

MINUTES
ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter Meeting
Arts and Letters Club, Toronto
Friday, 26 May 2000

Members in attendance:

Lynn Burry	Independent
Linda Barnett	CBC
Amy Marshall	AGO
Randall Speller	AGO
Larry Pfaff	AGO
Jim Forrester	OCAD
Jill Patrick	OCAD
Irene Puchalski	OCAD
Margaret Brennan	Independent
Michele Laing	University of Waterloo
Margaret English	Toronto Reference Library
Anne Sutherland	Toronto Reference Library
Linda Morita	McMichael Gallery
Pat Wilson	Brock University
Vivien Taylor	Queen's University
Catherine Spence	University of Toronto
Andrea Retfalvi	University of Toronto
Janine Butler	Art Gallery of Windsor
Mary Williamson	Retired

Prior to the start of the meeting, M. Williamson commented upon the recent passing of Alan Suddon, Head of the Fine Arts Department, Metro Toronto Reference Library, from 1958 until his retirement. Mr. Suddon was responsible for building some remarkable collections for the library, particularly in his area of speciality – costume design. Other members contributed their memories or stories about Mr. Suddon.

Business Meeting

1. Spelling mistakes in the minutes of the November 4, 1999 Fall meeting were corrected. The amended minutes were approved as read (R. Speller – I. Puchalski).
Business Arising: The proposal for the development of a Canadian Contemporary Art Directory was not approved at the last ARLIS/Canada meeting.

2. **ARLIS/NA Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh:**
 - 2 J. Patrick described the two gift baskets given by the Ontario and MOQ Chapters for auction. Between \$8-9,000. was raised for the internship award. A. Marshall was the first recipient of the ARLIS/Ont. Travel award. She briefly commented upon her impressions of the conference. J. Patrick stated that \$891.61 was raised from the book sale – almost enough for two \$500. travel awards.

3. **2001 ARLIS/NA Conference in Los Angeles:**

The conference is scheduled for March 29 – April 4, 2001 with the theme “2001: *An LA Odyssey*” (<http://orpheus-1.ucsd.edu/cs/arlis2001/>)

The Ontario Chapter will again be raising money and hopes to be able to make two awards. The David Mirvish Travel Award is also worth \$500. Members were encouraged to apply for travel awards to attend the conference. ARLIS/NA Executive has taken complaints about the high cost of accommodation to heart and will explore the possibility of posting cheaper, alternatives to the designated conference hotel.

4. **(Interim) Treasurer’s Report:**

M. English acted as Interim Treasurer and provided a financial statement for the period January 1 – May 26, 2000. The Chapter is in a sound financial position.

I. Puchalski is the sole candidate running for the position of Treasurer.

5. **2000 Executive:**

C. Goldsmith requested a list of the Executive. They are:

Margaret English – Chair

Lynda Barnett – Past Chair

Amy Marshall – Vice-Chair

Irene Puchalski – Treasurer

Michele Laing – Secretary

Randall Speller, Margaret Brennan – Membership

6. **Amendment to Chapter Bylaws:**

J. Patrick explained that the Chapter currently has more positions in practice than we do on paper. This resulted from splitting the position of Secretary-Treasurer and creating a Membership Secretary and Publications Editor(s). J. Patrick proposed an amendment to formalize what we actually do and distributed a revised version of the Bylaws outlining positions and terms of office.

Action: *Members are asked to provide feedback to J. Patrick in to be prepared to vote on the amendment at the Fall 2000 meeting.*

The question arose of whether the positions of *Grapevine* Editor and Membership Secretary should be part of the Executive. This is not the case at MOQ and some similar organizations. A possibility mentioned by V. Taylor, is to make them renewable, fixed term appointments rather than elected positions and allows for their participation on the Board.

Action: *J. Patrick will look at by-laws of more established groups to see how these positions work.*

7. **Nominating Committee:**

Members of the Nominating Committee are L. Pfaff and R. Speller. Jane Rhodes will be asked if she would like to join. Open positions are Membership Secretary and Secretary. The Committee will bring forward names for election at the fall meeting.

8. Fall 2000 Meeting – U of T

The meeting will take place on October 20-21, 2000. MOQ is not available to meet with us but individual members may be able to attend. The planning committee has been enlarged to include A. Marshall, M. English, and C. Spence in addition to L. Pfaff, A. Retfalvi, and Peggy Haist.

Programming and tours were suggested and discussed but no plans were finalized. To encourage members to attend and overnight, there must be sufficient programming or a workshop scheduled for Saturday. Various members of the committee will pursue the possibility of speakers, dinner venues, and side tours.

9. ARLIS/Ont. Travel Award:

Our goal is to offer two awards next year. To accomplish this we need to raise at least \$600. Guidelines/procedures, plus an application form, must be in approved and in place in time for the receipt of applications in

December/January 2001. A selection committee also needs to be established.

Action: *J. Patrick, L. Barnett, and A. Marshall will work on the guidelines/procedures.*

The book sale brought in over \$800. J. Patrick expressed reservations about using ARLIS-L for this purpose. Other options, such as E-Bay, were discussed. Members were urged to begin looking for books that might be offered for sale this year.

10. ARLIS/Ont. Publication Fundraiser:

M. Williamson was asked to contribute a “Canadian” recipe booklet for the Chapter gift basket auctioned at the ARLIS/NA conference in March. She made extra copies and sold the complete run, giving the proceeds to the Chapter. We need to explore other fundraising endeavours/events, e.g. a silent auction.

Action: *Members should put on their thinking caps and bring forward new methods of raising money at the next meeting.*

11. CARLIS Newsletter:

There has been an ongoing discussion on CARLIS-L regarding the future of this newsletter, started about 25 – 30 years ago by Melva Dwyer. Electronic format might be the best method for members to communicate and to disseminate information. James Rout (Banff Centre) is mounting a website for ARLIS/Canada to which links could be made to Chapter information. We need to consider how we can contribute to the record of Canadian art history. This might be a topic of conversation with Carole Goldsmith at the fall meeting.

Grapevine: L. Bell no longer wishes to continue as editor. A committee should be established at a later date to examine communication among Chapter members.

Action: *As an interim measure, R. Speller will collect information sent to him and issue a report at the fall meeting on what he's received.*

12. Other Business:

ARLIS needs to raise its profile among Library Science students and encourage them to join the Chapter stated A. Marshall. She also thinks that the ARLIS/NA Internship Award of US\$1,000. for new librarians is too small to encourage applications. Other topics discussed included the fate of the Concourse Building in Toronto and J. Forrester's recent trip to the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Meeting adjourned.