Canadian Liaison Annual Report 2018

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Areas of Responsibility

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 Advocacy and Public Policy Committee.

Canadian Liaison Activities

- Executive Board meetings: Monthly conference calls, annual conference (New York City February 24 & March 1, 2018) and mid-year meeting (Emory University, Atlanta, August 10 & 11, 2018).
- ARLIS Northwest Chapter Meeting: October 12, 2018, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington
- Monthly conference calls with the Advocacy & Public Policy Committee; Quarterly conference calls with International Relations Committee.

1. ARLIS/NA Canada

Melva J Dwyer award Subcommittee

The Chair of the award subcommittee is responsible for nominating the jury of art information professionals. An effort was made have representation on the jury from various regions of the country and types of libraries. The original jury had representatives from a large university, art and design school, and a special library. One jury member was unable to fulfill the commitment and so as chair I reached out to another art information professional from an art + design school:

- Carly Diab, Collections, Reference, and Instruction Librarian, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver
- John Latour, Subject & Reference Librarian–Fine Arts, Concordia University, Montreal
- Lelland Reed, Systems and Collections Librarian, NSCAD University, Halifax

Using the list compiled by the previous award chairs I sent our direct emails to appropriate publishers and lists within Canada and the United. The call was circulated in English and French. In response, we received 10 nominations. The jury will be meeting on March 4,
2019 to discuss and adjudicate. The winning book will be announced at the ARLIS/NA conference in Salt Lake City.

**Canadian Members on ARLIS/NA Committees**

The ARLIS/NA policy manual states that optimally each committee would have one Canadian member. Canadian representation on committees has increased from 2017 to 2018, with Canadian members on 10 of 16 committees however there are some key committees such as the APPC, Development, Nominating, and Membership committee which could benefit from Canadian representation.

**Canadian Members**

As of February 2019 ARLIS/NA has 109 Canadian members.

**ARLIS/NA Canada Website and Listserv**

With the invaluable assistance of Margaret English and Nicholas Westbridge, both of the University of Toronto, ARLIS Canada launched our new website: [http://canada.arlisna.org](http://canada.arlisna.org). This new WordPress based site will provide more flexibility to the chapter to share news, updates, and activities. The planned transition to the new ARLIS/NA listserv platform has been delayed but the goal is to complete it in 2019.

**Outstanding Projects**

*History of Art Libraries in Canada 2 (HAL 2.0)*

2. **International Relations Committee (IRC)**

*(See also the Annual Report of the IRC)*

Liaised between the IRC and Executive Board concerning:

- Continued support and implementation of the study tour scholarship
- Proposal for fundraising for the study tour scholarship
- Logistics for the Venice 2019 study tour
- Logistics for supporting ongoing donations to libraries in Cuba
- Proposal for a forthcoming virtual meeting with Redarte-SP

3. **Advocacy and Public Policy Committee (APPC)**

*(See also the Annual Report of the APPC)*

Liaised between the APPC and Executive Board concerning:

- Revision of the committee charge and name to better reflect the breadth and scope of the work performed by the committee
- Review of the recently drafted Advocacy policy in order to ensure that it expressed the advocacy goals of the Society
- Connected the APPC with the Academic Libraries division to support their work on the report on the state of Academic libraries