

**ARLIS/NA NW Fall Chapter Meeting**  
**Meeting: Saturday, November 13, 2010**  
**Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle**

The Chair, Paula Farrar, Librarian, UBC Library, convened the meeting at 1:08 PST with sixteen in attendance.

**Introductions**

Going around the table, the participants introduced themselves. Academic and museum libraries were represented, as well as a number of students and a special attendee, Marilyn Russell, Director of the Academic Support Center, Haskell Indian Nations University, and current ARLIS/NA President.

**2009 Business Meeting Minutes**

It was moved to approve the minutes from the 2009 Business Meeting. The motion passed.

**ARLIS/NA Canadian Representative's Report by James Rout**

James Rout, University Librarian, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, reported the following:

- The Melva J. Dwyer Award has opened its call for nominations. The award is "given to the creators of exceptional reference or research tools relating to Canadian art and architecture." The committee for this award is also looking for volunteers. Interested parties should contact James.
- The ARLIS/NA Canada web site has been redesigned. See it here: <http://www.arliscanada.ca/en>. Users can set up an account and profiles, see blogs and participate in social networking. The Vancouver Art Gallery Library is actively contributing news links of interest to the site.
- A joint fall meeting of the ARLIS Ontario chapter and the ARLIS Montreal/Ottawa/Quebec (MOQ) Chapter is being held in Ottawa this weekend (Nov. 12-13).
- The ARLIS/NA Canada web site is being hosted at Emily Carr University, and the list-serv is still hosted at the Banff Centre (James' former place of employment). Is it available in both French and English versions.

**Treasurer's Report by Paula Farrar for Marilyn Nasserden**

Paula delivered the Treasurer's report:

We opened the fiscal year on November 1, 2009 with \$4,475.55 and closed on October 31, 2010 with a balance of \$4,783.84.

Revenues were \$718.88:

- \$655 US in membership fees: 2010 Membership fees collected (30 people: 21 members and 9 affiliates – up 6 members from 2009). \$25 in 2009 membership fees, plus \$630 in 2010 membership fees.
- \$63.88 bank account and term deposit interest earned plus shares dividend

Expenses were \$636:

- \$100 to support ARLIS/NA Boston conference
- \$500 for Boston conference travel award (to Traci Timmons)
- \$36 US in bank service charges (\$3/month x 12)
- \$206 CDN for the November 2010 Chapter Meeting travel award (to be reflected in 2011 financial report)

A discussion arose about doing fundraising. It was reported that other chapters had done internal fundraisers among members.

We are currently in the black. The only costs for the upcoming year thus far will be the travel awards.

#### **Travel Awards by Paula Farrar**

In 2010, the Chapter awarded one \$500 (USD) award to attend the annual conference in Boston in May 2010. This year's recipient was Traci Timmons. Her report is available here: [http://nw.arlisna.org/2010\\_travel\\_award\\_report\\_boston.htm](http://nw.arlisna.org/2010_travel_award_report_boston.htm).

Annie Jensen, current SLAIS student at UBC, was awarded the \$200 (USD) travel award to attend the Chapter Meeting in Seattle.

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

It was moved to continue the two travel awards for 2011; \$500 (USD) to the annual conference and \$200 to the fall chapter meeting. The motion passed.

#### **ARLIS/NA Conference Support**

Last year, the Chapter voted to send \$100 to ARLIS/NA in support of the annual conference. Based on the size of the chapter and the size of our bank account, this amount was determined to be appropriate.

It was moved that the Chapter would, again, contribute \$100 to the support the ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in 2011.

#### **TEI Services (website and listserv)**

Over the past year, the ARLIS/NA web site and our Chapter's web site moved over to a TEI-supported server. V. Heidi Haas, ARLIS/NA Secretary, is interested in hearing comments about the switch.

Last year the Chapter approved a motion to investigate moving our listserv to TEI. As of yet, we have not moved the listserv. An email was recently sent out to Chapter Chairs outlining the functionality of a TEI hosted listserv (currently can not provide archiving or automatic subscriptions) and requesting Chapters to express whether they would be interested in TEI providing more enhanced listserv functionality (at an increased cost to ARLIS/NA). It was agreed that the Northwest Chapter does not require the enhanced functionality. We are still planning on moving the listserv to TEI, but will first need to notify all listserv members that it will be moving and provide an opportunity for individuals to request removal from the listserv.

#### **ARLIS/NA Strategic Planning (2011-2015)**

Vanessa Kam, Head Librarian, Art + Architecture + Planning, UBC Library, and ARLIS/NA Chapters Liaison delivered a report on the preliminary goals outlined by the strategic planning committee. She asked that people provide feedback to the board via email to Vanessa or Patricia Barnett, Strategic Planning Committee Chairperson on these strategic goals:

- New directions and identity for the profession

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**Comment [1]:** I think this is fine placed here. It is in my notes as well.--CD

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**Comment [2]:** This may not have happened exactly at this point, but I'm wondering if it makes more sense to put it here?

- A stronger leadership presence through promotion and advocacy
- Addressing risk management and stewardship of our collections
- The critical role of collaboration and partnerships
- Increased international connections
- Prioritizing the Society's role in R&D and in networking/sharing resources and knowledge
- Expanding mentoring, management and transition skills

From these, two points were discussed in detail:

***New directions and identity for the profession***

- Broaden the mission: The society should broaden its mission statement from just "art" to something including other areas like architecture, landscape architecture, design and craft, as many of our members work in broader areas. There was a suggestion to consider re-branding the organization and expand out to include these other areas, rather than solely art. The intent of the organization needs to be stated more clearly. Marilyn Russell asked how we can appeal more to folks in the profession? How can we better recognize the inter-disciplinarian nature of our members' jobs? How can ARLIS/NA be more inclusive of these other areas many of us work in?
- Programming: Additionally, we needed to have the mission of the organization align more with the programming (which includes sessions targeted at these other areas). What programming is included to these other areas? How can we offer more compelling and relevant sessions to a larger group?

***The critical role of collaboration and partnerships***

- ARLIS/NA should seek out collaborations by partnering with other organizations like Visual Resources Association, Music Librarians Association, Theater Librarians Association, etc. Regional conferences may be more successful when include more organizations. The northwest chapter has recently considered holding a joint chapter meeting with ARLIS Ontario and ARLIS MOQ.

Vanessa encouraged us to send feedback and responses to Vanessa and Pat. Paula will send out this information on the listserv.

**2011 Chapter Executive Committee**

Paula Farrar and Nicole Gjertsen, Reference Librarian, Simon Fraser University, formed this year's nominating committee and presented this slate of candidates for the 2011 Chapter Executive:

- Chair: Angela Weaver, Head, Drama Library and Acting Head, Art Library, University of Washington
- Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Dan McClure, Director of Library Services, Pacific Northwest College of Art
- Treasurer: Marilyn Nasserden
- Secretary: Claire Dannenbaum, Librarian, Eugene, OR

The slate was approved by acclamation.

**New Business**

Traci Timmons suggested building a Facebook page for our chapter as a way to share some of the things we were doing. This will be up and running shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15pm PST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Traci Timmons, Secretary