

## **ARLIS/NA Ontario Fall Meeting Minutes**

### **Friday October 29, 2004, Douglas Library, Kingston, Ontario**

Present: Daniel Payne, Mary Kandiuk, Catherine Spence, Hildegard Lindschinger, Lynda Barnett, Ingrid Haare, Mary Williamson, Randall Speller, Margaret English, Jonathan Franklin, Barb Duff, Irene Puchalski, Margaret Spence, Lucinda Walls, Robert Fabbro, Eric Schwab, Jim Forrester

#### **Introduction**

Daniel Payne welcomed everyone and thanked Lucinda Walls for all her work in planning a very full and informative day.

#### **Approval of agenda**

After the addition of the financial statement , Randall Speller moved the agenda be accepted. Jim Forrester seconded the motion.

#### **Approval of the Minutes from Spring 2004 meeting**

Lucinda Walls moved to accept the minutes and Randall Speller seconded the motion.

#### **Jonathan Franklin, Canadian Representative to ARLIS/NA**

Jonathan congratulated ARLIS/Ontario on successfully obtaining ARLIS/NA funding for a joint meeting with ARLIS/Western New York in the Spring. Daniel asked if there was a possibility that the special funding go to the Chapter for allocating. Most of our funding will probably go to a special speaker but now that the ferry is cancelled it will cost more for the Western New York people to travel here. Jonathan didn't think this would happen but reported that there is a special committee looking into the Special Funding Guidelines with the aim of clarifying the restriction on use of money for travel expenses and honorariums for speakers or special guests.

Jonathan reported that the 2004 New York Annual Conference was a success with over 800 attendees, including 30 Canadians.

The 2005 Houston Annual Conference is up on the ARLIS/Texas/Mexico web site and includes a preliminary programme.

The planning for the 2006 Banff conference is just getting underway. It will be in the second week of May. Daniel asked how we can help and Jonathan said our help will be needed in the area of fundraising, our presence as volunteers at the conference and there is always the

contribution to the welcoming party. He reported that Jill is helping work on the preliminary programme.

He reported that the long overdue re-design of the ARLIS/NA web site will make it more useful.

The ARLIS/Canada site is now bilingual and has the added feature of making it possible for Jonathan to update material directly to the site from Ottawa.

There were some questions from Margaret Webster of the board designed to give the National Society a snapshot of Chapters across the nations.

They follow:

Is the Chapter incorporated? Does the Chapter have liability insurance? Our answers to both questions were negative. Hildegard Lindschinger asked if the National group or any of the other Chapters had insurance. Jonathan thinks not.

Mary Williamson asked if there had been any reaction to the ARLIS political statement about the war in Iraq. Jonathan didn't think so.

Barb Duff moved to accept Jonathan's report and Robert Fabbro seconded it.

### **Financial Report**

Catherine Spence handed out copies of the financial Interim Statement for the period April 28 to October. She said there would be a slight adjustment from the Spring Meeting (possibly a GST rebate because the lunch was paid for through the University). There were no questions about the report.

Daniel asked if we should be using our healthy bank account for any projects. Mary Williamson wondered if the travel award should be increased to encourage more people to go to Houston. Two awards were given for New York but that was because one wasn't given out the preceding year and wasn't meant to be maintained in the future.

Catherine wondered if some of the money should be transferred into a higher interest paying fund. Irene Puchalski suggested we keep the money earmarked for helping the Banff conference in such an investment. Catherine will investigate investment possibilities and advise the membership by e-mail. It would be best to agree on something before the Spring Meeting, so we will take a consensus via e-mail.

### **Fundraising**

Daniel asked for ideas from the members. Margaret English suggested the Spring meeting have a gardening theme including a plant/seed sale. Ingrid thought this should include art as well because our American guests cannot take plants over the border. Daniel thought we could add books

and tools as well and possibly a tour to Allen Gardens to see the reconstructed University of Toronto greenhouse.

It was debated whether our annual December silent auction should be held in Toronto again or whether it should be part of a scheduled meeting. It was agreed that the December event has been very successful and should be repeated. Margaret English commented that the likelihood of attracting FIS students from U of T to an event would be more successful if the venue was in Toronto. Hildegard asked if there was a pub-like setting anywhere at U of T for such an event. Mary Williamson suggested Massey College but there is a fee for bartenders & alcohol at U of T facilities. Daniel offered to explore the possibility of OCAD again and Randall offered his home. It was left to make the final decision via e-mail. It was suggested that the auction be for more than books & perhaps a raffle could be held on items.

### **ARLIS Ontario Meeting Spring 2005**

Daniel has booked a room at OCAD for the Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. The bulk of the activities will be on the Friday and the activities will end Saturday at noon. Ingrid suggested that the workshops be on Friday and the tours on Saturday.

However, the Victoria Day weekend was deemed to be unacceptable. The week after will be "Doors Open", so the week before May 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> was considered the best alternative. Daniel will check on the availability of rooms at OCAD for this new date.

"The New City & How it Functions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" was suggested as a theme. Ideas for speakers were called for. Daniel thought Bruce Mau or someone from the firm would be a good tie into the Bruce Mau show that will be at the AGO at that time. His fee would be \$500.00.

A brainstorming session for alternative speakers followed. An architectural critic, politician, or an artist to get their take on the "built environment" were considered. Jim Forrester said that 2005 has been declared "Arts Year" by the mayor. Mary Kandiuk suggested David Miller, John Sewell or Jane Jacobs. The names of John Bentley Mays, Douglas Richardson, and Peter Caldwell were all considered. It was decided that these people be approached and that the honorarium be \$150.00. We can hope that they may donate their time.

A working committee of Randall Speller, Daniel Payne, Mary Williamson, Margaret English, Eric Schwab and Irene Puchalski was formed to go over the programme and accommodations etc.

Jonathan suggested that the Western New York chapter be asked to do one session.

A proposal was made that the Fall 2005 meeting be held in Cambridge, Ontario where Waterloo U's Architecture Library has moved, but we need to check with Michele Laing about the feasibility of the visit.

The meeting at York University, Spring 2006 timing was discussed. It should be after classes have ended but shouldn't interfere with ARLIS/NA in Banff.

### **Travel Awards**

The committee of Mary Kandiuk, Randall Speller and Lynda Barnett will stand. A discussion followed about the amount of the award for Houston. We do want a Canadian presence there. Should it be more or less than New York?; should there be two again?; are we going to increase it every year? We decided to have just one award and that it should be for \$750.00.

### **Projects**

Margaret English offered to send an e-mail to all U of T FIS and Fine Art students about our December fundraising auction and about the spring joint meeting. Every member should take on the task of informing the students they work with about our events.

It was decided that we don't need an ARLIS-L Ontario list serve and Jonathan & Irene encouraged us to use CARLIS-L to publicize events. Mary Kandiuk said that people need to be reminded about CARLIS-L. Mary Williamson asked if the ARLIS/On site was being updated. Hildegard suggested that meeting information should be there and perhaps the newsletter should be added as well.

Mary asked about the History of Art Libraries project, that it should be completed for the Banff annual conference. Jonathan said they were still looking for funding and that the extremely high quotation for publication is because of the translation costs.

### **New Chapter Officers**

Hildegard asked if it was normal protocol to strike a nominating committee or if nominations can be taken from the floor. It was decided to put it to the members present. Randall offered to take on the Recording Secretary office (2 years), Catherine Spence agreed to stay on as Treasurer but needs help with the membership development side. Daniel offered to help with this. There were no volunteers from those present to take on the Vice Chair position. Both Hildegard and Daniel encouraged people to run because it has been a good experience and next year will be particularly exciting.

It was decided that Daniel will personally approach candidates rather than form a committee and the membership will vote via e-mail.

Eric Schwab will take over the web site administration as of January. Daniel agreed to continue producing the newsletter and Catherine offered to help.

Daniel moved to adjourn the meeting and Lynda Barnett seconded the motion.