

National Chair's Report

Submitted to the Annual General Meeting, held 2nd December 2022

Summary

- This report covers the dates: January 2021 to December 2022.

Report

- **Conference:** The National Executive held an online conference in December 2022 with two guest speakers and 8 speakers from our community of librarians. The conference ran successfully with many thanks to Ruth McConchie, Ellen O'Hehir and the University of Melbourne for staff time and Zoom facilities, and to the Australian Council for Educational Research for staff time.
- **Conference registrations:** 126 individuals registered for the conference.
- **Videos:** One change implemented by this Committee was the removal of the Vimeo video hosting account. As we are already paying for Google Workspace, it was agreed that videos would be moved to the YouTube account associated with our Google Workspace. Ellen O'Hehir has set up a channel specifically to share conference videos. Consent forms for sharing of video content were received from all speakers.
- **General wrap up:** Many thanks to the Arlis/ANZ community for the opportunity to be your National Chair for the past two years. It has been a difficult time in Melbourne due to the COVID-19 pandemic and more personally, due to job changes and health issues. It is with some sadness that I left my job as an art librarian at Monash University Library, however, I feel positive about the position of the art library sector going forward, especially given the invigorating atmosphere of intellectual generosity at the 2022 Arlis/ANZ Biennial Conference.

Romany Manuell, December 13, 2022.