

ARLIS/NA

ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY of NORTH AMERICA

ARLIS/NA Ontario Fall Business Meeting Minutes 2017

Hamilton Public Library, November 10 | Submitted by Catherine Falls

Present:

- Effie Patelos
- Margaret English
- Amy Furness
- Tammy Morse
- Rifat Syed
- Catherine Falls
- Irene Puchalski

Regrets:

- Lesley Bell

Effie moves for approval of agenda:

- Irene approves
- Catherine seconds

Effie moves for approval of Spring 2017 minutes:

- Tammy approves
- Rifat seconds

Items arising from Spring 2017 minutes:

- Chapter taxes
- No evidence that the Chapter has filed taxes in past years
- Other Canadian Chapter do not file taxes (e.g. ARLIS/NA MOC)
- Resolved that we will continue to not file taxes

Chair's report (Effie; see full Chair's report for details):

- Additional considerations: ARLIS/NA fees – ARLIS/NA wants to make it a requirement that every regional member (not just executive members) must be part of the parent organization. They would also like payment for the parent and regional membership to be bundled on the parent organization. After discussing the merit of this idea, the Chapter decides this is not a good idea as it may negatively affect recruitment, particularly of student members.

- Effie will ask more questions of ARLIS/NA to figure out how this would actually work from a logistical standpoint (e.g. how would the money get to ARLIS/NA Ontario; would fees be affected by fluctuating exchange rates).

Treasurer's report (Catherine; see full Treasurer's report for details):

- Additional considerations: Catherine – there has been some debate in past years about the necessity of our \$2500 contingency fund. Catherine recommends keeping up this practice. Now that we've weathered our financial difficulties, it's clear that the contingency fund prevented the Chapter from falling into real financial difficulties, as it provided a trigger in the minds of the executive members to ramp up fundraising efforts and decrease spending. As a result, even when we were in 'financial trouble', our accounts were in actuality always quite healthy.

Student report (Rifat; see full Student report for details)

- Additional considerations: AGO tour will be pushed to the new year, rather than pre-Christmas; Rifat will advertise in Daniel's class. The event will be opened up to wider ARLIS/NA Ontario membership to allow opportunity for students to network with professionals
- Rifat has agreed to stay on until April and to help recruit a new Student Rep.

Website update (Catherine)

- The new ARLIS/NA Ontario website (<http://ontario.arlisna.org/>) is complete. This site hosted by ARLIS/NA and has added functionality. The only remaining task is to shut down the old site and re-direct to the new one. Once this is complete, Catherine will hand over the website to the new Executive.

Holiday event? (Group discussion)

- Too late to plan a meeting for this season; small membership may not support another event so soon
- Chapter decides no holiday event will be planned

Ideas for upcoming events (Group discussion):

- Pub night
- Workshop series (target for the Fall)
 - Potential speakers:
 - David Fernandez (Fisher Library): rare book workshop (e.g. print identification)
 - Irina Mihalache (U of T Museum Studies faculty): food and museums

- Geraldine Davis: Canadian artist books
 - Donald Randall?
- U of T Art Library could be an event space
- Mirvish collection tour

Executive meetings (Effie)

- These need to be more regular (monthly)

ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in NY (Group discussion):

- Some members choosing not to go because of political climate and concerns over border crossing
- Conference donation: Chapter agrees to donate \$200 CDN
- Travel award
 - Committee: Amy, Margaret and Irene
 - Amount: \$750.00 CDN
 - Should go to a student - make sure the call goes out on student channels
 - Catherine will update website, put out messaging through social media
 - Deadline: December 15, 2017

ARLIS/NA Archives in Illinois (Group discussion):

- Looking for donations from regional chapters; they will accept PDFs and paper documents
- We may want to be careful about personal info going to the states
- Can we come up with a local alternative (e.g. the AGO)? An ARLIS/NA Ontario archive in Illinois may not make sense for the Chapter or those who may want to research its history
- Chapter agrees to defer decision on this until we have capacity to take it on

Chapter officer nominations:

- The new executive is as follows:
 - Secretary - Tammy Morse
 - Treasurer – Margaret
 - Member-at-large/Chapter representative to ARLIS/NA Canada- Amy
 - Student rep: Rifat will stay on until April
 - Chair: Effie will stay on as Chair
- Catherine will update website and send invites to the new executive for the PBWorks wiki (where Chapter documentation is stored)

Membership (Group discussion):

- Amy will look into sponsoring membership for her student assistants to try to recruit new members
- We need to get OCADU back on board as they are the largest employee of art librarians in the province
- Daniel Payne's Art Librarianship class at iSchool could help with recruitment; a place to recruit a new student rep for the spring

Spring/Fall 2018 Meetings (Group discussion):

- Spring meeting: Amy has offered to host at the AGO; this may help recruit OCAD people back to ARLIS/NA
- Fall meeting: McMichael

Effie moves to adjourn meeting:

- Tammy approves
- Margaret seconds