

ARTS LIBRARY SOCIETY / AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

22 September 2006, 1:30 - 2:50 pm; Friends Lounge, National Library of Australia

1. Attendance

Linda Groom	National Library of Australia (President)
Tim Jones	Christchurch Art Gallery
Margaret Shaw	National Portrait Gallery
Catherine Hammond	Auckland Art Gallery
Nicole Jackson	University of Auckland
Jin Whittington	Art Gallery of South Australia
Margaret Blackmore	COFA, University of NSW
Barbara Rendall	Design Centre
Michael Proud	National Library of Australia
Kate Brennand	National Gallery of Australia
Kelly McKeon	National Art School
Ellen Thompson	Queensland University of Technology
Cheryl Stevens	Qld College of Art, Griffith University
Domenica Chincarini	La Trobe University
Michael Watson	National Gallery of Victoria
Joye Volker	National Gallery of Australia
Georgina Binns	Victorian College of the Arts
Paul Reynolds	University of Tasmania
Devon Sinclair	University of Canterbury
Anne Duke	State Library of Victoria

2. Minutes of previous AGM

Michael Proud moved that the AGM minutes of 5 December 2005 be accepted; Barbara Rendall seconded. Motion carried.

3. Business arising from minutes 2005

There was no business arising.

4. Reports

4.1 President's report [Linda Groom]

Linda tabled and summarised the president's report; ARLIS/ANZ has had a successful year with a substantial increase in membership, most of which occurred in the ACT Chapter. Michael Proud (ACT Chapter President) and Sylvia Carr (ACT Chapter Secretary) were recognised for their work in bringing this about. The President has been able to visit two ARLIS/ANZ Chapters during the year. She visited the University of Tasmania School of Art and met with Tasmanian Chapter President Paul Reynolds, and had a meeting with Paige Luff and a number of Perth Arts Librarians and researchers. The first two online resources grants were awarded during the

year, to the Research Libraries of the Auckland Art Gallery and the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Linda Groom moved that the President's report be accepted; Margaret Shaw seconded. Motion carried.

4.2 Treasurer's report [Susan Schmocker]

Susan Schmocker tabled the report and summarised that the National Executive finances had experienced a loss of \$3,393.80 due to the two grants that were made during the year. There is a total of \$26,688 in the bank plus a separate \$6,000+ in an investment account administered by the ACT Chapter. In response to a question about the large increase in membership Michael Proud talked about the ACT membership drive.

Susan Schmocker moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; Sylvia Carr seconded. Motion carried.

4.3 Web Site and discussion list report [Joye Volker]

Joye Volker tabled a report and advised that discussions concerning moving the website from the ANU have resulted in the possibility of it moving to the National Art School or QUT. Joye also reported that in future the discussion list will be administered by Georgina Buckley. Discussion list membership has risen from 168 to 177 members since the last AGM. Georgina Buckley at the ANU continues to be the list administrator and Joye Volker continues as the list moderator. Monthly posts ranged from 6 (December 2005) to 27 (February 2005).

4.4 Chapter reports

Chapter reports were tabled and will be made available on the ARLIS/ANZ web site.

5. Report on 2006 Conference

Vicki Marsh reported that there were 63+ in attendance at the conference and related events. Approximately \$2100 in sponsorships was received, \$700 for satchel inserts and \$1400 for 2 lunch sponsorships. The expected profit is approximately \$3,800. Linda Groom thanked the Organising Committee.

6. Future of the ARLIS/ANZ web site

Joye Volker proposed the following motion:

ARLIS/ANZ Website Proposal

The NGA has serious firewalls and it is proposed that advanced functionality be added to the website. It may be possible with a re-hosting of the website to get a Wiki or other collaborative space going, perhaps offering RSS feeds to keep members informed of content changes and updates to ARLIS activities.

I would like to move that the following plan of action be endorsed by the ARLIS/ANZ AGM:

1. The website <http://arlisanz.anu.edu.au> moves from the Australian National University to the Queensland University of Technology. The hosting for ARLIS/ANZ at QUT has been approved.
2. The ARLIS/ANZ executive write a letter of thanks to the ANU for hosting the site and the transfer be effected through ANU and QUT web teams.
3. The \$2000 in the Q account at ANU Faculty of Arts be transferred to QUT (with assistance from ANU Creative Arts Precinct Manager).
4. Propose a team based approach to management of the website comprising a web manager, web editor and web assistants.
5. Create a new URL by purchasing a dedicated domain name for ARLIS This can be done for a relatively small price through www.planetdomain.com.au. The following domain names were available for \$16.89/year (the price goes down if you buy more than 1 year at a time).
www.arlisanz.org.au
www.arlisanz.com.au
www.arlisanz.net.au

Seconded Margaret Shaw. The vote in the affirmative was carried unanimously. www.arlisanz.org.au was chosen as the new domain name by the majority.

Linda Groom acknowledged Joye Volker's work on the website over the past 6 years; this was carried by acclamation.

7. Future of the Online Resources Grants program

The AGNSW reported that all data is now on the AGNSW server and there is a definite commitment to putting it online.

The Auckland Art Gallery Research Library reported that the grant has enabled them to make available digital copies of the Gallery's exhibition catalogues from the 1950's and 1960's. In July 2006, 100 catalogues from this period were launched on the Gallery's website.

<http://www.aucklandartgallery.govt.nz/research/digitalresources/default.asp>

A motion was raised by Linda Groom that the 2007-8 ARLIS/ANZ executive continue the Online Resources Grants program, calling for proposals in 2007. Moved by Margaret Shaw, Seconded by Catherine Hammond.

A discussion followed that cited the following reasons for ARLIS/ANZ to continue the program: the grants program has been the most important and proactive thing ARLIS/ANZ has done for a long time and to stop now when the money is available to do it would be sad; the grant program is particularly worthwhile as it gives the recipient control over their project without interference from their institution; It encourages thought about possibilities.

The vote was unanimous in favour of the motion.

8. ARLIS/ANZ Journal

Three motions were proposed concerning the future of the Journal

- (a) That the journal format be changed to A4 to allow simpler printing and more scope for images.
- (b) That the editor investigate paid advertising and report to the Executive.
- (c) That the Executive consider requests from the Editor for funding, if needed, for costs of design work and supervision of printing.

These were moved by Joye Volker and seconded by Katherine Hammond.

A general discussion followed with the following main points being made:

- 1. Paid advertising is quite a good thing, a few advertisers e.g. Archival Survival would be quite keen.
- 3. Perhaps there should be limited advertising, one or two to start.
- 2. How long is the Journal going to remain paper based? Institutional members subscribe to receive the Journal in paper but individual members may be more interested in an online version. Perhaps the website could be enhanced to include an e-copy.

A vote was taken and carried unanimously to support all three motions.

9. Announcement of Distinguished Service Award for 2006

Linda Groom announced that the Award would go to Jill More and presented the following biography. Jill More has been active in many leadership roles – nationally as ARLIS/ANZ President, Secretary and Journal Editor, as well as President of the NSW Chapter. She co-convened two ARLIS/ANZ Conferences, updated the constitution, led the project to get the AustArt index online, and gave valuable support to the Australian Dictionary of Artists Online project in its vital pre-grant stages. It was largely Jill's initiative that led to the 2004 National Visual Arts Forum. Through her contributions to ARLIS/ANZ and her management of the College of Fine Arts Library she has provided leadership to arts librarians in Australia and New Zealand, and an inspiring role model for younger librarians. The NSW Chapter will announce the Award ceremony through the discussion list. The award is life membership and a certificate.

10. Election of Officers for 2007-2008

President: Ellen Thompson QUT was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Treasurer: Catherine Hammond Auckland Art Gallery will approach the NZ members for a nomination of interest for the position of Treasurer.

Secretary: Cheryl Stevens, QLD College of Art, was nominated by Margaret Shaw, her appointment is confirmed.

Journal Editor: Bill Hood, Whitecliff College of Arts and Design, Auckland, was nominated and appointment confirmed.

Website Manager: Kelly McKeon, National Art School Library, was nominated by Joye Volker, and appointment confirmed.

(Website Editor (not committee): Louisa Rositto, QUT, confirmed.

Discussion list Manager: Joye Volker, NGA, nominated and confirmed.

Other Committee member: Linda Groom nominated and confirmed.

Awards Committee Chair: Paige Luff, Murdoch Uni., nominated and confirmed.

Awards Committee member: Nicola Woodhouse, Te Papa, nominated and confirmed.

A provisional decision to hold the next conference in QLD was made; this will be confirmed by Ellen Thompson after consultation with the QLD chapter.

11. Other business

- IAML will be held in Sydney 1-6 July 2007, a post conference tour is planned to the ACT.
- It was reported that AGWA library is closed but the collection has not been disbursed. The room is locked and the collection inaccessible, even to AGWA staff. Linda mentioned again that ARLIS/ANZ wrote letters in support of the library staying open. Possibility that AGWA Director is putting in a bid for funding for 2 librarians.
- Susan Schmocker proposed an increase in subscription fees. Catherine Hammond suggested that this should be done after the journal has a face lift so that people feel they are getting more value for money. A suggestion was made to use the UK Chapter library journal as a bench mark. Linda Groom suggested the AGM make a recommendation that the fees increase as follows after the journal has a new appearance:
 - individual membership \$35
 - institutional membership \$60Subject to there be no objection from the discussion list. Moved by Susan Schmocker, seconded by Barbara Rendall. Motion carried.
- The Conference Committee and ACT Chapter were thanked by the AGM for their work organising the 2006 conference.
- The meeting closed at 2:50pm.