ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter Annual Report, January 2016 – January 2017

2016 Chapter Officers:

**Chair:** Margaret English  
**Vice Chair:** Cynthia Dempster  
**Treasurer:** Catherine Falls  
**Secretary:** Samantha Tator  
**Student Representatives:** Angelique Roy (University of Toronto)  
**Representative to ARLIS/NA Canada:** Margaret English  
**Past Chair:** Nancy Perrin

**Spring Chapter Meeting** – June 3, 2016  
Musagetes Architecture Library, University of Waterloo, Cambridge Ontario  
Number of attendees: 6

*Note: The Chapter Executive agreed that it was important to hold meetings in locations other than Toronto despite that fact that attendance would be much lower – hence the low number of attendees in Cambridge. Almost half of our members are students based in Toronto, and we find that they do not have the time and/or the funds to travel out of the city.*

Our meeting began with light refreshment, a tour of the facilities by Chief Librarian Effie Patelos, a "show-and-tell" of some of the most interesting/beautiful/rare items from the collection, and a discussion about the resources available to students, faculty and architects. No trip to Cambridge would be complete without a visit to "Canada’s Largest Antique Mall", Southworks Antiques, and we spent some quality time there in the afternoon before we left.
**Fall Chapter Meeting** - December 2, 2016

Toronto Reference Library, Toronto Ontario  
Number of attendees - 18  
Our Fall Business Meeting took place at the Toronto Reference Library. In addition to our formal business meeting, the busy day included a tour of the TRL’s Arts Department, the new Marilyn & Charles Baillie Special Collections Centre and the Preservation & Digitization Lab.

**Annual Fundraising Event** – November 12, 2016

Home of Margaret English, Toronto Ontario (see below)  
Number of attendees – 25  
This fun event was open to Chapter members as well as Faculty of the Department of Art at the University of Toronto as well as some graduate students in the Art Department.  
A fee of $15 was charged and guests enjoyed cocktails, heavy hors d’oeuvres and a poodle. Margaret displayed extensive vintage Hallowe’en collection as well as her recent acquisition of avant-garde graphic art. There was also a silent auction of donated vintage items.  
Funds raised: **$517** earmarked for the annual Travel Award.
Outreach

University of Toronto iSchool Associations Day – October 19, 2016

This annual event always succeeds in recruiting Faculty of Information students who are interested in pursuing Art Librarianship. Catherine Falls and Margaret English represented the Chapter. 12 students signed up for our Chapter e-mail list. Two of those students went on to become voted Student Representatives at our Fall Business Meeting.

Membership Statistics

Current members:

- 23 in total, including:
  - 10 students
  - 2 Retiree
  - 11 Regular
  - Renewing: 11 so far, but we're about to send out a letter to members reminding them it is time to renew

Website

For the last two years, Chapter executive have been frustrated with problems associated with our website. It has been very difficult to upload documents and images. At the Fall Business Meeting, the chapter unanimously agreed to migrate our website under the umbrella of ARLIS/NA. Chapter member Nick Westbridge has agreed to assist us (as well as ARLIS Canada) in this endeavour.