

**ARLIS ONTARIO
SPRING MEETING 2009
24 APRIL 2009
ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM**

Those Present:

Margaret English [Chair], Catherine Spence, Peggy Haist, Laine Gabel, Irene Puchalski, Lesley Bell, Tammy Moose, Geoff Piersol, Karen McKenzie, Jill Patrick, Maureen Carter, Robert Fabbro, Jim Forrester, Mary Kandiuk, Mary Williamson, Lucinda Walls, Barb Duff, Ingrid Haase, Pearl Santopinto, Joan Parsons, Arthur Smith, Margaret Spence, Daina Leja, and guests (9)

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER: (Margaret English, Chair)

Welcome and thanks to Arthur Smith, Head, Main Library and Archives and Jack Howard, Librarian, H.H. Mu Far Eastern Library for hosting this event at the Royal Ontario Museum. We gathered socially in the Sackler Reading Room, of the Library and Archives. Our meeting was held in a nearby classroom and began with a roundtable introduction. There were many new faces, many students.

Also present: Liv Valmestad, ARLIS Canadian Representative.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A MOTION to approve the agenda was proposed by Jill Patrick, and seconded by Peggy Haist. Approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the meeting, 31 October, 2008, University of Toronto, were distributed and reviewed.

A MOTION to approve the minutes as written was proposed by Jim Forrester, seconded by Irene Puchalski. Approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer [Tammy Moose] distributed and discussed the current budget.

A MOTION to approve the budget as presented was proposed by Margaret English, seconded by Lesley Bell.

Travel Award Committee Report:

Chair Geoff Piersol reported that no one applied for the Travel Award this year. The \$750.00 is retained.

The Chair commented that our entrance fees for our meetings might constitute fundraising and invited ideas for a fundraising event.

Karen McKenzie advised the Chapter of the need to keep the contingency fund off-limits, as monies will be needed in the future for the ARLIS/NA Conference in 2012.

ELECTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The Chair extended our sincere thanks to Laine Gabel who has served as the Student Representative for the past year. She has enthusiastically promoted the Chapter and brought students to meetings – she has made a significant contribution to growth and change in the Chapter as well.

Two students stood as nominees for the position: Amanda LeClerc, whose focus is Library Science and Margot Whitfield who is enrolled in Museum Studies. There was a suggestion to make them co-reps, as their different areas of study complement the interests of the Chapter. They agreed to serve together.

MOTION to have the two candidates serve as co-reps made by Robert Fabbro, seconded by Mary Williamson.

ARLIS/NA CONFERENCE REPORT

Karen McKenzie reported on behalf of the Local Planning Committee [Karen, Jill Patrick, Margaret English]. The Committee selected the Sheraton Centre as the site for the conference, and negotiated a contract with it, advised by Elizabeth Clarke. The conference will occur at the end of March/early April, 2012.

The signed contract will be forwarded to the ARLIS/NA Executive Board.

Our next steps: begin to organize local event committees.

At the fall meeting people will be asked to sign up for activities. There is a need to get to work now, and not just

members living in the GTA, but those in the hinterland as well. Karen reinforced the idea that we will find that our involvement in this process is rewarding.

CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Liv Valmestad reported that the ARLIS/NA Executive Board is concerned about attracting enough attendees to the next conference. The Executive has discussed the possibility of holding a conference every other year, or holding joint conferences with the VRA.

She reported that there is a new management firm handling the organization's business, based in Wisconsin. This firm has offered to host Chapter websites and listservs. They are also willing to collect membership dues on behalf of chapters.

ARLIS/NA has produced a tri-lingual brochure to advertise the organization.

Canadian involvement in ARLIS/NA: Liv encouraged Canadians to represent Canada on ARLIS international committees. She would also like to see a Canadian serving on the ARLIS/NA awards committees and contributing more to the ARLIS/NA website.

Specifically, she hopes to see someone willing to replace her as Canadian Rep after next year's conference in Boston. The requirements of the position are to attend 3 annual conferences in a row, attend the ARLIS/NA mid-year meeting in October, attend as many regional meetings as possible and participate in monthly teleconferences.

A discussion followed about the costs of maintaining this position. Mary Williamson asked the Chapter members if we would be willing to support the Rep financially. As a Chapter, we could propose to offer a certain amount of assistance to anyone who wants to be the Canadian Rep, and ask the other chapters to chip in as they can.

REPORT ON THE CHAPTER WEBSITE

Geoff Piersol discussed our website. He started the project a year ago, using a freely available content management system. What he chose, after some experimenting, was a blog, because it offers a structure that can be populated with content and easily updated. This, then, is a WordPress blog framework that is hosted by a service provider.

Geoff is transposing the contents of the old website into this new site. The categories on our site divide static information from changing content. Categories will reflect the things of interest to members.

He encouraged us to take a look at it. There is one category called Resources that needs content.

Suggestions for the website can be sent to Geoff by selecting 'Contact' on the site. Also suggested was to create a special subsection for the 2012 conference, to coordinate efforts. Through this area of the blog members can register and they can convey ideas to each other.

Newsletter: The newsletter can be continued through the blog. Former newsletters could be archived on the site as well. A discussion ensued about what members want in terms of a newsletter, a logo and visuals, to make the blog attractive and give it identity.

OTHER BUSINESS

Linda Morita of the McMichael Collection says that she has been offered a donation of Inuit library materials that cannot be accepted there, but could find a place elsewhere. Please contact her for details.

Randall Speller has taken early retirement but will continue his involvement within the Chapter. He invites people to keep in touch and we extend the same to him.

We require a Treasurer as well. This position is not at all demanding, just a small report two times per year. Please contact the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a MOTION to adjourn from Lesley Bell, seconded by Karen McKenzie at 11:15 am.