

## **Annual Report 2010**

### **ARLIS/NA Montréal/Ottawa/Québec Chapter**

#### Executive Committee

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#### Membership & Activities

At the end of 2010 our membership numbered 37, down from the 45 members we had in 2009. An informal membership drive is planned for 2011.

The ARLIS/NA MOQ Chapter's activities consisted of two meetings; Montréal in the spring and Ottawa in the autumn. The spring meeting was held on Friday, June 4th at the National Circus School in Montréal. We began the day with our business meeting, after which we were led to the library, where Executive Director Marc Lalonde spoke to us about the school's history, mission, and activities. Librarian Anna-Karyna Barlati then presented the library and its collections, a multilingual, multi-format collection of over 10,000 items devoted to the circus arts. After having lunch at a lively neighbourhood bistro, we were treated to a spectacular juggling performance by Robert Webber, a 2010 graduate of the school. Afterwards we walked to TOHU, a unique entity that serves as a venue for circus training and performance as well as neighbourhood socio-economic development and environmental stewardship. Before our activities there commenced, we paused to let Peter Trepanier and Daphne Dufresne offer a tribute to Marilyn Berger on the occasion of her retirement. Josée Lavigne of TOHU then introduced us to her organization's mission and activities. We concluded the day with a visit to TOHU's exhibitions La Fabuleuse histoire du cirque and Du permanent à l'éphémère : espaces de cirque. We were privileged to host James Rout, Canadian Member-at-Large, among the twenty-odd members and guests attending.

The fall meeting was held on Friday November 12 in Ottawa in the MacOdrum Library at Carleton University. This was a joint-meeting with ARLIS/NA Ontario, our first such meeting since 2002. The morning MOQ business meeting included a Toronto 2012 conference update by ARLIS/NA Ontario members Jill Patrick and Margaret English. After lunch on campus at Baker's Grille, we were treated to an animated presentation on Carleton's history by the university's archivist Patti Harper. Dr. Norman Vorano, Curator of Contemporary Inuit Art at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, then gave us a visually-stunning presentation on the recent acquisition of Inuit prints by the Museum.

#### Communications

One joint issue of the chapter newsletter MOQDOC (vol. 19, no. 2-vol. 20, no. 1, spring/fall 2010, printemps/automne 2010) was published in paper and PDF format (available on the website of the MOQ chapter). The issue was produced by a newly-formed editorial team consisting of Philip Dombowsky, Jennifer Garland, Alexandra Gregory, and John Latour. The chapter also maintains a website and an electronic mailing list.

At the spring meeting an ad-hoc committee was formed to explore the possibility of redesigning the chapter's website. Committee members are John Latour, Renata Guttman, Élise Lassonde, Anna-Karyna Barlati, and Corina MacDonald. At the fall meeting John Latour presented the committee's idea of creating a new chapter website using WordPress software.

#### Finances and awards

The financial situation of the chapter continues to be healthy. Our balance reported at the end of October was C\$7,201.12. The professional development committee (Melinda Reinhart, Danielle Léger, and Patricia Black, who joined the committee in June) presented one award in 2010. Jennifer Garland, Liaison Librarian at McGill University, was awarded the Michelle Gauthier Travel Award (C\$1,000.00) to attend the Annual Conference in Boston in April. Also, several "travel-to-meeting" bursaries (up to C\$70.00) were given to members who had to travel out-of-town to attend an MOQ general meeting and who could not receive institutional funding.

The Student Membership award has been renamed the Marilyn Berger Student Membership award in honor of Marilyn Berger, who retired this year as Head of McGill University's Blackader-Lauterman Library of Architecture and Art.

The following awards will be offered by ARLIS/NA MOQ in 2011: the Membership award (equivalent to US\$120.00) to promote professional Development by supporting membership in the national organization (ARLIS/NA); and the Marilyn Berger Student Membership award (Equivalent to US\$50.00) to promote professional development by supporting membership in the national organization (ARLIS/NA). A number of "travel-to-meeting" bursaries (up to C\$70.00) will also be available to members who have to travel out-of-town to attend an MOQ general meeting and who cannot receive institutional funding.

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