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

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