

# ARLIS/NA

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## Architecture Section Meeting

March 21, 2015

Submitted by Kathy Edwards

Vice-moderator Lauren MacDonald presiding for Moderator Cathryn Copper

Attendees: Kathy Edwards, Bridget Gayle Ground, Karen DeWitt, Kitty Chibnik, Martha Gonzalez Palacios, Sara DeWaay, Kris Liberman, Jennifer Strickland, Gilda Santana, Martha Walker, Beth Dodd, Katie Pierce Meyer, Elizabeth Schaub, Ted Goodman, Amy Trendler, Janine Henri, Sherman Clarke, Geraldine Billingham, Lauren MacDonald

1. Housekeeping
  - a. Approval of minutes of last meeting
  - b. Summary of the numbers: In latest membership round, 285 ARLIS/NA members selected the section; 150 current members of the ARCHSEC list; in the last year, 1,400 visitors to the ArchSec website
  - c. Architecture content at national conference has been low over last 5 years. We need to get workshops/sessions proposed for Seattle. At the meeting:
    - i. Janine Henri: Given that AASL will also be meeting in Seattle in 2016 a few days after ARLIS/NA, perhaps a post-conference workshop that could tie into those attending AASL, on a topic--born-digital architecture-related files?--that would also appeal to VRA.
    - ii. Martha Gonzalez Palacios, AASL Vice President/President-Elect, responded that AASL is exploring several options for the location and dates for the 2016 AASL Conference and that this idea will also be considered. A survey will be sent to the AASL membership so 'stay tuned'
    - iii. Lauren suggested 'Natural connections' between architecture and art, as in the resurging interest in drawing in architecture programs
    - iv. Henry Pisciotta: Seattle would be a prime city for a focus on library architecture
2. ArchSec
  - a. archsec.arlisna.org now hosted by ARLIS/NA, and that comes with tech support
  - b. Amy Trendler suggested that new articles posted on the site be announced on ARLIS-L
  - c. Lauren shared new guidelines for site posts. Guidelines are included below:
    - i. Topics should be anything of interest to ARLIS/NA Architecture Section members. Preference will be given to topics that share highlights of our institutional collections, projects and services and help generate ideas for yearly conference proposals.

- ii. Posts are published on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, if the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a holiday or weekend posts should be published on the next business day.
    - iii. The first line of the post should be a byline (in bold) with the author's name and affiliation.
    - iv. Posts should be a minimum of 500 words and not to exceed 1500 words.
    - v. Posts should include 3-6 images/videos.
    - vi. Any references should be in APA format.
    - vii. Posts should be submitted to the Architecture Section moderator in .doc format with pictures embedded in the order in which they should appear.
  - d. Lauren passed around a signup list, toward creating a core group of contributors for the year (per month); contributors for the year would be this group plus guests either invited or volunteering, as Carl Lounsbury recently did.
3. ArchSec Digital Portal
- a. Development ideas include making it a portal for a peer-reviewed digital projects index, or for access to digitized architectural drawings from members' archives or special collections
  - b. Suggestion put forward to have a digital portal core group, to include a representative from the SAA architectural records section
  - c. Elizabeth Schaub: Has there been any discussion with the Executive Board about a back end for the more ambitious ideas for this?
  - d. Beth Dodd: the Society of American Archivists Architectural Records Roundtable (SAA-ARR) is also addressing these ideas; it would be good to have someone from that group on the portal committee
  - e. Janine: Perhaps build the portal on the LibGuide model, linking to known projects, with a tab also for projects underway; a directory of initiatives, in other words
  - f. Conclusion: Goal is to build portal as a reference and clearinghouse
  - 1. Lauren accepted suggestion to put a call out to the listserv advancing this idea and calling for participation/sources
4. Vice-moderator election: Karen DeWitt self-nominated from the floor; accepted by acclamation.
5. Geraldine Billingham, Editorial Director for Berg/Bloomsbury Publishing, announced publication of a complete update of *Sir Banister Fletcher's A History of Architecture*: completely rewritten, in both print and digital formats, with color images online, plus a six-volume encyclopedia of vernacular architecture. Anyone who would like to join an advisory committee on this effort is invited to contact her.
6. Updates from Related Organizations
- a. SAHARA update: Janine Henri - Reinvigorated collection and platform, now simpler, faster, better. Relaunch was March 9th.
  - b. AASL update: Christine Sala. Toronto meeting had an amazing program; 45 people attended. AASL is working on selecting location and dates for 2016.
  - c. Avery Index: Ted Goodman
    - i. Two years ago, the Index staff was changed to one full time indexer, a part-timer, and freelancers
    - ii. Numbers: Now a total of 725,000 records; currently indexing 304 journals

- iii. Recent additions: *CLOG* (and conversation about its unique format, as an indexing challenge), the online journal *EGA: Revista de expresión gráfica arquitectónica*, some new Chinese journals, a Turkish journal, a number of others
- iv. Ted welcomes suggestions of new titles to cover
- v. The Avery Index covers all journals on the current AASL core list
- vi. Gradually covering more DOAJ journals, going back to first issues when a title is picked up
- vii. Sherman Clarke asked members how they'd prefer he index the new formats of *Abitare* and *Domus*. Response: project title, architect, location, and article author
- viii. Chris Sala formerly indexed full time, still indexing five German titles
- ix. Ted also maintains the Avery's Twitter and Facebook content, as well as the Avery's website
- x. In response to whether Avery would be open to accepting records contributed by librarians, Ted suggested prior coaching in how to create rigorous records; Elizabeth Schaub suggested this would make a great conference workshop.
- xi. In response to Janine's question as to whether the Avery is indexing blogs, Ted noted two requirements: that a publication should have an ISSN and a regular publication schedule