

ARLIS/NA

ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY of NORTH AMERICA

Annual Report 2017

ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter

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2017 Chapter Officers:

Chair: Effie Patelos
Vice-Chair: Vacant
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Catherine Falls
Student Representatives: Rifat Syed, and Margaux Smith
Past Chair: Margaret English

2018 Chapter Officers:

Chair: Effie Patelos
Vice-Chair: Vacant
Secretary: Tammy Moorse
Treasurer: Margaret English
Student Representative: Rifat Syed
Member-at-Large: Amy Furness

Chapter Business Meetings:

Spring Business Meeting 2017

Thursday, June 15th, 2017

341 Yonge St, Toronto, Ryerson University Student Learning Centre

- 11 members in attendance
- Attendees were afforded tours of Ryerson Universities Digital Media Experience Lab, New Archives, Special Collections, Collaboratory space, the Student Learning Centre, and Ryerson Image Centre.
 - A special thanks to Ryerson's Architecture Librarian, Sonny Banerjee, and Special Collections Librarian, Alison Skyrme, for hosting!
- Business Meeting Minutes can be viewed [here](#).

Fall Business Meeting 2017

Friday, November 10th, 2017

55 York Boulevard, Hamilton, Hamilton Public Library (Central)

- 7 members in attendance
- The chapter did not receive any nominations for the vacant Vice-Chair position. Amy Furness who was Chair in the past was unable to make the three-year commitment that the Vice-Chair position requires, but instead volunteered to be "Member-at-Large" to help support the Chapter Executive.
- Rifat Syed agreed to stay on as the Student Representative until the Spring 2018 Business Meeting.
- Attendees were toured HPL's extensive Art Collection and Archives, and then went to James Street North to visit several creative businesses, art galleries, and artist run centres.
 - A special thanks to HPL's Cataloging and Metadata Librarian, Tammy Moore for hosting!
- Business Meeting Minutes can be viewed [here](#).

Activities of the Chapter:

In 2017 I served as Chair without a Vice-Chair to accompany me. My capacity to be effective as Chair in 2017 was greatly limited by unexpected, health and family issues, but also by not have full roster of Chapter Officers to share the work, and brainstorm ideas with. Members proposed some interesting initiatives and events with potential to introduce the chapter to a wider audience, such as the Collage Party, and workshops on metadata, and but none of them materialized due to Chapter Officer's lack of time, lack of volunteers, and other circumstances beyond our control.

Travel Award:

Seeing as the chapter's funds were low in early part of 2017, and there was little probability any of our student members were planning on attending the ARLIS/NA 45th Annual Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana this past February, in part due to the unstable political climate in the United States, travel uncertainties, and low the Canadian dollar, the chapter did not offer a Travel Award in 2017.

Treasurer's Report:

Bank balance at May 2017: \$3750.31 CAD

Income:

Membership Fees	\$110.00
<u>Meeting tickets</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>
Total	\$290.00

Disbursements

Banking fees:	\$20.19
<u>Paypal fees:</u>	<u>\$9.55</u>
Total	\$29.74

October 2017 Bank Balance: \$4010.57 CAD

Membership Report:

In 2017, the chapter had 14 paid members (9 regular, 3 student, and 2 retiree), up slightly from the beginning of the year's 12. Our average over the past four years has been around 30 members, so we'll need to increase recruitment efforts or talk about a potential lack of interest in the chapter.

Individual members reaching out to Ontario art, design, and architecture librarians encouraging them to join is not proving to be successful in increasing chapter membership or engagement. The chapter needs to demonstrate its value to potential member to increase its numbers through professional development and learning opportunities, and events. One positive bit of news is that Daniel Payne's (Head of Instructional Services at OCAD University's Dorothy H. Hoover Library) course, Art Librarianship in Theory and Practice, will be offered once again at University of Toronto's Faculty of Information Studies after a two-year hiatus. The chapter has benefited from Daniel's course in that it introduces aspiring librarians to art librarianship, and entices them into joining and participating in the chapter and association activities and opportunities. Hopefully the chapter will see some positive changes in terms of membership shortly.

Website:

The new ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter website (<http://ontario.arlisna.org/>) is complete. This site is hosted by ARLIS/NA and has added functionality.