Annual Report 2018

Northwest Chapter

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Activities
The Chapter met twice in 2018: at the annual conference in New York and in Vancouver for the annual chapter meeting. Meeting minutes can be found here.

After the business meetings, the NW Chapter and VRA reconvened for a guest talk on decolonization efforts in GLAM with Kim Lawson from the Xwi7Xwa Library and Alissa Cherry from the Museum of Anthropology. In the afternoon we attended a Paddle Necklace Workshop and discussion on reconciliation with Aaron Nelson Moody. The main takeaways of the talk and workshop were to carefully consider the implications of access to indigenous knowledge, to be aware of the potential of creating more complex forms of racism in institutional decolonization efforts, and to recognize the benefits of focused listening activities.

Awards
Linden How received the travel award for the 2018 Conference in New York.

Carly Diab received an educational award from ARLIS National and used it to include a reconciliation workshop after our annual chapter meeting.

Membership
Membership decreased this year. We hope that bundled memberships help to solve this issue, but are looking into other ways of increasing numbers.

Plans
The next in-person meeting will take place at the ARLIS-NA Conference in Salt Lake City. The annual business meeting will take place in Seattle in the fall.