approve this bundled membership application
  ○ One level of chapter membership for everyone
  ○ Recommendation To remove the text “I believe I qualify...”
  ○ Passes unanimously with Suzanne abstaining as she is a national board member

Treasurer’s report
● Funds are kept in a VanCity Credit Union Business Account and PayPal
  ○ Easier to keep funds in both
● No awards given to attend this meeting
● Carly got an educational award of $250 USD from ARLIS national for today’s workshop
● Jane - why did the chapter memberships numbers decrease?
  ○ This warrants investigation
● Listserv discussion
  ○ Should members be added to the listserv automatically?
    ■ Can’t due to legal issues (applies internationally)
    ■ When someone pays for national membership, the Treasurer is notified and forwards info to the Chair who will send a welcome email that outlines how to join the listserv
    ■ Sylvia, the listserv manager, will be cc’d on the welcome email in order to reach out about the listserv
● Travel award and donation to the national conference
  ○ Travel Award was $500
  ○ Donation to the national conference was $200
  ○ Sylvia moves to keep the amounts the same as last year, Suzanne seconded. Passed unanimously.

National Board report by Suzanne
● Ways to get active on the National organization are on the website - please participate
● Academic library survey - please fill out
  ○ Art and Design schools don’t qualify...
● A graphic novel review will be coming out twice a year
● Open Access Coordinator being brought on
  ○ *Art Documentation* cannot be made open access, however
    ■ Partially due to image rights issues
● Venice is the International Relations Committee location for next year (it was in Cuba last year)
  ○ It’s a Biennale year!
● National conference in Utah!
Bridget, Alan and possibly Rachel will be presenting

Around the table reports

- Portland Art Museum library looking to move due to the Rothko space being installed
- UW branch libraries are now centralized (BAS)
  - Run by 1 person, a tech
  - Techs and students are exchangeable
- New president at Cornish College of the Arts! His name is Raymond Tymas Jones
- Seattle Art Museum - 3 locations
  - Asian art museum library being renovated along with the museum itself
  - Traci is working on the The New Art Museum Library book
- Simon Fraser University
  - Some changes in job responsibilities happening
  - Makerspace going in for all students
- Vancouver Art Gallery
  - @vanartlibrary twitter account
  - Fundraising continues for the building; upcoming elections with have big impact
  - First Nations intern has uncovered some amazing content in the archives
    - Finding Aid in process
- University of British Columbia
  - Sarah Ellis has been hired as a 1 year contract Art Librarian
  - The Music Librarian has been serving as interim Acting Head since August 2016.
- Emily Carr University of Art + Design
  - New president! Jazz vocalist, interested in disabilities and making music
  - Art book Fair next weekend
  - New space is popular! Moved in August 2017
- Seattle Art Institute
  - Weeding and updating

Guest speakers
Kim Lawson and Alissa Cherry
*Exploring Decolonization & Reconciliation in Libraries, Archives & Museums*

Paddle Necklace Workshop with Aaron Nelson

Minutes submitted by Bridget Nowlin, ARLIS NW Secretary