

ARLIS/MOQ Annual Report 2005

Executive Committee

President:	Renata Guttman, Canadian Centre for Architecture
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ARLIS/Canada Representative:	Isabelle Crépeau, Canadian Centre for Architecture

In 2005 ARLIS/MOQ dedicated itself to reasserting the viability of the chapter which had been examined through a survey carried out in 2004. The survey (which had a very high response rate) made it clear that members still consider the twice a year ARLIS/MOQ gatherings to be desirable and useful, and still believe in the value of the chapter and want it to continue "just the same and better" while freely admitting that they do not have any extra time or energy to devote to it.

Due to fewer positions in the field in the chapter cities and with existing positions continuing to become more onerous due to cutbacks in hiring, the chapter found itself hard-pressed to fill its executive and committee positions. It rapidly became apparent that with almost no turnover in staffing in most institutions, the core membership would have to continue to "sail the ship" while seeking to attract and integrate new members from among technicians and MLIS students.

At the Fall Meeting two members volunteered to fill the vacant positions of vicepresident and secretary. A nominating committee, chaired by Brian Mekis, called for nominations before the end of the current Executive Committee's mandate, and then confirmed the new vice-president and secretary by acclamation.

Membership

A membership renewal mailing was sent to current and former members early in the year, and all members were encouraged to suggest "new recruits". The current president, past president and a former executive committee member attended a student SLA chapter "mixer" evening at a local university and made contact with MLIS students with an interest in arts librarianship. As a result a number of MLIS students attended the spring and fall chapter meetings, along with two library technician students introduced to the chapter through a member.

The number of members for 2005 was 43 (up from 33 in 2004), with 5 returning members and 5 new members.

Chapter Meetings

The Spring Meeting was held on Friday 3 June 2005, at the new home of the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa and featured a visit of the Military History Research Centre (library, archives and image archives) and an in-depth visit of the art exhibits with Laura Brandon, War Art Curator, followed by drinks and light

refreshments in the garden of Jonathan Franklin. Special thanks go to Jonathan Franklin and Cyndie Campbell for organising the day. Almost 30 members and guests attended.

The Fall Meeting was held on Friday 4 November 2005, at the new headquarters of the Bibliothèque nationale du Québec in Montréal and featured presentations by the curators of the “arts and literature” collections, the “audiovisual, music and cinema” collections, and the digital collections; followed in the afternoon by visits of the current exhibitions and an architectural tour of the building. Special thanks go to Sylvie Alix for organising the day. Again almost 30 members were in attendance.

Communications

Two issues of the chapter newsletter *MOQDOC* (v. 14, no. 2 (May 2005) and v. 15, no.1 (November 2005)) were published, in paper and on the chapter website in PDF format. The editor for 2005 and 2006 is Philip Dombowsky.

The ARLIS/MOQ webmaster is Renata Guttman and the chapter maintains a mailing list, ARLISMOQ@yahoogroups.com.

Finances and Awards

The Professional Development Committee (Melinda Reinhart, Judy Silverman and Danielle Léger) presented the Travel Award of \$800 for attendance at the ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in Houston to Cathryn Carlisle, 2004 editor of *MOQDOC*. The chapter sent \$500 to help sponsor the Welcome Party at the upcoming 2006 ARLIS/NA conference in Banff.

A fund raising event, held at the Spring Meeting raised \$210; one at the Fall Meeting raised \$166. Monies collected for memberships and both Spring and Fall meetings totalled \$2,429.40. Expenses (two issues of *MOQDOC*, costs associated with the spring and fall meetings and mailings) totalled \$936.64. At the end of 2005 the MOQ chapter maintained a bank balance of \$3,338.67.

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Renata Guttman, President 2005