

ARLIS/ANZ Secretary's Report 2015

At the 2014 ARLIS/ANZ AGM it was decided that NSW Chapter would take on the role of the National Executive.

The NSW Chapter Executive decided to maintain the same roles as they have at chapter level:

Elizabeth Little (Library Manager, National Art School) Chair

Barbara Rendall (Library Manager, SI Design Centre Enmore) Secretary

Steven Miller- (Library Manager, Art Gallery of NSW) Treasurer

In addition Vivian Huang (Librarian, AGNSW) took on the role of Web Coordinator and Assistant Treasurer.

Many thanks to George Leighfield, former National Secretary, and Judy Nolan, former National Chair for their very comprehensive procedures notes, as well as their general assistance and support throughout the handover of the executive from Victoria to New South Wales.

As membership renewals were generated from the website we noticed that problems were occurring. One ongoing problem has been the sending of reminders when membership had already been paid. We also discovered in a number of instances that members had been charged twice when using credit cards. Both these problems were due to issues within the programs. Vivian and I reported the problems to Realize Online, and while awaiting a solution we were able to re-credit any members who had been overcharged.

Members Sonja Borfoed and Vicki Marsh also drew our attention to the blog entry order on the website, which was confusing, with older entries being at the top of the list. Vivian reported this to Realize Online who corrected the problem.

Thank you to everyone who was so patient while we dealt with these problems.

The E-list is still being used for offers of resources surplus to needs, to circulate advertised position vacancies and to seek professional input throughout the ARLIS/ANZ network.

Thanks to John Stevens for his ongoing management on the E-list. Items placed on the ARLIS/ANZ blog are circulated via a regular newsletter which is automatically generated.

The ARLIS/ANZ Facebook page and Twitter accounts are also valuable communication tools.

The next ARLIS/ANZ Conference will be held in Sydney at the Art Gallery of New South Wales from November 30 through to 2 December 2016, the theme being "Persistence of the Real". Full details will be circulated early in 2016.

Barbara Rendall
National Secretary
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