Annual Report 2015
ARLIS/NA MOQ (Montreal-Ottawa-Quebec)

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Membership and Activities
In order to continue to offer professional development awards and publish a first rate chapter newsletter/bulletin, we need to raise additional funds beyond what is possible through yearly membership fees. To this end we have been exploring the possibility of an online book sale. Generating revenue through the sale of items, however, may pose some difficulties given our uncertain status as a non-taxable entity. We have been in contact with Sylvia Roberts, the current Canadian Liaison for ARLIS/NA, but have not yet heard anything definitive back about the potential limitations imposed on our fundraising activities.

Annual Conference and ARLIS/NA Canada Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, March 21, 2015.
One ARLIS/NA MOQ member, Marie-Chantal L’Écuyer Coelho, attended the Annual Conference and shared her learnings with MOQ members on new initiatives she learned about: the Artists’ Files Revealed Online Directory, the Archive-It Project Pilot and the Book Art SIG blog. No contribution was made to ARLIS/NA for the 2015 Annual conference due to its earlier timing (same budget year as contribution to 2014 conference). However, a contribution was made in November 2015 towards the 2016 Annual Conference.

Spring meeting, May 29th, 2015, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.
Sixteen members attended the business meeting. Thanks to Cyndie Campbell and Philip Dombosky, members enjoyed a guided tour of the Library and Archives, National Gallery of Canada, followed after lunch by a tour of the Alex Colville show by one of the researchers who worked on the show and a curator’s tour of For the Record: Early Canadian Travel Photography. The day concluded with a self-guided tour of The Governor General’s Awards in Visual and Media Arts 2015.

Fall meeting, November 28, Montreal
The business meeting was held at the Bibliothèque centrale, Université du Québec à Montréal, with 23 members in attendance. Members were then invited to the Galerie UQAM,
where the artist Hank Bull presented his work in the exhibition Connexion. In the afternoon, the Director of the Centre de design, Börkur Bergmann, gave us a sneak preview of the exhibit Une architecture du Québec moderne, 1958-1974.

Awards
The Michelle Gauthier Travel Award (1000$CDN) was awarded to Marie-Chantal L’Écuyer Coelho, BAnQ, Québec, to attend the 2015 ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. The Daphne Dufresne Membership Award ($60 US) was awarded to Jessica Hébert, Artexte, for one-year ARLIS/NA registration. No students applied for the student membership award.

Communications
The chapter has a website, a Facebook page, a listserv and publishes the MOQDOC Bulletin twice annually to coincide with spring and fall meetings. The bulletin is distributed to all members. A PDF copy is also posted to the ARLIS/NA MOQ website. Several changes have been made to the chapter’s website in order to improve its usability, such as reorganizing file structures and simplifying access to specific pages. We have also switched listserv providers to take advantage of the listserv support provided by ARLIS/NA.

Finances
Total revenues for the chapter as of January 1, 2016 came to $ 2008.61. This amount includes membership and registration fees, as well as voluntary donations from members, and an exchange rate adjustment of $87.61.

The Chapter’s expenses came to $1896.18 during the same time period. The various professional development awards are by far our largest expense: $1116.13.

The current balance for the Chapter, as of January 01, 2016, is $1563.48.

Although we are not operating at a deficit, we do not have sufficient funds to offer the Michelle Gauthier Travel Award (1000$CDN) in 2016. The chapter is planning fundraising and membership activities, as well as considering ways of bringing down costs in the future.

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan
Goal I.B.1 Identify new membership and development opportunities to move the profession forward.

The chapter’s newly designed membership brochure, undertaken in collaboration with the Membership Committee was approved and printed in time for use at the following two recruitment events:

a. Career fair: The Chapter participated in a career fair for library school students and graduates organized jointly by McGill School of Information Studies and the Université de Montréal’s École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information. The fair took place on March 29, 2015 and the Chapter was represented throughout the day by Pamela Casey, Leah Ticktin, Jennifer Garland, Brain Mekis and Allen Reed. A total of 50 names of people interested in knowing more about the Chapter and ARLIS/NA were collected. These persons received a follow-up email and were informed about upcoming MOQ events.

b. CV Design Workshop: The workshop was held at Artexte on April 24, 2015. It was a bilingual event organized by Adèle Flannery, Jessica Hébert and Pamela Casey. Adèle prepared and gave the presentation, which focused on visual and design aspects of putting together a CV. It was followed-up by a group activity. Afterwards, Jessica gave those present a tour of Artexte. In return for the use of Artexte’s conference room, the Chapter agreed to post a professional promotion about Artexte on the arlismoq.ca website for 6 months. In total, 19 persons signed up for the workshop and 12 were present. The event
was bilingual, but most participants were francophone, so much of the presentation was given in French. The organizers felt this project was a success and could be repeated in the future.

The chapter will be participating in the Career fair again this spring and is planning to hold additional career development and networking workshops.

**Goal II.A.1 Encourage opportunities for early career professionals to serve on ARLIS/NA and chapter committees.**
The positions of president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary are all currently filled by young professionals. Chapter younger members – early career professionals and graduate students – contribute largely to MOQDOC’s editorial committee and content.

**Goal III.B.1 Identify organizations with common interest...**
Members of the chapter continue to try to make contact with former members of VRA Canada, and will continue to contribute to collaborative efforts such as the VRA’s Slide and Transitional Media Task Force and the SAH’s “Color Film Emergency Project – At Risk Images of the Built Environment.”