

## ARLIS/NA NW and VRA-PRC Fall 2019 Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 8, 2019

Allen Library, University of Washington  
4000 15th Ave NE  
Seattle, WA

### **Attendance:**

Sara Ellis, University of British Columbia  
Paula Farrar, University of British Columbia  
Dan McClure, Clatsop Community College  
Jessica McIntyre, Portland Art Museum  
Jane Devine Meija, Vancouver Art Gallery  
Alan Michelson, University of Washington  
Bridget Nowlin, Cornish College of the Arts  
Kirsten Painter, recent MLIS graduate + volunteer at Seattle Art Museum  
Suzanne Rackover, Emily Carr University of Art & Design  
Sylvia Roberts, Simon Fraser University  
Abi Sebaly, University of British Columbia  
Traci Timmons, Seattle Art Museum  
Angela Weaver, University of Puget Sound  
Hillary Webb, Emily Carr University of Art & Design  
Joyce Wong, Langara College

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Welcome by Joshua Polansky, VRA chapter chair  
Recommended book on Seattle: *Native Seattle* by Coll-Peter Thrush

Presentation of a brief history of the UW and the Burke by Allen Michelson and Joshua Polansky

Break off for respective ARLIS and VRA business meetings

Jane called the ARLIS meeting to order @ 9:57am  
As Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Jane will become Chair in 2020

Introductions of members in attendance

**Approval of minutes** proposed by Jane Devine Meija

Seconded by Suzanne Rackover

Approved by members in attendance

### **Humanities Commons**

Shared platform for CAA and others

ARLIS/NA Commons to be created after St. Louis conference

Purpose: to facilitate conversation and sharing across the organization

Question: should we migrate our website to the Commons?

Suggested that we look at the Commons after it debuts next year

Discussion of our website - it is currently hosted by ARLIS/NA

### **Treasurer Report**

Paula Farrar

Cross border chapter finances use a particular date for the exchange rate; this report's date is Nov. 6 2019

We opened the fiscal year on Oct. 11, 2018 with a balance of \$4,611.71 USD and close on Nov. 6, 2019 with a balance of \$3,833.57 USD, **a decrease of \$778.14.**

2 revenue streams: memberships and chapter meetings fees

Balance continues to decrease each year

Membership has dropped

If we want to continue to offer travel awards, we need to increase revenue

Bundled Memberships may change the revenue

Our membership is \$25 (USD or CAD); bundled is going to be \$20 (USD)

Monthly checks will be distributed from ARLIS/NA during the renewal season (October – May).

Jane suggested bank transfers be explored. Jane will talk to Paula.

Discussion of increasing membership

Outreach to local library schools?

Outreach to non-academic professionals?

Need to break even through the chapter meetings fees, so these will probably need to increase

Dan moved to approve the Treasurer Report; Sylvia seconded; approved by members in attendance

Bundled membership

October 1st begins the renewal cycle

Problems:

- Only 1/2 received the renewal email

- National doesn't understand why the difference between Canada and USA dues
- Canada being listed as a chapter (it isn't)

Recommendation: wait to renew

### **Board Report**

Suzanne Rackover

Advocacy group to write a statement in support of Statement from association of museum directors regarding paid internships

Paying interns is important

Bundled membership

Report to come from (unclear)

Problems

Canada being listed as a chapter

Note: ARLIS/Canada is the de facto umbrella chapter for all Canadian members, but it is not a functional chapter. Canadians just need to option to join their choice of regional chapters (Montreal-Ottawa-Quebec, Ontario, Northwest).

Advocacy Organization, nonpartisan due to nonprofit status

### **Expressions of Interest** (self-nominations for executive positions)

Vice Chair/Chair Elect vacancy coming when Jane becomes Chair in 2020

Chair can appoint a nominating committee

Note that the ByLaws need to be updated, especially for elections

Work on this to be done by Executive, sent to Chapter for feedback before the annual conference. Will need to be approved by ARLIS Board

Paula is willing to continue as Treasurer

Bridget willing to continue as Secretary

Danuta (absent) has been Communications Officer for 6 months and is imagined to continue

Sarah expressed interest in being Vice Chair/Chair. Suzanne moved to approve. Approved by members in attendance.

Astoria put forth as a possible location for next year's meeting. Dan McClure willing to host. Everyone was excited by this idea.

### **Round Table Reports**

Updates from institutions

All re-Joined VRA members and moved to the Burke Museum for lunch and tour by Ashley Verplank McClelland



Minutes submitted by Bridget Nowlin, ARLIS NW Secretary