

ARLIS ONTARIO CHAPTER MEETING
Friday April 27, 2007
GRIMSBY, ONTARIO

Those Present: Irene Pulchalski, Jim Forrester, Robert Fabbro, Janet Muise, Daniel Payne, Shanna Salzberg (student), Kalan Greenwood (student), Mary Kandiuk, Catherine Spence, Heather Saunders (student), Geoff Piersol, Eric Schwab, Lesley Bell

We were welcomed by Robert Gibson, Grimsby resident and member of the Grimsby Historical Society, who described the history and the current activities in this refurbished Carnegie Library. The new town Library is next door in a building adjoining the Grimsby Public Art Gallery.

1. Welcome and opening remarks, Janet Muise, Chair

Special welcome and introduction of three library students in attendance, Heather Saunders, Shanna Saltzberg and in particular Kalan Greenwood who has stepped in as the position of Student Rep on the ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter.

2. Approval of Agenda, Spring 2007

Changes: Eric Schwab was asked to make a quick report about the VRA conference in Kansas City.

Motion to approve agenda: Lynda Barnett

Seconded: Daniel Payne

APPROVED

3. Approval of Minutes of Fall 2006, Buffalo

Motion to approve minutes: Irene Pulchaski

Seconded: Eric Schwab

APPROVED

4. Nominating committee report, Lynda Barnett, Chair

Election of Vice Chair and Student Representative

The terms are assumed to have already started in January 2007, as there was no opportunity to hold elections during the Fall meeting, 2006.

Kalan Greenwood, student representative nominee introduced herself.

Lesley Bell, Vice Chair nominee introduced herself.

Both candidates were acclaimed.

5. Bylaw changes, Janet Muise

Chapter positions of Secretary and Treasurer are separate and this should be reflected in our by-laws and on our website. The secretary may do the update and forward them to Eric, the Web administrator. Both terms run for two years, and are renewed together.

6. Treasurers report, Robert Fabbro

Two reports were circulated:

Statement for period January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Statement for period January 1, 2007 – March 30, 2007

Discussion on membership subsidy:

- whether to subsidize membership dues of Executive officers so that they may be full members in ARLIS/NA. It was noted that we have passed this issue before, but only in terms of full subsidy for the current Chair.
- whether to subsidize all other Executive officers to the value of half the costs of full membership.
- whether full membership can be offered to student representatives in the future (it is worth half a regular membership).

VOTE: to subsidize each member of the Executive up to half the cost of annual dues to ARLIS/NA, if the individual member requires this subsidy.

PASSED

VOTE: to subsidize student members but consider full subsidy on an individual basis.

PASSED, 2 abstentions

Other financial issues:

a/ Fundraising is still necessary, is necessary more than ever.

b/ Chapter dues: the Executive decided that in 2008 Affiliate dues will be \$25.00 annually, and Member dues will be \$20.00

c/ Idea of offering a travel grant for the chair, who should attend the conference, however more funds are needed. TABLED for future discussion

7. Director and Officers Liability insurance, Janet Muise

The Chapter has voted to affiliate with ARLIS/NA, and this raises new issues. Janet talked with the Law Society and was referred to a lawyer whose specialty is volunteer and non-profit organizations. The initial consultation was a free service. The lawyer briefly reviewed our Chapter's liabilities. She can offer more full legal advice if we engage her services.

a/ To consider:

- 'Volunteer Canada': if we join this organization for \$100 we may obtain group liability coverage through them (there is a movement afoot in this organization)
- We could share legal expenses with ARLIS/MOQ. The lawyer is willing to divide her services across different groups.

b/ To consider -- insurance premiums are ongoing annual payments. The legal advice is a one-time expense. Janet will have more information by next week. The Executive will meet about this information before July. There is nothing to vote on at this time.

8. Membership committee, Daniel Payne and Tammy Morse:

Thought has been given to building membership through value-added services. For example, in October 2006 when ARTstor did a sweep through Southwestern Ontario, the workshop was opened up to ARLIS Ontario. No one attended from the Chapter, however.

Daniel proposed two changes: that the student rep will be part of the membership committee and so help in the fundraising activities as well.

Motion to approve this change: Daniel Payne
APPROVED

9. Student rep report, Lawrence Stewart, past rep [report as read by Chair]

“As ARLIS Student Representative I made a presentation about membership in ARLIS Ontario at an informal lunchtime event whose purpose was to inform students in the University of Toronto Faculty of Information Science, first and second year, part time and full time about the many professional organizations that exist for students to join. As ARLIS Student Rep, I also had the opportunity to organize tours of Art Libraries for other FIS students and invite speakers to talk on the profession and topics of Art Librarianship

Busy with my studies, I missed the spring ARLIS Ontario Chapter meeting at York University. I heard from my predecessor how much fun she had at the event and so I was determined not to miss out on the next meeting. I made plans to attend the joint fall meeting in Buffalo with the Western New York chapter of ARLIS NA. I found this to be a most enjoyable and educational event.

It was also my first opportunity to attend a meeting as ARLIS student representative. I had a great dinner with some great people, enjoyed a talk on “Frank Lloyd Wright’s Darwin Martin House and Wright’s Impact on Architecture in Buffalo” by Prof. Jack Quinan; a very informative tour of the Darwin Martin house as it was undergoing restoration; a reception at the Albright Knox Gallery Library; another great dinner and a morning of architectural sightseeing in the Downtown Buffalo area. All of this despite sleet, rain and fallen trees...

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as ARLIS Student Rep for the Ontario Chapter. There are many things that have been accomplished this past year in the position of Student Representative, and there are many more things that can be done. I wish my successor the best of luck and encourage them to take advantage of the opportunities presented by this position.

My thanks go to the Executive of ARLIS Ontario Chapter for their support and mentorship. I look forward to running into them at some time in the future when I am established in the profession.”

Outgoing ARLIS Ontario Student Rep, Lawrence Stewart.

10. Visual Resources Association Annual Conference report: Eric Schwab

This conference in Kansas City celebrated the organization’s 25th Anniversary. The VRA is considering establishing a chapter in Canada, making it the first VRA chapter outside of the United States. There will be a VRA conference in Toronto in 2009. Several ARLIS Ontario members are members of the VRA and have agreed to assist with plans for the conference. Eric has been asked to sit on the VRA Board, as well.

Both Lesley and Eric are involved and Janet requested that in light of discussions around collaboration between ARLIS and VRA they both report to the executive and membership when these possibilities arise.

10. Chapter activities, Janet Muise (Lesley did I mention this at all?)

The Chair suggested that we plan to do spontaneous and smaller gatherings around particular events happening in our own institutions as well as other galleries, libraries, schools. She gave an example: « Shakespeare made in Canada » taking place in Guelph in May.

11. Archives Committee, Daniel Payne

The committee needs to meet to talk about what should be kept, legally and for posterity. The archive material held by Jill Patrick was kept in good order and was passed temporarily to Janet Muise. Heather Saunders is now the Chair of this committee.

12. ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter Logo, Janet Muise

This item is deferred for the next meeting

13. Fall meeting, Lesley Bell

At a previous meeting the members expressed an interest in having a meeting in Hamilton. We are actively looking into arranging a meeting for fall 2007 in the Art Gallery of Hamilton and the Dundas Valley School of Art.

The Art Gallery of Hamilton Library and Archives is the result of an idea that came in part from ARLIS Ontario members and so the visit would be interesting for all. We have contacts for Dundas Valley as well, so this possibility will be pursued.