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Responsibilities:  
The Canadian Liaison acts as a liaison between the Canadian membership and the Executive Board. Also serves as Chair of the ARLIS/NA Canada Chapter; Chair of the Melva Dwyer Award Sub-Committee; and serves as liaison to the International Relations Committee and the Public Policy Committee.

Leadership update:  
ARLIS/NA Canada Executive 2017  
Chair: Jennifer Garland  
Secretary: Angelique Roy  
Atlantic Region Representative: Rebecca Young  
Montreal-Ottawa-Quebec Representative: Nancy Duff  
Ontario Representative: Margaret English  
Prairie Representative: Donna Bowman  
Northwest Representative: Suzanne Rackover  
Past Chair: Sylvia Roberts

Summary of activities:  
Executive Board meetings and workshops attended:  
- Annual conference, Seattle, WA: pre-conference (March 8, 2016) and post-conference (March 12, 2016) meetings  
- ARLIS/NA Leadership Institute (March 9, 2016)  
- Mid-year meeting, New Haven, CT (August 4-5, 2016)  
- Monthly online meetings

ARLIS/NA Canada Chapter meetings attended:  
- ARLIS/NA Canada annual meeting, Seattle, WA (March 9, 2016)  
- ARLIS/NA MOQ spring meeting, Quebec City, QC (June 3, 2016)

Committee meetings attended:  
- Annual conference, Seattle, WA: meetings of the International Relations Committee and the Public Policy Committee  
- Regular online meetings of the International Relations Committee, Public Policy Committee, Fair Use Task Force
2016 Highlights

ARLIS/NA Canada

- To ensure accurate and professional translation of all communication between the Canadian Liaison and the ARLIS/NA Canada membership, submitted a special funding request for translation services to support communication in English and French with members across Canada. Approved by the Board and budget line for translation created. [Strategic Direction: Diversity and Inclusion]

- Worked with the Board, the Membership Committee, and the IRC to discuss and approve reduced membership dues for non-US members and to establish Individual membership rates for Canadian and Mexican members that are determined by the average exchange rate of the previous year of those countries. [Strategic Direction: Diversity and Inclusion]

- To increase visibility and promote Canadian member engagement, convened the Canadian executive to discuss and vote on the decision to migrate the Canada website (arliscanada.ca) from its current host, the Banff Centre, to arlisna.org. With this move we benefit from central ARLIS tech support and future migration of content. The executive voted unanimously in favor. Margaret English has found a volunteer on her staff to undertake the migration to the new site in 2017. The CARLIS listserv will also be moving from current ARLIS software (SmarterMail) to L-Soft (as ARLIS-L) for moderator and archiving capability. [Strategic Direction: Organizational Advancement]

- Worked with the Chapters Liaison to clarify duties of the Chapters and Canadian Liaisons, respectively, resulting in edits to the Policy Manual for these two Board positions. [Strategic Direction: Organizational Advancement]

- History of Art Libraries in Canada (HAL publication): After an unanticipated delay, the recent graduate hired to create template designs, Josh Apostolopoulos, fully submitted a template design for the History of Art Libraries in Canada by December 2016. The project was formatted in InDesign, so will require a somewhat complicated and time-consuming workflow of transferring text and image material from the existing Word document essays. One significant issue is the inability to cut and paste text with embedded citations, so the endnotes will have to be recreated in the InDesign files. Editors Marsha Taichman and Allana Mayer have completed processing the first two submitted papers and are nearing completion of the final essay on OCAD University, authored by Daniel Payne. Final release date for the first three publications is anticipated by June 2017.– Report submitted by Daniel Payne. [Strategic Direction: Collections]

Melva Dwyer Award Sub-Committee

- Invited members representative of public, museum, and academic libraries, as well as English and French institutions from across Canada to serve on the 2017 jury: Marie-Chantal l’Écuyer-Coelho (BANQ: Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec), Jane Devine Mejia (Vancouver Art Gallery), and Effie Patelos (University of Waterloo).

- The call for nominations went out to ARLIS-L and CARLIS-L at the end of August. Posted to the website in September. Call also sent to select Canadian publisher agencies for distribution.

- The sub-committee met in January 2017 to discuss the 12 titles accepted for nomination; selected a winner which will be revealed at the New Orleans Membership Meeting in February and posted on ARLISNA.org.
International Relations Committee (see also IRC Annual Report)
Liaised with IRC to provide information and support from the Executive Board, including:

- A special funding request in the amount of $500 was granted by the EB as a donation to OKBN/ARLIS-NL in recognition of their contributions to the 2016 Netherlands study tour.
- The EB approved a request for a line item in the annual budget for a donation from the ARLIS/NA president to the head of the host organization(s) on behalf of the IRC. $500 was approved for that line in the 2017 budget. Developed the funding request form with the Treasurer which has been integrated into the IRC Study Tour checklist. [Strategic Direction: Organizational Advancement]
- The IRC request for reduced membership category for International members

Public Policy Committee (see also PPC Annual Report)
Liaised with PPC to provide information and support from the Executive Board in their activities, including:

- Open Access week memo that highlights creation of Fair Use and Open Access Task Forces; Art Doc’s green OA status; and the release of the Occasional papers as OA. Reviewed memo; contributed to discussions; and offered solutions to differing opinions re: green status of Art Documentation. This important feedback is now with the Open Access Task Force for discussion and proposed resolution. [Strategic Direction: Leadership and Advocacy]
- Fair Use / Fair Dealing Instruction Task Force: Participated in the preliminary meeting with Alex Watkins, and CAA Task Force on Fair Use leaders Pat Aufderheide and Janet Landay about possible avenues for collaboration with CAA and the Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for the Visual Arts. [Strategic Direction: Art Information Professionals]

Upcoming Issues for the Executive Board:
Public Policy Committee:
- That the Board release a statement opposing proposed government spending cuts to the NEA, NEH, and IMLS (pre-conference)

International Relations Committee:
- A [budget] request will be submitted to the EB to facilitate participation of an early-career librarian in future study tours. (post-conference)
- The IRC will actively partner with the EB and other groups to seek funding and to assist with grant proposals and any resulting programs to support international exchange (post-conference)