ARLIS/NA Canada
Annual Business Meeting Minutes/ Réunion D’Affaires Annuelle Minutes

Sunday, May 4, 2008, 9 :45 – 11 :00 a.m. / Dimanche le 4 mai 2008, 9h45 – 11h00

Chair: Marilyn Nasserden

Acting Secretary: Martha González Palacios

Present: Paula Farrar (Fine Arts, UBC), Yolanda Koscielski (student, UBC), Martha González Palacios (SFU), Alison Pattern (student, UWO), Janet Muise (CBC Toronto), Vanessa Kam (Fine Arts, UBC), Jill Patrick (OCAD), James Rout (Banff Centre), Daphne Dufresne (Montreal), Marilyn Berger (McGill University), Sheila Wallace (Emily Carr University), Lynne Woodruff (UVic), Melinda Reinhart (Concordia University), Marilyn Nasserden (University of Calgary), Liv Valmestad (University of Manitoba), Jonathan Franklin (National Gallery of Canada), Karen McKenzie (E.P. Taylor Research Library & Archives, Art Gallery of Ontario)

1. Welcome and introductions / Mot de bienvenue et de présentation
Marilyn Nasserden, Chair, ARLIS/NA Canada, and Canadian Representative, ARLIS/NA, called the meeting to order at 9:45 am and welcomed everyone in attendance. Introductions were made.

2. Adoption of the agenda / Adoption de l’ordre du jour
Moved by Sheila Wallace
Seconded by Jill Patrick
Carried: Agenda approved

3. Approve minutes of ARLIS/NA Canada members meeting April 30th, 2007 in Atlanta / Adoption du procès-verbal de la réunion des membres d’ARLIS/NA Canada du 30 avril 2007 à Atlanta.
Moved by Jill Patrick
Seconded by Vanessa Kam
Carried: Minutes approved

4. Business arising from the minutes / Suites au procès-verbal
None
5. Report from the chair / Compte rendu du président
   • ARLIS/NA Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
   • Mid-year ARLIS/NA Board meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 2007
   • ARLIS/NA MOQ Spring Meeting 2007 in Montréal, Friday 25 May 2007, Engineering, Computer Science and Visual Arts Complex (EV-Complex) Concordia University, 1515 Sainte-Catherine West, Montréal, Quebec; 9 :30 am – 4 :00 pm
   • ARLIS/NA Ontario 2007 Fall Meeting McMaster Art Museum & Bertrand Russell Archives, McMaster University, Hamilton, Friday, October 12th, 9 :00 am – 4 :00 pm.
   • ARLIS/NA Northwest Chapter Meeting, Seattle Art Museum, November 2-3, 2007

6. Local chapter reports / Rapports des sections locales

   A. Montréal/Ottawa/Québec Chapter
      Jonathan Franklin for Wolfgang Noethlichs
   B. Ontario Chapter
   C. Northwest
      Paula Farrar, vice-chair
      + 2007 Annual chapter meeting: Seattle, WA. It included a tour of several libraries at the University of Washington and the recently expanded Seattle Art Museum.
      + The 2008 chapter meeting will be held in Vancouver at UBC’s new Irving K Barber Learning Centre.
      + At the chapter meeting the following issues were discussed and will be presented to the membership at the next chapter meeting:
         o The number of applications for travel awards has been very low.
            Currently there are two $250 awards for the ARLIS/NA conference and two $100 for the chapter meeting. They will be changed to a single award of $500 and $200 respectively
         o Some clarification is needed in the wording of bylaws referring to when members lapse.

7. Regional representative reports / Rapports des représentants réginaux

   A. Atlantic Region / Région d l’Atlantique
      Now vacant
   B. Prairie Region / Région des prairies
      Liv Valmestad for Kenlyn Collins
      + Currently 4 members
      + Mary Lochhead (Architecture / Fine Arts and Music Libraries, University of Manitoba)

8. Upcoming conferences / Prochaines conférences


9. IFLA 2008 Quebec City August 10-14
   • Art Libraries Section Pre-conference August 6-8 Montréal
   • Website: www.artexte.ca/ifla2008/preconference.html
   • Theme: Art Documentation / Local Content / Global Context
   • Location: Centre d’archives de Montréal, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Musée d’art contemporain de Montréal, Canadian Centre for Architecture
   • Sponsors: ARLIS/NA MOQ (Montréal-Ottawa-Québec) in collaboration with IFLA Section of Art Libraries
   • Co-sponsors: Artexte, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Canadian Centre for Architecture, Musée d’art contemporain de Montréal, National Gallery of Canada Library and Archives
   • Early registration fee until 21 May 2008: CAD $150. Maximum: 60 participants.
   • Contacts: Sylvie Alix, Musée d’art contemporain de Montréal (sylvie.alix@macm.org) and Jo Nordley Beglo, National Gallery of Canada (jbeglo@gallery.ca)
   • Canada Chapter meeting on Friday, August 8, 2008 at 2 pm at McGill. Preceded by tour at CCA 10-12 am and lunch on your own 12-1 at one of many restaurants between CCA and McGill, and 1 pm McGill University Rare Book Division tour. There are a couple of tours of art galleries after meeting as well – on your own.
   • Liv Valmestad is organizing a tour of Quebec City
   • Secretary for ARLIS/NA Canada: Melinda Reinhart volunteered for this position. Approved by acclamation

10. Melva J. Dwyer Award / Prix Melva J. Dwyer
    • The 2007 Dwyer Jury expressed concern over the low number of nominations and suggested distributing the call for nominations more widely. I believe that in previous years the call for nominations mainly went out to ARLIS/NA members, through the parent and chapter lists. This year, I distributed the call for nominations more widely.
    • Call for nominations was sent out to arlis-l, carlis-l, and the MOQ, Ontario and Northwest Chapter lists as well as to 18 Canadian publishers listed on the Canadian publishers webpage: http://www.publishers.ca/membership-search.htm who appeared to publish some art and/or architecture books. One can search by the subject Art/Architecture and Education/Scholarly. Publishers contacted included: Arsenal Pulp Press, Banff Centre Press, Creative Book Publishing, Douglas & McIntyre, The Dundurn Group, Goose Lane Editions, The Heliconia Press, The Porcupine’s Quill, McGill-Queen’s University Press, Pacific Educational Press, P.D. Meany Publishers, University of Alberta Press, University of British Columbia Press, University of Calgary
• We received 6 nominations, 4 of which were from publishers and 2 from ARLIS colleagues. This is not significantly more than in previous years.

Another related suggestion was to publicize the winner more widely. At our Atlanta meeting, Jill Patrick suggested that an article announcing the award winners be submitted to Quill & Quire, and that a national Call for Submissions be placed in Q&Q as either a display ad or a classified ad. This wasn’t done this year. Shall we submit this year’s winner to Art Doc? Do we need to amend the Award guidelines to encourage broader call for nominations and publicity of winner?

• We need to take it upon ourselves to submit nominations for this award.

• The winner of this year's Melva J. Dwyer Award is:


Presented at Convocation on Friday, May 2nd, 2008 by Marilyn Nasserden. Award was accepted by Marilyn Berger on behalf of Philip Dombowsky and the National Gallery of Canada.

Thank you to the jury: Christine Sammon, Director, Library, Alberta College of Art & Design, Calgary AB; Élaine Bégin, Bibliothécaire de référence, Médiathèque, Musée d'art contemporain du Montréal, QC; and Liv Valmestad, Art Librarian, Architecture/Fine Arts Library, and Adjunct to the School of Art, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg MB.

11. Inclusion of Melva J. Dwyer Award in ARLIS/NA Awards Manual

• Inclusion in the Awards Committee to assist with promotion of the Dwyer Award

• Lynne Woodruff and Jill Patrick will be part of the jury

• Marilyn and Liv reviewed the manual and proposed the following changes:
  - Change "Canadian chair chooses chair" to "Canadian chair IS chair"
  - The chair of this committee will be a member of the committee the previous year to gain the experience necessary
  - The timeline was modified to align it with other awards:

  • May 15 - changes
  • July 15 0 budget request
  • September 15 draft
  • December 31 application
  • Feb 15 notifications

Karen McKenzie suggested to publicize the award with museums and galleries
Jill Patrick suggested we have more formal press release that can be distributed widely
12. ARLIS/NA Assessment Task Force Recommendations - Canadian Representative and ARLIS/NA Canada roles: update
   • ARLIS/NA Executive Board Canadian Member-at-large position vote passed along with other bylaw changes this winter
   • New International Relations Committee (IRC) Charge
   • Conference sessions in French and Spanish
   • Board and Publications Committee discussion regarding translator
     o Suggest that ARLIS/NA Canada creates a translator officer position and appoints someone to translate chair reports, chapter minutes, etc. Make motion to create this position and ask for volunteers?
     o Suggest that special funding requests are used to translate important Society documents into both French and Spanish for website, such as bylaws
     o Could also suggest other languages for promotional materials developed together with Membership Committee with special funding request
   • Jill Patrick requested that the ARLIS/NA board should reconsider the multilingual issue, adding that it is unacceptable to not have formal translation process in place. This sentiment was echoed by many others at the meeting
   • **ACTION:** Liv Valmestad will bring this issue back to the board

13. ARLIS/NA Canada Web Site Report (James Rout)
   • July 2007 moved chapter web site to new more-stable server
   • Problem with transfer of diacritics
   • I will also try to find out if the parent ARLIS/NA is in a position yet to try hosting a chapter website on Memberclicks. There were so many problems/delays in implementing Memberclicks that I almost hate to ask. I did ask about the French/English nature of our website and that the answer was that we would need to do two websites - one in each language.
   • **ACTION:** Melinda Reinhart offered to proof read and add diacritics to text in French

14. Colin S. MacDonald’s Dictionary of Canadian artists
Jonathan Franklin – A grant was received to complete this dictionary, currently missing artists from S-Z. Existing entries for artists in English will be scanned and added to CHIN.
   **ACTION:** Submit this information for the news section on the ARLIS/NA website

15. ARLIS/NA Update and chapter news: reminder / ARLIS/NA Update et nouvelles des sections : rappel

16. Introduce and pass chair on to Liv Valmestad
Liv extended an invitation to all members to approach her and talk to her about any issues.
17. Other business / Sujets divers
Karen McKenzie introduced a few members from the Western New York Chapter. They expressed their support for the Toronto conference in 2012.

18. Adjournment / Levée de la séance
Jonathan Franklin extended our appreciation and thanks to Marilyn for all her work this past year as outgoing chair. Liv Valmestad adjourned at 11:05 am.