

ARLIS/NA Ontario Spring Meeting Minutes

Friday May 14, 2004, Rodman Hall, St. Catharines, Ontario

Present: Daniel Payne (Chair), Mary Kandiuk (Recording Secretary for this meeting), Randall Speller, Karen McKenzie, Linda Morita, Janet Muise, Hildegard Lindschinger, Jonathan Franklin, Jim Forrester, Dustin Faraco, Eric Schwab, Andrea Retfalvi, Margaret English, Daina Leja, Robert Fabbro, Beth MacEachen, Angelo Rao, Catherine Spence, Barb Duff, Jill Patrick, Lesley Bell

1. Introduction

Daniel Payne expressed thanks to Lesley Bell for organizing a wonderful day. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of agenda

It was moved by Randall Speller, seconded by Karen McKenzie that the agenda be approved. The motion was passed.

3. Approval of minutes October 2003 meeting

Hildegard Lindschinger requested that her name be corrected. It was moved by Eric Schwab and seconded by Randall Speller that the minutes of the October 2003 meeting be approved. The motion was passed.

4. Report from ARLIS/NA New York Conference

Daniel Payne distributed copies of the latest issue (Spring 2004, vol. 2, issue 2) of the ARLIS/NA Ontario newsletter in which copies of the conference reports written by Margaret English and Karen McKenzie were published. Margaret and Karen both expressed thanks to the Chapter for the Ontario travel awards. Margaret indicated that she was looking forward to the Banff Conference and was hoping for a strong turnout. Karen expressed the need to do more fundraising so that more members could attend.

5. Communications

Daniel Payne requested feedback regarding the newsletter. There was general agreement that it was working well. Daniel indicated he would like to see more content and would like some assistance. It was suggested that members could provide a brief report on their own institutions prior to the meeting. This would allow us to focus on those institutions where something interesting is happening. The deadline would need to be set now. Randall Speller offered to assist. There was discussion regarding setting up an ARLIS/NA Ontario discussion list. Jonathan Franklin queried why we don't use CARLIS-L more. It was mentioned that ARLIS/NA MOQ uses Yahoo Groups. The idea of a communications

committee was raised which would ensure continuity. It was moved by Hildegard Lindschinger and seconded by Janet Muise that the current editor, Randall Speller and a third volunteer form a newsletter team and that the newsletter would be produced two times a year. The motion was passed. There was general discussion around the activities of the committee including developing a roster, using the newsletter to centre our meetings before they are held, informing members regarding events and news relating to the meeting, and the scheduling of themes relating to where meetings are held.

Mary Kandiuk raised the issue of the Chapter website and the need to have it maintained by a member of the Executive. It was suggested that the position of Webmaster be a member of the Executive. Mary Kandiuk agreed to continue being responsible for the website to the end of 2004. Eric Schwab volunteered to assume responsibility for it in 2005. Margaret English raised the issue of the posting of photographs on the Chapter website and the need to request permission for close-ups and to remove captions for group shots. It was agreed that names would be removed from the photographs. Jonathan Franklin indicated that chapters would continue to be allowed to be responsible for their own websites and confirmed that ARLIS/NA does not have a set of standards for websites. Eric agreed to investigate Yahoo Groups and report back to the Chair. The Chair agreed to send future e-mails in a more readable form

6. Membership

There was discussion around how to recruit student members and the possibility of having an honorary membership for students. Some suggestions proffered were: contacting library schools to determine who is interested in art librarianship, offering a free meeting registration and the need to advertise through word of mouth. Catherine Spence agreed to advertise the next meeting. It was agreed that we would offer two free meeting registrations to the first two individuals expressing an interest. Karen McKenzie suggested that those who are interested in membership matters should form a group. It was moved by Randall Speller and seconded by Lesley Bell that a group be formed. The motion was passed. Catherine Spence agreed to follow up on this suggestion.

7. Financial Report

Catherine Spence distributed her financial report and spoke to it. It was mentioned that there had been two travel awards this past year as well unanticipated costs relating to the fall 2003 meeting, namely docents for the ROM event as well as coffee, tea, service charge and GST for the lunch. However the fundraiser did raise substantial monies. Karen McKenzie moved to pass the financial report. This was seconded by Angelo Rao. The motion was passed.

8. Fundraising

It was generally agreed that the Silent Auction is a successful means of raising funds and should continue. It was suggested that there be a better assortment of auction items – fewer books, items such as food, etc. It was raised that it would be helpful if businesses could donate. Margaret English raised the possibility of new initiatives such as a spring garden party. Hildegard Lindschinger asked if the Silent Auction could be made part of a meeting. It was pointed out that the web postings did not generate additional funds and did not warrant the additional effort. Margaret English offered to coordinate a spring fundraiser.

9. Jonathan Franklin, ARLIS Canada Representative

Jonathan Franklin reported that the New York Conference proceedings would be posted on the ARLIS/NA website. The 2005 Conference will be held in Houston, Texas in mid-April. Proposals can be submitted online until May 31. He mentioned that May 31 is also the deadline for applications for funding for special projects. Up to \$500 US can be requested for joint Chapter meetings. The 2006 Banff Conference will be held in mid-May. It looks as if it will be a very strong program and needs support from across Canada.

Jonathan also spoke to the issue of ARLIS/NA and Chapter relations, specifically what is its legal relationship with its constituents. There are issues of liability, insurance, tax status (of US chapters), by-laws, trademark (non-US chapters). Karen McKenzie urged greater participation in ARLIS/NA from Canadian members-at-large.

10. Upcoming meetings

It was reported that the next meeting, arranged by Lucinda Wallis, would be held at the **Agnes Etherington Art Centre at Queen's University on October 29**. The Chair indicated that he was exploring the possibility of a joint meeting to be held with the ARLIS/NA New York Chapter and that he would investigate the possibility of applying for special project funding from ARLIS/NA for this meeting. It was moved by Karen McKenzie and seconded by Randall Speller that the Spring 2005 meeting with ARLIS/NA Western New York be held at OCAD. The motion was passed. The Fall 2005 meeting is scheduled to be held in Cambridge. The Spring 2006 meeting is scheduled to be held at York University in Toronto.

11. Other business

Karen McKenzie suggested that ARLIS/NA Ontario investigate hosting the annual ARLIS/NA Conference. 2008 and 2009 were suggested as possible years.

Adjournment

It was moved by Jill Patrick and seconded by Robert Fabbro that the meeting be adjourned.