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2008 Executive Committee
Chair: John Burchard (Portland State University)
Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Paula Farrar (University of British Columbia)
Treasurer: Martha González Palacios (Simon Fraser University)
Secretary: Traci Timmons (Seattle Art Museum)

2009 Executive Committee
Chair: Paula Farrar (University of British Columbia)
Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: vacant
Treasurer: Marilyn Nasserden (University of Calgary)
Secretary: Traci Timmons (Seattle Art Museum)

2008 Membership
28 current members (also currently members of ARLIS/NA)
6 affiliates (NOT currently members of ARLIS/NA)

2008 Treasury Report
Due to unfortunate circumstances (although fortunate for our Treasurer) we lost our Treasurer, Martha González, in August 2008 when she accepted a position at the University of Texas at Austin. From August to November Paula Farrar stepped in as interim treasurer as she had signing authority on the account. During the Fall Chapter meeting we elected Marilyn Nasserden our new treasurer.

The Chapter’s Financial Report is for the period November 1, 2007 – October 31, 2008. All amounts are in U.S. dollars. The opening bank balance as of November 1, 2007 was $5,168.76 and the closing bank balance as of October 31, 2007 was $4,379.13 (using exchange rate posted on February 19th, 2008 at $1 Cdn = $.796442 US). The drop in our closing balance is the result of the lower value of the Canadian dollar compared to the American dollar. If we disregard this change in exchange rate, our expenditures and revenues appear to more or less cancel each other out.
2008 Travel Awards

The Chapter offered two $250 travel grants to attend the April ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in Denver. Martha Gonzalez Palacios and Marilyn Nasserden were the recipients. Each submitted a travel report that is posted to the chapter website.

The Chapter also offered a single $200 award to attend the ARLIS/NA NW Chapter Fall Meeting in Vancouver. The Chapter received one application from Traci Timmons and, because she was the single applicant and all the criteria for the award were met, Traci received the award.

2008 Fall Chapter Meeting

The Fall Chapter Meeting was held in Vancouver, BC on November 7th & 8th at the Vancouver Art Gallery and the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at the University of British Columbia and was hosted by Paula Farrar, Vice-chair/Chair-elect.

On Friday, November 7th the chapter met at the Vancouver Art Gallery. Cheryl Siegel and Lynn Brockington led a round table discussion of “What’s New in Your Library” and then gave a tour of the Vancouver Art Gallery Library and Archives. A tour of the exhibit: WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution was also arranged.

On Saturday, November 8th the chapter met at the University of British Columbia in the newly opened Irving K. Barber Learning Centre which is home to the Art, Architecture and Planning Division of the UBC Library. Local artist Marina Roy presented “Artists' Interventions in Libraries” and Cuban artist Tonel presented “Self-portrait of the Artist as an Organic Intellectual”. Paula Farrar gave an overview and tour of the historic Main Library and its transition into a 21st Century Learning Centre. Sarah Romkey presented “Art & Artists Archives from Rare Books & Special Collections” and then toured members through the Chung Collection.

8 members and 7 affiliates attended the business meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 2008. Chair, John Burchard, raised two important issues: travel awards and membership. Due to rising hotel/conference costs and lack of applicants, it was proposed that the Chapter offer a single larger travel award for the Annual Conference. The Chapter voted that a single travel award for at least $500 (US) would be awarded for travel to the next Annual Conference. Additionally, the Chapter voted to continue the single $200 (US) travel award for the Fall Chapter Meeting. In regard to membership, the executive wanted clarification on membership rules. In the Chapter Bylaws, Article V.E. states “If a member’s dues remain unpaid for one membership year, the membership shall be considered terminated.” The wording of this bylaw seems to imply that an individual remains a member for an additional year. As not enough members were in attendance to have a quorum, the discussion was tabled and will be addressed via email.

Other Business

New Chapter Officers:

The slate of candidates that John Burchard presented for vacant positions on the 2008 Executive Committee was approved by acclamation. Marilyn Nasserden (University of Calgary) is the new Treasurer. Unfortunately no one came forward for the position of Vice-chair/Chair-elect. This position remains vacant.
2009 Fall Meeting:
As the Vice-chair/Chair-elect hosts the Fall Chapter meeting, and this position is currently vacant, chapter member Claire Dannenbaum has kindly offered to host the meeting in Eugene Oregon in collaboration with the University of Oregon.