

ARLIS Canada Executive -- Meeting Agenda

May 12, 2020

1. Chair's welcome (Amy, 5 mins)
2. Chapter / regional updates (each representative, 30 mins total)
3. Discussion: what is a common goal for ARLIS Canada to work on this year?
4. Adjournment

ARLIS Canada Executive -- Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Amy Furness, CARLIS Chair, Canada Liaison

Simon Barry, MOQ Representative

Sara Ellis, CARLIS Secretary/Treasurer, Northwest Representative

Kate Johnson, Ontario Representative

Suzanne Rackover, Past Chair, Canadian Liaison

Lelland Reed, Atlantic Region Representative

Ellen Tisdale, Prairie Region Representative

Regrets:

None

1. Amy: Chair's Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

ARLIS Canada is a virtual chapter with a long history. There is a strong Canadian contingent of ARLIS Large.

2. All: Introductions
3. Regional chapter check-in / updates:

Northwest Chapter

The NW Chapter had a virtual meeting during the ARLIS 2020 virtual conference. The chapter executive is working on a shared document, to be distributed among chapter members, for information and resource sharing purposes in response to COVID-19. The chapter is hopeful that the official annual business meeting can go ahead in the fall , but it is up in the air right now.

Prairie Region

The Prairie Region will be checking in with members soon regarding interest, needs, and potential projects.

Ontario Chapter

The Ontario Chapter had a virtual business meeting this spring. Focus was on engagement with membership. I.e., What do chapter members want to get out of their membership, what is the value of the ARLIS chapter experience? Hoping to develop a communications plan, expand social media presence and member contributions, and promote ARLIS/NA content (publications etc.), among other projects. The chapter is interested in partnerships with other chapters (e.g., MOQ; others?). What are the possibilities for increasing the fundraising drive to support student awards and promote participation? The chapter is also working on documentation and avenues for sharing.

MOQ

The chapter's contact has been somewhat informal. Three executive meetings have been held since the start of the year: two were prior to COVID-19 restrictions, the third was in May. The chapter is a dynamic one; usually has around 30-40 members. The chapter always holds two meetings a year: in Spring & December. The spring meeting was supposed to be in Quebec City. There were also plans to participate in a career fair for students graduating from library school, and two appearances at McGill. None of this was able to happen due to COVID-19.

There are challenges, as many people have left Montreal and Ottawa for other geographies / institutions (especially in the US). The executive is looking ahead to the 2021 conference in Montreal. Possibility of collaboration with Ontario chapter for upcoming chapter meeting. Questions about bundled membership. Plan to review membership and consider ways to expand.

Atlantic Region

Is there potential to tie in with upcoming events in the Atlantic region? Will explore possibilities around developing an Atlantic Chapter (and how to sustain membership if that gets going).

4. Potential projects

Montreal Conference, 2021

Trying to envision what this might look like: a traditional, in-person conference / virtual / hybrid of online and in-person. The conference planning committee is in contact with planners from the St. Louis Conference, considering how to carry forward some of the work from 2020 to the 2021 conference. What ways can CARLIS Chapters support planning? Is there a possibility at the upcoming MOQ virtual chapter meeting to extend a wider invitation for CARLIS members to participate in conference support; it would be a good opportunity to support the chapter(s) and build relationships.