Minutes from the ARLIS/Norden board meeting at Arkitekturmuseet in Stockholm, 12th of June 2009 (time: 08.00-10.00)

Present at the meeting:

Ulf Nordqvist, The Royal Swedish Academy of Fine Arts, Stockholm. (Member of the board)
Eila Rämö, University of Art and Design, Helsinki. (Member of the board)
Lisa Valdimarsdottir, Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavik. (Member of the board)
Svanfríður Franklínsdóttir, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik. (Substitute member)
Solveig Tønseth, The National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design, Oslo. (Member of the board)
Tone Odden, The Norwegian Museum of Cultural History, Oslo. (Substitute member)

Satu Lindberg, Arts Council of Finland, Helsinki (treasurer) was present at the part of the meeting concerning the accounts.

Not present at the meeting:
Håkan Grissler, Göteborg City Library. (Substitute member)
Anja Lehtokari, University of Art and Design, Helsinki. (Substitute member)

Denmark has no members in the board this year.

Agenda
1. Election of:
   a) Head of the meeting – Ulf Nordqvist
   b) Minute maker – Solveig Tønseth
   c) Second minute maker – Tone Odden

2. Approval of the agenda:
   Approved

3. Constitution of the board / Presentation of board members and substitute members:
   Ulf Nordqvist, The Royal Swedish Academy of Fine Arts, Stockholm. (Member of the board - Sweden)
   Håkan Grissler, Göteborg City Library. (Substitute member - Sweden)
   Eila Rämö, University of Art and Design, Helsinki. (Member of the board - Finland)
   Anja Lehtokari, University of Art and Design, Helsinki. (Substitute member - Finland)
   Lisa Valdimarsdottir, Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavik. (Member of the board - Iceland)
b) Elected to be head of the chair: Ulf Nordqvist

c) Elected to be treasurer: Satu Lindberg

d) Elected to be webmaster: The board does not elect the web master. The web group is responsible to point out a person for this function. As for today the webmaster is Kent Gottschalk Hansen.

4. Procuration / Bank accounts
The board agreed that only Satu Lindberg or Ulf Nordqvist can solely or together have full access to ARLIS/Norden accounts in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland. The Icelandic account will be closed as soon as possible. Satu and Ulf will together be responsible for closing the books at the end of the budget year.

5. Annual meeting and conference in Stockholm 2009
The board concluded that the conference so far has been interesting and well organized.

There was a discussion whether the annual meeting language in the future should be in English or Nordic language. Ulf will check if there is a possibility for voting over this already at the annual meeting in Oslo in 2010.

6. Next board meeting
a) Reykjavik was suggested, a final decision is made after the summer holidays
b) Subjects of particular interest are: the web pages, prepare the coming discussion at the 2010 conference on how to “reform” ARLIS/Norden, conference and annual meeting language, decide whether ARLIS/Norden should have only one account (Satu will prepare a report on this for the board)

Denmark could not find any members for the board this period, and the board therefore decided that they will have no participants at the board meeting.

7. Annual meeting and conference in Norway in 2010
i. The Norwegians have planned to focus on two main subjects at the conference:
- The library as a research arena
- ARLIS/Norden “reform”: ARLIS/Norden has experienced a lack of interest and engagement among the members the last years. What can we do to avoid this development to continue; how can we “reform” ARLIS/Norden?

ii. The annual meeting / conference will be arranged in Oslo from 10th–12th of June 2010.
8. Eventual
The board started a discussion on how we can regain engagement among ARLIS/Norden’s members. It is a problem that there is little interest for the national member arrangements and that it is difficult to get volunteers for board positions. Denmark couldn’t find any members for the board this period. The board will continue the discussion at the board meeting in January. In the meanwhile the board members will discuss the subject with their national members as a preparation for further discussion at the conference in Oslo in June next year.