The Northwest chapter held an annual meeting virtually on December 18, 2013 via GoTo Meeting.

Leadership
2014 Chapter Executive Committee:
• Chair: Suzanne Rackover, Managing Librarian, Paul D. Fleck Library and Archives, The Banff Centre
• Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Traci Timmons, Librarian, Dorothy Stimson Bullitt Library, Seattle Art Museum
• Treasurer: D. Vanessa Kam, Acting Head Librarian, Music + Art + Architecture, University of British Columbia Library
• Secretary: Bronwyn Dorhofer, Access Services and Outreach Librarian, University of Oregon Portland Library & Learning Commons

Financials
We opened the fiscal year, November 1, 2012 with $4,525 US in bank, and closed fiscal year, October 31, 2013, with $4,938 for an increase of $413 USD. An exchange rate of 0.9996757 was used for October 31, 2012 opening balance and 0.9584705 for the October 31, 2013 closing balances (the source for the exchange rates was the Xe.com conversion website.)

Revenues:
701.80 CAD total revenues
• $177.50 in 2013 membership fees collected ($52.50 Cdn and $125 US)
  o 7 paid 2013 memberships, 9 members/affiliates in 2012, (which in turn was down from 21 members in 2011 and 30 members in 2010).
• $475 in meeting fees: ($435 US and $40 CDN)
• $49.30 in bank account and term deposit interest earned plus shares dividend

Expenses:
• $500 US for the ARLIS/NA 2013 conference travel award (awarded to Helen Harris) not yet cashed
• $42 US in bank service charges ($3/month x 14)
Memberships

- 2013: 10 members/affiliates
- 2012: 9 members/affiliates
- 2011: 22 members/affiliates

As of March 2014 we have 38 members listed on our roster, including 8 affiliates, 11 of which have paid their dues and 6 more payments pending. A priority will be to harmonize the roster with paid memberships.

Membership numbers: While our membership numbers have been in decline in recent years the current chapter executive have been actively recruiting members and seeking ways for members to more easily pay their membership fees. We have developed an online membership form and are currently working to set up a PayPal account so that all transactions can be completed electronically. We are particularly keen to increase our membership numbers in the build up to the 2016 annual conference in Seattle.

Chapter Priorities for 2014

With the acceptance of our proposal to host the ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in Seattle in 2016 our priority for the coming year will be to lay the groundwork and for the conference, including forming the complete conference planning committee, seeking locations, and establishing appropriate timelines. Alan Michelson, University of Washington and Traci Timmons, Seattle Art Museum will be taking the lead on conference planning in concert with members of the VRA Pacific Rim Chapter.

As the society works to rebrand itself via new communication and operational infrastructure the NW chapter executive has also discussed the possibility of rebranding the chapter. We felt that this should be a priority in light of our hosting the annual conference in 2016. A new logo, website and social media presence is something that will be discussed with the chapter at large but it is our hope to have a new online presence by year-end. A new website, with a strong social media presence, would allow us to feature the many professionals and collections in our region which would meet the ARLIS/NA goal of emphasizing our collections and stewardship role as professionals.

Bylaw revisions have also been discussed by the chapter executive. In particular, we feel that the language describing the election process should be updated as well as potentially adding a new executive position for communications, web and social media.