Annual Report

ARLIS/NA Group or Appointment: MOQ Chapter
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• Leadership Update (incoming officers names and roles):
  Rachel Harris (President)
  David Green (Vice-President)
  Hélène Moisan (Secretary)
  Agathe Piroir (Treasurer)
  Amy Rose (Membership Secretary)

• Membership (current and incoming members): I do not have the most recent information regarding Chapter membership. It would be better to check with current Chapter Executive.

• Activities during the past year:

  The MOQ Executive held seven (7) meetings during the year to manage various issues related to the running of the Chapter.

  Early in the year, the Executive surveyed the Chapter members regarding the proposed Membership Bundling, while liaising with other chapters in Canada as to the best way forward for ARLIS/NA Canadian chapters.

  We organized two meetings for the MOQ Chapter members during the year, which were held on Friday May 24 in Ottawa and on November 29 in Montreal. Both events were well attended and provided an opportunity to inform members of Chapter activities, consult with them on different issues and discuss points of business.

  We updated the procedures and guidelines for the attribution of our membership and travel awards in order to generate more enthusiasm among members.
Executive members participated in a Career fair at McGill University as well as visited classes at the library schools at McGill University and Université de Montréal to promote the Chapter and recruit new members.

The Chapter Publication MOQDOC was brought back from over a year of hiatus. Through the hard work of Chapter members Adèle Flannery, Rachel Harris and François Dansereau, the publication was successfully migrated to our website (Blog format).

- **Ongoing projects:** See below.

- **Preliminary goals for next year:**

  The main, current focus for the Chapter is on the recruitment of new members in anticipation of the 2021 Annual Conference to be held in Montreal.

  Also, now that the MOQDOC format question has been solved, the team is hard at work to manage a backlog of articles and publish more regularly over the course of the year.

  There are plans to hold two more Chapter meetings over the course of the year, as well as one or more social activities such as Happy Hour, workshop, etc. Current Chapter Chair Rachel Harris will have more precise information.

- **Articulate how your activities, projects and goals relate to the ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions:**

  Our two annual meetings as well as the Chapter publication MOQDOC provide unique, strong opportunities for Chapter members to share stories and expertise related to our common goals and concerns as Art Information professionals. Members from different institutions often collaborate with each other on various projects, and mentorship has always been very strong within the group.

- **Other (please share anything else you want the membership to know about your group or your role):**

  Sitting on the Executive these past two years, I felt that the sudden departure from Montreal of members who for years had been particularly active within the MOQ Chapter, combined with the nomination of other important members to be Chairs for the 2021 Annual Conference in Montreal, has taken a lot of wind out of the Chapter’s sails. It will be very important to continue recruiting new members to replace those who have moved to other cities or have become less available because of other responsibilities within the Chapter. At present, Chapter membership appears a bit thin to fill all the roles needed for the organization of the 2021 Conference. Collaboration with other Library professional organizations will likely be crucial if we are to be in a good position to welcome ARLIS members from across North America to Montreal next year.