ARLIS/NA Northwest Chapter
2021 Spring Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 2021
Online via Zoom

Attendees
1. Sara Ellis, Art & Visual Literacy Librarian, University of British Columbia; Chapter Chair
2. Allison Comrie, Librarian, Alberta University of the Arts; Chapter Vice-Chair/Chair Elect
3. Abi Sebaly, Archivist, Community and Cultural Heritage, Western Front; Chapter Communications Officer
4. Paula Farrar, Architecture & Planning Librarian, University of British Columbia; Chapter Treasurer
5. Alan Michelson, Head, Built Environments Library, University of Washington
6. Alexandra Alisauskas, Learning and Engagement Librarian, University of Calgary
7. Bridget Nowlin, Director of Library Services, Cornish College of the Arts
8. Danuta Zwierciadlowski, Electronic Resources + Digital Archives Librarian Emily Carr University
9. Emma Metcalfe Hurst, UBC iSchool student, Archivist at Karen Jamieson Dance Society; grunt gallery
10. Jane Devine Mejia, Chief Librarian, Vancouver Art Gallery
11. Kirsten Painter, recent Special Collections & Digital Humanities Librarian at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario
12. Madison Sullivan, Fine & Performing Arts Librarian, University of Washington
13. Stephanie Grimm, incoming Chapter Liaison to the ARLIS/NA Executive Board
14. Suzanne Rackover, University Librarian, Emily Carr University of Art + Design
15. Sylvia Roberts, Liaison Librarian for Contemporary Arts and Communication, Simon Fraser University
16. Tad Suzuki, Learning & Research Librarian (Fine Arts & Humanities), University of Victoria
17. Traci Timmons, Senior Librarian, Seattle Art Museum

Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am PT

- Welcome and land acknowledgment
  - https://native-land.ca/
• **Introductions**
  o Executive Committee
    ▪ Sara Ellis, Chair
    ▪ Allison Comrie, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect
    ▪ Abi Sebaly, Communications Officer
    ▪ Bridget Nowlin, Secretary (outgoing)
    ▪ Paula Farrar, Treasurer
  o Bridget is stepping down as Secretary after 5 years of service
  o Introduction of new members: Alexandra Alisauskas and Emma Metcalfe Hurst

• **Acknowledgement of student recipients of the Chapter’s 2021 virtual conference awards:** Emma Metcalfe Hurst and Andy Resto

• **Acknowledgement of NW Chapter participants in the upcoming ARLIS Annual Conference**
  o Suzanne Rackover (convocation/awards)
  o Allison Comrie (session on exhibition planning)
  o Ana Diab (poster presentation)
  o Madison Sullivan (poster presentation; Mentorship program)
  o Sylvia Roberts (awards)

• **Chapter Website Refresh**
  o Website to be updated and improved
  o Social Media
    ▪ Facebook - last post was in 2017
      o Motion to deactivate approved by the membership
    ▪ Instagram - last post was in 2016
      o Motion to deactivate approved by the membership
    ▪ Twitter - last post was in 2020
      o Comment: Twitter is frequently used by professionals
  o Discussion around the various platforms and ideas of what to do with them
    ▪ Perhaps have the Chapter point to ARLIS/NA’s main accounts
    ▪ The NW listserv should be used for essential communication
    ▪ Any images etc. can be downloaded and archived on the Chapter website

• **2022 is the 50th anniversary of ARLIS**
  o Call for Chapter histories to be submitted to ARLIS/NA
  o Historical items such as Chapter cookbook put together by Diana Cooper and *Ravenspeak*, former Chapter newsletter
  o Look into digitizing and sharing
    ▪ Executive Committee will look into what to do about the physical ephemera

• **Chapter Bylaws**
  o Were last updated in 2015
  o The Executive Committee has developed a ‘track changes’ version of the document, which was shared with members for discussion
    ▪ Request from members for more time to review the changes and give feedback
  o Discussion around Executive Officer positions, as well as membership options
- Motion to add additional reduced rate for unemployed members
  - Approved by the membership
- Motion to hold a special meeting to further discuss the Bylaws before ratifying
  - Approved by the membership
- Motion to combining the Secretary and Communications Officer positions
  - Motion tabled; Abi will serve as interim Secretary until either someone else can step in to the position or the Bylaws are updated to combine the two positions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 pm PT

Minutes submitted by Bridget Nowlin, ARLIS NW Secretary