

ARLIS/ANZ NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Friday, 1 December 2023

Time: 11:00–11:45am

Online via Zoom

Welcome by Chairperson: Therese Nolan-Brown

Attendees:

- Lea Simpson, Duncan McColl (NSW)
- Ellen Thompson, Therese Nolan-Brown, Alice Steiner, Jacklyn Young, Judy Gunning (QLD)
- Catherine Kerrigan (SA)
- Philippa Robinson (NZ)
- Michelle de Aizpurua, Jennifer Rooke, John Stevens, Kerrie Klumpp (VIC)

Apologies: Ju Phan (VIC) Elizabeth Little (ACT) Natalie Spain, Steven Miller (NSW) Tim Jones, Tamsyn Bayliss, Lorraine Hellier-Nichols (NZ)

Confirmation of Minutes from 2022

Confirmed: Therese Nolan-Brown

Chair's Report: (Full [Report on website](#))

- Currently 30 members including institutional and independent members. This is low membership for a national body. The decline in membership seems to be linked to the disappearance of art libraries within major institutions.
- The Chair proposed the following:
 - Compile an up-to-date list of art libraries in Australia
 - Conduct a survey of members to determine views about future value and viability of the organisation
 - Hold a special meeting in 2024 to discuss the declining membership of Arlis/ANZ and potential options for the future
- During 2023 ARLIS/NA invited a representative from ARLIS/ANZ to attend their 2023 conference and have extended that offer for the upcoming 2024 conference. Members interested in attending the Pittsburgh conference in April next year should contact the National Executive
- The Executive was contacted by Paul Bentley (UNSW) regarding a discussion paper about the GLAM sector, seeking feedback prior to presentation at the AMAGA (PAHN) Conference in Adelaide in late November.
- The Chair thanked Steven Miller for his contribution to ARLIS/ANZ. Steven is taking long service leave prior to formally retiring from the position of Manager, Capon Research Library and Archive, Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Treasurer's Report ([Full Report on Website](#))

- Balance on the two ARLIS/ANZ bank accounts: \$1007 and working account about \$6000.
- Disbursements have been paid.
- The Victorian chapters hosted the last conference which made no money.
- ARLIS is running at a loss; the cost of the website hosting and annual conference will exhaust ARLIS/ANZ funds in approximately 4.5years.
- Currently running at a yearly loss of \$1042.
- We need to have a serious discussion on the survival of ARLIS

Survey Project – Catherine Kerrigan (SA):

- Discontinued due to ill-health.

2024 Conference:

- Duncan McColl (AGNSW) will talk with his colleagues and then meet with the Executive to discuss conference options.

Other Business:

Discussion amongst the attending membership arising from the Chair's and Treasurer's reports regarding the declining membership and running costs of ARLIS/ANZ. Ideas included:

- Therese Nolan-Brown (Chair): Increasing institutional membership.
- Michelle de Aizpurua: Suggested having one national group instead of chapters.
- Ellen Thompson (Treasurer): Sustainability of ARLIS is becoming a concern. If we become a national chapter, we could meet together across borders (online) as we are doing now. We could become a community of practice, decommissioning the outgoings, website, etc.
- Therese Nolan-Brown: An online presence is a necessity, the website acts as an archive for the organisation. We could look at getting a major institutional member to underwrite the cost of the webpage EG SLQ who has been supportive of ARLIS in the past, or NGA?
- Judy Gunning: We have to decide what we want from ARLIS.
- Therese Nolan-Brown: We need feedback - a survey on art libraries.
- Duncan McColl: Broaden our reach to include Australasia.
- Ellen Thompson: Our membership is cheap, but we don't offer anything much, so it is difficult to retain members.
- Kerri Klump: I've reached out in Victoria, contacting all the tertiary institutions that taught art.

Actions:

- Compile an up-to-date list of art libraries to identify potential members.
- Survey current members on what they want from ARLIS moving forward.
- Arrange meeting with Duncan McColl to discuss NSW chapter hosting the next ARLIS conference.

Minutes: Jacklyn Young, Secretary Arlis/ANZ National Executive. Monday 18 December 2023.