

**ARTS LIBRARIES SOCIETY/AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND (ARLIS/ANZ)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

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16<sup>th</sup> September 2010, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (including afternoon tea), Boardroom,  
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin

**1. Attendance**

Joye Volker	National Gallery of Australia (President/Chair)
Vicki Marsh	National Gallery of Australia (Treasurer)
Cheryl Stevens	Griffith University (Secretary)
Georgina Binns	University of Melbourne
Margaret Blackmore	University of New South Wales Library
Sonia Boccardo	University of Western Australia
Vicki Costa	Art Gallery of Victoria
Eleanor Goodwin	National Library of Australia
Tim Jones	Christchurch Art Gallery
Caroline McBride	Auckland Art Gallery
Andrea McKey	Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
Steven Miller	Art Gallery of New South Wales
Judy Nolan	Monash University
Cathy Pemble-Smith	Queensland Art Gallery
Michael Proud	National Library of Australia
Barbara Rendall	Sydney Institute Design Centre
Paul Reynolds	National Gallery of Victoria
Grazyna Rosinska	RMIT
Gwen Scott	RMIT
Margaret Shaw	National Portrait Gallery
Gina Sjepceovich	University of Western Australia
John Stevens	State Library of Victoria
Jin Whittington	Art Gallery of South Australia

No apologies were received.

Joye Volker welcomed all members to the AGM and we went around the table and introduced ourselves.

**2. Minutes of previous AGM**

Joye Volker moved that the AGM minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be accepted.  
Margaret Shaw seconded. Motion carried.

**3. Business arising from minutes 2009**

It was stated that any business arising should be covered in the reports and resulting discussion of agenda items.

## **4. Reports**

### **National President's Report – Joye Volker**

Joye tabled and summarised her President's report. Since the last AGM the Executive had been focused on the organisation of the 2010 biennial conference in Darwin. Joye thanked those involved and also those involved in the planning of the IFLA Art Libraries Section proposed conference which was due to be held in Canberra in August of this year. She shared the disappointment that the IFLA conference in Australia was cancelled. The ARLIS/ANZ Journal was published – No. 65; the now retired final print issue. It was also noted that at the last AGM it was agreed that the Online Resources Grants be temporarily suspended and be reconsidered by the next National Executive.

Joye Volker moved that the National President's report be accepted. Seconded by Margaret Shaw. Motion carried.

### **National Treasurer's Report – Vicki Marsh**

The report was tabled. Present membership is 93, with 30 institutional (17 Australia, 13 New Zealand) and 63 personal (61 Australia, 2 New Zealand) members. Due to the cessation of the publication of the print journal, 45 institutional memberships have not been renewed, including 10 international memberships. At the end of the financial year the ARLIS ANZ National Executive Commonwealth Bank Business Transaction Account balance was \$25,426.05, and at 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 was \$27,339.04. The St George Gold Cash Management account (formerly managed by the ACT Chapter) has a balance of \$6,627.88 as at 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

Treasurer Reports were received from New Zealand and from some of the Chapters.

Vicki Marsh moved that the National Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Barbara Rendall. Motion carried.

### **Website Report – Kelly McKeon**

In Kelly's absence Joye tabled the report. The three members of the web team (Kelly, Ellen Thompson, Luisa Rossitto) have all moved on to new positions and are not currently working in art libraries. The roles of the web team are no longer restricted by location or institution. The website continued to grow with 245 registered site users (up from 180 a year ago) and chapters are making use of the forum areas to post details about meetings and share information. Additions/enhancements this year included (a) a new "Members only" forum, accessible only to financial members, for private discussion or posting of confidential information (such as financial reports); (b) and an online journal facility, ready to take the ARLIS/ANZ Journal to the next step.

### **ARLISANZ-L Discussion List Report – Joye Volker**

Joye reported that the discussion list membership continues to rise and is now at 242 (230 in 2009). The number of posts for the year was 137 with an average of 11.5 per

month. The most popular posting topic on the list was for the duplicates lists. The Australian National University has continued to host the discussion list with Joye as its external list manager. After 10 years since its inception, Joye recommended that it was now time to transfer the list:

“The Discussion List hosted by the Australian National University be transferred to a university aligned with the new executive. If it cannot be transferred for technical reasons, it should be closed and a new Discussion List opened in parallel for a few months advising ARLIS/ANZ members to subscribe to the new list.”

There followed a brief discussion about this recommendation and whether the discussion list could be hosted and supported by the ARLIS/ANZ website or alternatively use GMail, or better still Google Groups which is free and is moderated. Everyone agreed in principle to consider the latter. Tim Jones suggested that it was important to invite current ARLISANZ-L members to join any new group list as the Society does not want to lose any members unnecessarily. Further discussion will be held with the new National Executive.

### **Travel Awards Report – Margaret Shaw**

This year the conference committee acted as the Travel Awards Committee. Five awards were offered but only four applications (2 from New Zealand; 2 from Australia) were received and each was awarded \$400. The recipients were:

Caroline McBride, Auckland Art Gallery  
Tim Jones, Christchurch Art Gallery  
John Stevens, State Library of Victoria  
Alana Garwood-Houng, AIATSIS

### **Chapter Reports**

Written reports were received from the ACT, Queensland, NSW, New Zealand and Victoria Chapters. These will be made available on the ARLIS/ANZ website. Members present from other chapters gave brief verbal reports.

### **5. ARLIS/ANZ Journal**

Joye suggested that the issue from the last AGM about whether the online journal should be refereed or not, or simply to include conference papers as in the past, is one for the next National Executive to consider.

Margaret Blackmore recommended that the back issues of the journal be digitised and pdf's created as articles are 6.5% more likely to be cited if published online. ARLIS would have to pay someone to do this and Margaret suggested that she could obtain a quotation for this service.

Judy Nolan suggested that the articles could be included in the free Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) with a link to the article from the ARLIS/ANZ website.

Margaret Shaw raised the issue about relevancy of the older content. A small working group was formed to examine the possibilities. Members include:

Margaret Blackmore  
Tim Jones  
Michael Proud

After the positions of the incoming ARLIS/ANZ Executive were filled (see 6 below), this working party's role was accepted by the new Executive and asked that the group meet on an ad hoc basis and report to the new Executive in 2011.

## **6. ARLIS/ANZ Executive and Committee**

Joye Volker read out the part of the ARLIS/ANZ Constitution relating to the Executive and Committee and stated that all Executive and Ordinary positions would be declared vacant at the end of 2010. No formal nominations for these positions were received prior to the AGM but nominations were called for from the floor. The following positions were filled and subsequently accepted by those nominated.

Chair/President

Judy Nolan ([judy.nolan@monash.edu.au](mailto:judy.nolan@monash.edu.au)) (nominated by Paul Reynolds; seconded by Joye Volker)

Treasurer

Paul Reynolds ([paul.reynolds@ngv.vic.gov.au](mailto:paul.reynolds@ngv.vic.gov.au)) (nominated by Gwen Scott; seconded by Georgina Binns)

Secretary

George Leighfield ([george.leighfield@monash.edu.au](mailto:george.leighfield@monash.edu.au)) (nominated by Judy Nolan; seconded by Gwen Scott)

Discussion then centred around the four ordinary positions and about whether these roles would be as listed in the Agenda. Joye answered that the Constitution reveals that these positions are four ordinary members of the Society and specific names of roles are not indicated. The four ordinary positions will be taken up by:

Joye Volker – Past Chair/President ([joye.volker@nga.gov.au](mailto:joye.volker@nga.gov.au)) (nominated by Paul Reynolds; seconded by Margaret Shaw)

Andrea McKey ([andrea.mckey@nt.gov.au](mailto:andrea.mckey@nt.gov.au)) (nominated by Joye Volker; seconded by Vicki Marsh)

Gwen Scott ([gwen.scott@rmit.edu.au](mailto:gwen.scott@rmit.edu.au)) (nominated by Paul Reynolds; seconded by Judy Nolan)

John Stevens ([jstevens@slv.vic.gov.au](mailto:jstevens@slv.vic.gov.au)) (nominated by Jin Whittington; seconded by Georgina Binns)

## **7. Next ARLIS/ANZ Conference**

Next year the IFLA art libraries pre-conference will be held in Mexico City and the main conference in Puerto Rico. The 2012 IFLA conference will be held in Helsinki, Finland, from 11-16<sup>th</sup> August. The latter dates should be noted with regard to the next ARLIS/ANZ Conference due to be held in Melbourne in 2012. After some discussion it was decided that the ARLIS conference should be held in late September or early October depending upon the NGV's masterpieces exhibition closing date. A possible venue could be the National Gallery of Victoria and the theme might centre around "collaboration between practitioners and librarians" such as a research group doing artist books.

All members of the current 2010 conference organising committee would be pleased to advise the 2012 committee, including Margaret Shaw with advice on the conference program.

### **8. Other Business**

Michael Proud spoke a few words of appreciation to Joye Volker who, at short notice, took on the role of Chair/President of ARLIS/ANZ in 2009 and brought her characteristic enthusiasm, flair and panache to the organisation of the 2010 Darwin conference. A thank-you gift of Tiwi Islands textiles from Tiwi Design was given to Joye.

As there was no Other Business, the President declared the meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.