Annual Report 2011 ARLIS/NA MOQ (Montréal/Ottawa/Québec)

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Membership & Activities

At the end of 2011 our membership numbered 49 (including 12 student members), which is up from the 37 members we had in 2010.

Invitations to participate in the 2011 bi-annual meetings were sent out to chapter members and to students enrolled in the Library school programs of McGill University and the Université de Montréal. To encourage student attendance, and in keeping with a practice begun in previous years, students were not charged registration fees for their participation to these meetings.

In 2011, the President and Membership Secretary worked on an informal membership drive. By comparing the current membership list with lists from previous years, a number of former members were identified and then invited to rejoin the chapter. As a result, several individuals renewed their membership.

The ARLIS/NA MOQ Chapter's activities consisted of two meetings: one held in Montréal, and the other in Québec City.

The spring meeting took place on Friday, April 15 at DHC, a contemporary art centre in Old Montréal. The chapter's business meeting was held in the morning, which was followed by a tour of the *Ceal Floyer* exhibition by John Zepetelli, Curator of DHC. After lunch at the nearby Pointe-à-Callière Museum, the 29 attendees divided into two groups in order to accommodate the two venues that provided alternating, afternoon tours. Éric Major, Archivist of the Pointe-à-Callière Museum lead professional visits of the archaeology museum's Documentation Centre and Archives while Michel Desjardins, one of the founders of the Petit Musée de l'Impression, gave tours of this museum dedicated the province's printing history.

The fall meeting took place on November 18 at Laval University in Québec City. The morning business meeting included 16 attendees as well as an invited speaker, Mme Jo-Anne Bélair of Laval University. Mme Bélair updated those present on recent innovations to the Répertoire de vedettes-matière (RVM) resource. After the meeting, we were given an extensive tour of the recently renovated fourth floor of the Bibliothèque des sciences humaines et sociales. Following lunch at a nearby restaurant, we travelled to the Centre de conservation du Québec, where we enjoyed tours of several of the CCQ's conservation workshops.

Communications

Two issues of the chapter's newsletter *MOQDOC* were published to coincide with the bi-annual meetings: vol. 20, no. 2 (spring 2011) and vol. 21, no. 1 (fall 2011). The issues were thematic in nature, and highlighted the importance of "collaboration" and "participation" by those within the Library and Information community. Print copies of these numbers were handed out during the business meetings, and digital copies were subsequently posted on the chapter's website. The next issue will be organized by (and showcase the activities of) student

members; although the editorial board (consisting of Philip Dombowsky, Jennifer Garland, Alexandra Gregory, and John Latour) will serve as advisors.

A committee was set up in 2010 to come up with ways to rejuvenate or replace the chapter's website, which had been kindly hosted by Concordia University for several years. In 2011, the committee created a new website (www.arlismoq.ca) which will officially replace the one hosted by Concordia in 2012. Members of the website committee include Renata Guttman, Élise Lassonde, John Latour and Corina MacDonald.

The chapter continues to maintain an electronic mailing list, which is moderated by Renata Guttman.

Finances and awards

The chapter's finances are in good condition, although its balance has dropped from C\$ 7,201.12 (in 2010) to C\$ 5,721.31. Expenses related to the printing of *MOQDOC* and the new website account for this change. Originally, the 2011 balance was identified as C\$ 6, 273.40, although this figure had to be adjusted as the chapter was overpaid by one of its member institutions (this amount was promptly returned to the institution).

The Professional Development Committee (Melinda Reinhart, Danielle Léger and Patricia Black) presented two awards in 2011. Philip Dombowsky, Library and Archives of the National Gallery of Canada, was awarded the Michelle Gauthier Travel Award (C\$ 1,000.00) to attend the VRA + ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in Minneapolis in March, and Marie-Chantal L'Ecuyer-Coelho, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec was awarded the Daphne Dufresne Membership award.

The following awards will be offered by ARLIS/NA MOQ in 2012:

- -the Daphne Dufresne Membership award (equivalent to US\$ 120.00) to promote professional development by supporting membership in the national organization (ARLIS/NA);
- -the Marilyn Berger Student Membership award (equivalent to US\$ 50.00) to promote professional development by supporting membership;
- -two Michelle Gauthier travel awards (C\$ 1,000.00 each) to promote professional development by supporting travel to the ARLIS/NA Annual Conference to be held in Toronto.

Normally, the chapter offers only one Michelle Gauthier travel award annually, but an exception will be made in 2012, as the annual conference will take place in Canada. ARLIS/NA MOQ has contributed \$200.00 towards the welcoming party of this conference.

ARLIS/NA MOQ also provides "travel-to-meeting" bursaries (up to C\$ 70.00) to members who must travel out-of-town to attend a chapter meeting (and who could not receive institutional funding). In 2011, four bursaries were issued. This fund is managed by the chapter's Treasurer.

A maximum of six "travel-to-meeting" bursaries (up to C\$70.00) will also be available to members in 2012, on a "first come first serve" basis.

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