

ARLIS/NA

ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY of NORTH AMERICA

Annual Report 2018

ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter

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2018 Chapter Officers:

Chair:	Evan Schilling, University of Waterloo
Vice-Chair/Chair Elect:	Kate Johnson, Innis College, University of Toronto
Treasurer:	Margaret English, University of Toronto
Secretary:	Tammy Moore, Hamilton Public Library
Student Representative:	Rifat Syad, University of University of Toronto (until April 2018)
Member-at-Large:	Amy Furness, Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)

2018-2019 Chapter Committees:

Travel Awards:	Amy Furness, AGO, Olena Karbach, Seneca College, and Paulina Rousseau, University of Toronto Scarborough
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2019 Incoming Chapter Officers:

Chair:	Kate Johnson, Innis College, University of Toronto
Vice-Chair/Chair Elect:	Paulina Rousseau, University of Toronto Scarborough
Treasurer:	Amy Furness, AGO
Secretary:	Shelley Woods, Sheridan College
Student Representatives:	Michelle Johnson, University of Toronto Maria Napigkit, Western University
Past Chair/Representative to ARLIS Canada:	Evan Schilling, University of Waterloo

Chapter Business Meetings:

Spring Business Meeting 2018

Thursday, April 26th, 2018

341 Yonge St, Toronto, E.P. Taylor Library and Archives, Art Gallery of Ontario, and 401 Richmond St, Toronto, Vtape

- 13 members in attendance
- Attendees were afforded a presentation on AGO Library and Archives' programming by the AGO's Outreach and Programming Librarian, Adrienne Connelly, AGO's Outreach Librarian, and a tour of Vtape's Research Centre, and discussion with Development Director, Deirdre Logue, and Finance Manager, Chris Gehman. A gallery crawl of 401 Richmond was optional.

- A special thanks to the Head of the AGO's Library and Archives, Amy Furness, for hosting!
- Kate Johnson was nominated for Vice-Chair, and accepted the position uncontested.
- Rifat Syad, who had agreed to extend his term as the Student Representative until Spring 2018, had to step down from the position due to work conflicts.
 - With no nominations or volunteers for the vacant Student Representative, the chapter members decided to recruit for that position in the fall of 2018, after the University of Toronto's iSchool Association Event, which usually attracts a number of new library students interested in Art Librarianship.
- Marta Chudolinska, Learning Zone Librarian at OCAD University, and winner of the 2018 Ontario chapter Travel award, gave a detailed report on the sessions and workshops that she was able to attend at the 46th Annual Conference in New York.
 - Travel Award Report can be viewed [here](#).
- Business Meeting Minutes can be viewed [here](#).

Fall Business Meeting 2018

Friday, November 30th, 2018

4180 Duke of York Blvd, Mississauga, Sheridan College, Hazel McCallion Campus

- 10 members total in attendance (8 in-person, 2 via phone)
- Attendees were afforded tours of the HMC Library, Material Resource Room, as well as a tour of the Material ConneXion Library by Patricia Buckley, Digital Curator and Special Collections Librarian. There was also guided tour of the Creative Campus Galleries' exhibit, *One Life, Two Cities*, and a campus tour by the Sheridan STARS.
 - A special thanks to the Shelley Woods, Faculty of Arts, Animation and Design Librarian, and User Education Coordinator, for hosting!
- Paulina Rousseau was nominated for Vice-Chair, Shelley Woods for Secretary, and Amy Furness was nominated for Treasurer. All accepted the positions uncontested.
- Michelle Johnson from the University of Toronto, and Maria Napigkit from Western University, volunteered to be the chapter Student Representatives for 2019.

Activities of the Chapter:

Arranged by Rifat Syad, the chapter's Student Representative from January to April 2018), ARLIS/NA Ontario is hosted a field trip to the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto. Afterwards there was an informal meetup for attendees at the Provo Foodbar on Dundas St in Toronto.

Members proposed some interesting initiatives and events with potential to introduce the chapter to a wider audience, such as workshops on metadata, and a Holiday Party, but none of them materialized due to Chapter Officer's lack of time, lack of volunteers, and other circumstances beyond our control.

Travel Award:

Though a Travel Awards Committee was formed for 2018-2019, and a call for application was sent out, the committee members elected not to award it. There was only application submitted and did not meet requirements (neither an ARLIS/NA nor a chapter member, and did not mention Ontario). The chapter will hold onto money and put it towards the travel award for another year (St. Louis conference), or towards Montreal in 2021(to support multiple people that year).

Membership Report:

In 2018, the chapter had 18 paid members (13 regular, 3 student, and 2 retiree), up from 14 in 2017. Our average over the past five 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. Hopefully the chapter will see some positive changes in terms of membership shortly with increased events and activities planned for 2019.