



ARLIS/NA NW Winter 2021 Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 3, 2021

10:30 AM PT

Location: Online via Zoom

Attendees

1. Abi Sebaly, Archivist, Community and Cultural Heritage Western Front
2. Alexandra Alisaukas, University of Calgary Learning and Engagement Librarian
3. Allison Comrie, Librarian, Alberta University of the Arts
4. Amy Furness, Head, Library and Archives, Art Gallery of Ontario
5. Andrew Wang, Art and Architecture Librarian, University of Oregon
6. Angela Weaver, Fine and Performing Arts Librarian, University of Puget Sound
7. Ashley Huot, Humanities Liaison Librarian (Architecture), University of Manitoba
8. Bridget Nowlin, Director of Library Services, Cornish College of the Arts
9. Dan McClure, Library Director, Clatsop Community College
10. Danuta Zwierciadlowski, Retired, Emily Carr University of Art + Design
11. Floyd Zula, Retired, California State University, Fullerton
12. Jane Devine Mejia, Chief Librarian, Vancouver Art Gallery
13. Kate Cawthorn, Librarian, University of Calgary
14. Kirsten Painter, Independent Scholar
15. Paula Farrar, Architecture & Planning Librarian, University of British Columbia
16. Peggy Sue Ewanyshyn, Librarian, University of Alberta
17. Rachel Kopel, Archivist, Chihuly Studio
18. Sara Ellis, Art & Visual Literacy Librarian, University of British Columbia
19. Stephanie Grimm, Chapters Liaison to the ARLIS/NA Executive Board, George Mason University
20. Sylvia Roberts, Liaison Librarian for Contemporary Arts and Communication, Simon Fraser University
21. Tad Suzuki, Fine Arts & Humanities Librarian, University of Victoria
22. Traci Timmons, Senior Librarian Seattle Art Museum

Business Meeting

Called to order: 10:35 AM PT

Welcome and land acknowledgment by Chair Sara Ellis.

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- <https://www.whose.land/en/?npi>

Agenda Items:

- Executive Committee Introductions
- Guest Attendee Introductions
- 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval
- Matters Arising
- Chair's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Executive Committee Transitions
- Report from Amy Furness, ARLIS Canada Representative
- Report from Stephanie Grimm, ARLIS/NA Chapter Liaison
- Discussion about in-person vs. virtual national conference
- National Awards Nominations

Executive Committee Introductions:

- Sara Ellis, Chair
 - Outgoing chair as of December 31, 2021
- Allison Comrie, Vice Chair/Chair Elect
 - Incoming chair as of January 1, 2022
- Abi Sebaly, Communications Officer and Secretary
 - Outgoing as of December 31, 2021
- Paula Farrar, Treasurer
 - Ongoing

Move to review and approve the chapter's 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes (Sara Ellis):

- Minutes approved by chapter members.

Matters Arising:

- Northwest Chapter History Working Group (Sara Ellis):
 - The goal is to assemble a chapter history for the upcoming ARLIS/NA 50th anniversary conference in April 2022. Jane Devine Mejia, Traci Timmons, and Sara Ellis have preliminarily met about this and been in contact with Danuta Zwierciadlowski and past chapter members Carole Goldsmith, John Cull, and Marilyn Nasserden via email and Zoom to collect content.
- Website Refresh Working Group (Abigail Sebaly and Stephanie Grimm):

- Per Stephanie Grimm, a recommendation has been made to hold off making substantial design updates until all chapter websites can be consolidated and hosted by the ARLIS/NA Learning Commons, as the new central platform may not support all existing Wordpress templates. The new centralized hosting capabilities are anticipated to launch before the April 2022 conference.
- Ana Diab has offered to help the Communications Officer/Secretary with the refresh, particularly in relation to issues of accessibility and design. Further details TBD.

Chair's report (Sara Ellis):

- Updates from this past year:
 - Sara Ellis is now outgoing as Chair. Allison Comrie is Incoming Chair. Thank you, Sara!
 - Bridget Nowlin stepped down as Secretary after 5 years of service. Thank you, Bridget!
 - The latest chapter meeting was held virtually in May 2021.
 - The chapter's Communications Officer and Secretary positions have been changed to a single combined role.
 - Bylaws update: Thanks to the Executive Committee, the chapter membership, Chapter Liaison Stephanie Grimm, and the ARLIS/NA Executive Board for providing guidance and assisting with editing the bylaws, which hadn't been updated since July 2015. The updated bylaws, approved in June 2021, can be accessed on the chapter's website [here](#).
 - Elisheba Johnson's artist talk, recorded at the December 2020 winter chapter meeting, is now up on the Kaltura MediaSpace, accessible [here](#). Thanks to Meredith Hale for assisting in posting the talk, and to Jane Devine Mejia for helping put the program together.
 - Tania Willard's artist talk, scheduled as part of the December 2021 winter chapter meeting, received a special funding request from ARLIS/NA to support the programming. Thank you, ARLIS!
 - Looking ahead: After winter break, plans will need to be made for the chapter's spring meeting, including date and location (or virtual).

Treasurer's report (Paula Farrar):

- Overall, the budget is healthy. The chapter had an increased revenue of \$339 USD, due to the increase in memberships.
- Bundled memberships have boosted the chapter's participants. There are currently 35 members, up from 28 in 2020 when the bundled membership option began.
- The Chapter has created a new Northwest Local Chapter membership option for those who want to join the Northwest Chapter, but not ARLIS/NA.
- The confirmed special funding from ARLIS/NA to support Tania Willard's artist talk will be reflected in the next year's budget (\$300 USD).
- Reallocation of Chapter Conference Travel Awards: Virtual attendance awards were provided for 3 ARLIS/NA 2021 virtual conference participants. Awardees included Sara Ellis (via the 2020 Conference Chapter travel award deferral) and 2 UBC iSchool students, Emma Metcalfe-Hurst and Andy Resto.

- In 2022, there will be the opportunity to donate to the annual conference.
- All awards decisions will be deferred to early 2022. If there's an in-person chapter meeting, the Chapter will offer the chapter travel award (\$250 USD) and conference attendance award (\$500 USD).

Executive Committee Transitions:

- Peggy Sue Ewanysyn has agreed to step in as Vice Chair/Chair Elect when Allison Comrie assumes the Chair role in January 2022.
- Sylvia Roberts has agreed to step in as Communications Officer/Secretary when Abigail Sebalý steps down at the end of 2021.
- The call for a vote to support those positions has been approved.

Report from Amy Furness, ARLIS Canada Representative

- Pierre B. Landry has been nominated to serve as the 2022 Canadian Liaison Rep.
- The 2022 ARLIS/NA conference in Chicago is currently being planned as a completely in person conference, except for individual chapter meetings, which will be held virtually in the two weeks prior to the conference.
- The Executive Board is taking further steps toward equity and transparency by standardizing honoraria rates and increasing salary transparency on job listings on ARLIS's website. The 2022 slate of candidates for the Executive Board is located [here](#).
- The new ARLIS Anti-Racism Task Force survey can be accessed [here](#).

Report from Stephanie Grimm, ARLIS/NA Chapter Liaison

- ARLIS/NA transitioned to its new website and association management system this past summer, which has enabled better roster reporting.
- There is a new membership database. Members are encouraged to log in to the ARLIS website to check that their ARLIS details are correct. The Society also has a new demographics form to better inform new initiatives related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. More information on this form is [here](#).
- With the new membership system, more granular membership options will become available. Categories have been reset so that Canada-based members will pay a lower amount, due to the disparity between USD and CAD values. In an effort to make bundled memberships work better for chapters, ARLIS/NA will offer different customizable chapter membership categories for chapters within its bundled membership program. This will be in place in the next fiscal year.
- ARLIS headquarters is phasing out paper checks in favor of electronic transfers.
- The ARLIS/NA Commons work has been in stasis due to the pandemic, but work is continuing on the backend. Old Learning Portal content is being moved to the Commons, including the Kaltura channel, hosted by Michigan State. More to come on that.
- The election for the next Executive Board is coming up.
- The Executive Board is conducting strategic planning to help support chapters that are already stretched thin with labor and activities.

Discussion about in-person vs. virtual national conference:

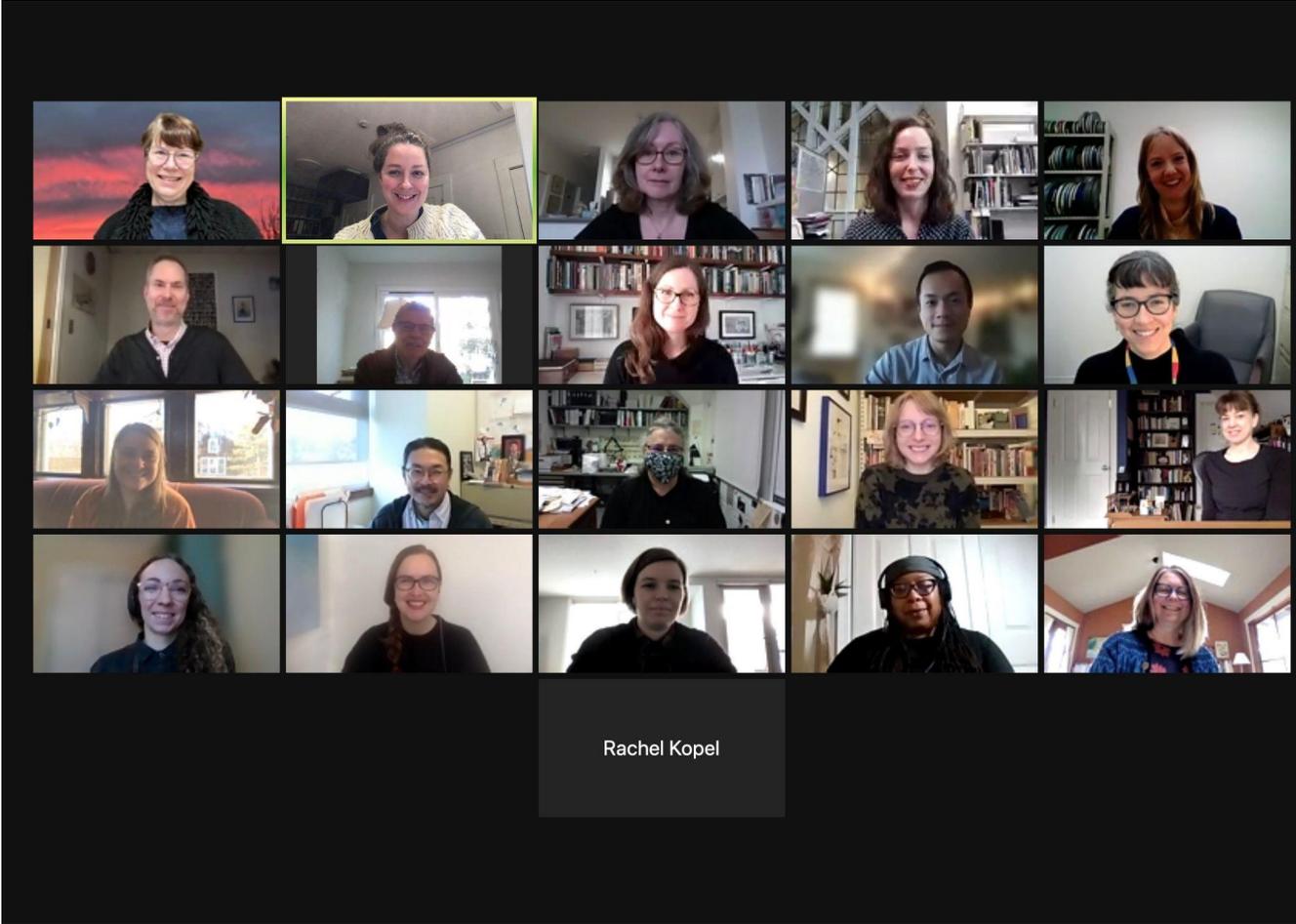
- Due to the climate emergency, the virtual option would reduce travel emissions.
- From an EDI lens, the virtual option enables broader accessibility.
- Perhaps ARLIS could consider alternating virtual and in-person conferences in the future?
- There is a desire for gathering together in-person after years of lack of connection.
- Extended early bird registration and cancellation options appreciated for those who need more flexibility in making the decision to participate.

National Awards Nominations:

- ARLIS Applauds Award (Sylvia Roberts): There is a call to recognize ARLIS members or groups who have contributed to the association in a significant way over the last year. More information about the award is [here](#).
 - Melva J. Dwyer Award (Amy Furness): Please nominate creators of exceptional reference or research tools relating to Canadian art and architecture for this award. More information about the award is [here](#).
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Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM PT.

Minutes submitted by Abigail Sebaly, ARLIS NW Secretary and Communications Officer.



Rachel Kopel