

ARLIS/NA

ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY of NORTH AMERICA

Annual Report 2014 ARLIS/NA Ontario

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• Leadership Update

- Incoming Chair – Nancy Perrin
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect – currently vacant
- Re-elected Treasurer – Catherine Falls
- Incoming Secretary – Samantha Tator
- Incoming Student Representatives – Lauren Orav & Eva Athanasiu (Toronto), Emily Woodcock (Western)

• Chapter Overview

- The Spring Business meeting was held at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus, which included a tour of the campus' brutalist architecture. During the meeting former Treasurer Amy Weir stepped down and was replaced by current Treasurer Catherine Falls following a vote.
- A number of representatives from the chapter were present at the Annual Conference, including a group presenting a poster on our chapters successful fundraising activities
- The chapter held another successful fall vintage fundraiser at the Ontario College of Art and Design University (OCAD U)
- The Fall Business meeting and Holiday Social was held at the Moose Factory (home to artist Charles Pachter and his studio and gallery space). The evening included refreshments for all current members and a live performance by the folk group Onion Honey. During the meeting we saw the election and/or re-election of a new executive as noted earlier.
- Student Representatives organized a number of tours through out the year such as the Fisher Rare Books Library and OCADU's Dorothy H. Hoover Library.
- 2014 saw a total of 30 active members

• ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan

Goal I: Articulate New Directions and Identity for the Profession

- Identify new membership and development opportunities to move the profession forward;
 - (Pending) Our chapter has begun brainstorming on opportunities to foster relationships with related information professionals in order to expand membership

Goal II: Expand Mentoring, Management, and Transition Skills

- Extend and encourage professional development, continuing education, networking and mentoring opportunities, for both mid-career and senior career professionals;
- Enhance the visibility of all ARLIS/NA and chapter mentoring efforts;
 - (In Progress) Through coordinated tours open to both members and interested students, as well as planned social events we continue to work towards fostering knowledge transfer and mentoring while also encouraging new membership of the next generation of art information professionals

Goal III: Create Stronger Leadership through Promotion, Cooperation and Advocacy

- Foster partnerships and affiliations with other professional organizations by identifying opportunities for dialogue and collaboration;
 - (In Progress) Representatives from the Association of Architecture School Librarians Conference joined in our Fall Business Meeting to promote and recruit volunteers, to which our organization looks to participate
- Adopt official positions on major issues impacting the profession and the art research environment.
 - (Completed) Issue raised concerning the cancellation of the Art Librarianship course at the University of Toronto's iSchool. Our chapter was able to successfully lobby for the courses inclusion, spearheaded by the Toronto Student Representatives.

Issues for the Executive Board

- The ARLIS/NA Ontario chapter would like to bring forth the issue of conference contribution recognition and accountability. As a chapter that has to this point made a consistent and not insignificant contribution to the Annual Conference we were taken aback that there was no discernable individual recognition of our contribution. We feel as a chapter that moving forward that donations should require accountability and transparency with regard to what the amount is used for.

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