Minutes from ARLIS/Norden Annual Meeting, Reykjavik 2019

**Time:** Thursday 13 June 13:00 – 15:00  
**Place:** Technical College, Skólavörðuholt

1. **Election of chairman, minute maker and two vote counters of the meeting**
   
   Chairman: Suvi Juvonen (FI)  
   Minute maker: Linda Sundberg (SE)  
   Vote counters: Rangnhildur Blöndal (IS), Ingibjörg Rögnvaldsdottir (IS)

2. **Approval of the summons**
   
   The summons were approved.

3. **Approval of the agenda**
   
   The agenda was approved.

4. **The boards annual report 2018**
   
   Linda Sundberg (SE) presented the Annual report 2018, available on the ARLIS/Norden website.

   Some comments and suggestions were made about how we should handle Denmark. There are several members from Denmark, but they have not actively participated for a long time. There was a suggestion that the next board meeting could be held in Copenhagen and that the Danish members will be invited or they send one or two participants.

   The annual report 2018 was approved.
5. Plan of action for 2019-2020

Anette Waller (NO) presented the Plan of Action for 2019-2020, available on the ARLIS/Norden website.

One comment came up that we could add that we should support and encourage Denmark to attend again.

The Plan of Action for 2019-2020 was approved.

6. Accounts of ARLIS/Norden for the fiscal year 2018

The treasure Ellen Harstad was not presented so Suvi Juvonen presented the accounts for 2018, available on the website.

ARLIS/Norden had the end of 2018 95 members, but only 68 members have paid their membership fees. The number of institutional members are still decreasing.

There are lot of members that have not paid their fees. This spring the board was supposed to contact those who had not pay their fees, to update the membership list. The board need to wait until Katarina Soudunsaari (FI) take over the responsibility as a treasure from Ellen.

Activities in each country, is for snacks, guided tours etc. for meetings arranged in each country.

The Accounts were approved.

7. Auditor’s report for 2018

Suvi presented the Auditor’s report for 2018 signed by Connie Hansen. It is the same as it used to be. No changes.

The report was approved.

8. Freedom from Liability for the Board

Freedom from liability for the board was accepted.

9. Membership fees

Suvi presented the board’s proposal to increase the membership fees from 850 NOK to 1000 NOK for institutional members and keep 350 NOK for individual members unchanged.

Two documents with two different budgets were shown to the participants so they could see the differences between 850 NOK and 1000 NOK.
The proposal was accepted. Everyone voted for yes to raise the membership fees from 850 NOK to 1000 NOK (100 euro) for institutional members.

The board did not purpose anything for the individual fee but asked for the participant’s opinion. At the moment there are 12 individual members. As the currency will be in euro as soon as we are able to open an account in Finland it was decided by the participants to let the individual membership fee be 35 euro (instead of 36).

10. Amendment to the statutes
   a. § 6 Signatory / § 6 Firmatecknare (see separate document)
   b. Discussion about § 5 The Board / § 5 Styrelse (see separate document)

   a. Some comments and suggestions were made: It is difficult because the rules is not clear enough. Can we go around this problem?

   The proposition will be that the chairman or the treasures have the right to sign.

   The proposal was accepted.

   b. There were no suggestions from the board, only a discussion about that the board’s five members (one from each Nordic country) should attend according to the rules. Can we let it be or will it be a problem that Denmark does not participate? The board encourages the Danish members to participate.

11. Registration of the association to Finland and removal from Norwegian registry Brønnøysundregistrene

   Background: Now ARLIS/Norden is registered in Norway and the bank account as well. For Katariina Soudunsaari (FI) to take over as a treasure, ARLIS/Norden needs a bank account in Finland.

   It was decided that:
   ARLIS/Norden will be registered in Finnish Patent and Registration office.
   ARLIS/Norden will be removed from Norwegian registry Brønnøysundregistrene. ARLIS/Norden authorizes Ellen Harstad to do the removal.

   It was accepted.
12. Conference and annual meeting 2020

Next year’s conference and annual meeting will be held 11-13 of June in Stockholm, Sweden.

Liisa Aalto presented the theme of the conference: Critical art librarianship. More will follow!

13. Proposals from the board

Travel grants for non ARLIS/Norden activities. Suvi presented the proposal (see separate document).

The proposal was accepted.

In the beginning of next year you can apply for ARLIS/Norden grant before the ARLIS/Norden conference.

14. Proposals from the members

No proposals from the members.

15. Budget from ARLIS/Norden 2020

Suvi presented the budget. Higher income for the increase membership fee.

Travel grant as it has been.

Projects 3000 NOK, if a Nordic country wants to arrange a meeting or something similar. Never been used.

The Budget was approved including changes for the surplus to 0.

16. Reports from the work in IFLA’s art libraries section

Nothing to report from IFLA’s art libraries section.

At IFLA 2019 there will be two member from ARLIS/Norden that have received ARLIS/Norden travel grants. The board can ask if they can either do a presentation at the next ARLIS/Norden annual meeting or write a report that will be posted on the web site, or both.

17. Elections

Charlotta Turborn presented the elections committee’s proposals for the board, (see separate document).
NORGE (2019-2021)
- Anette Waller, Oslo National Academy of the Arts – ordinarie/board member
- Matteo Antoniazzi, National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design – suppléant/substitute

SVERIGE (2019-2021)
- Linda Sundberg, Gothenburg University Library – ordinarie/board member
- Karin Süld, University Library of Borås – suppléant/substitute

ISLAND (2019-2021)
- Ragnhildur Blöndal, Técnical College – ordinarie/board member (re-elected)
- Guðný Ragnarsdóttir, Árni Magnússon Institution for Islandske Studier – suppléant/substitute

FINLAND (2019-2021)
- Suvi Juvonen, The Library of the Museum of Finnish Architecture – ordinarie/board member (re-elected)
- Katariina Soudunsaari, Lapland University Library – suppléant/substitute (re-elected)

Denmark are missing candidates and will not be represented in the board.
The election committees proposals were approved by the members.

18. Additional
 Those who attended the special interests groups (Performing arts librarian groups and Architectural librarians group) this morning came up with ideas for some changes that they would like to suggest.

Background:
Usually the special interest groups have their meeting a couple of hours before lunch time and before the conference start with the annual meeting. Those who attend the conference might have difficult to arrive in the morning for this group meetings or choose to skip it and arrive directly to the annual meeting.

Members who attend these meetings work within the same subject area but have different duties (some might work with periodicals, education, research, acquisition and so on). That is a problem when you do an agenda and meet up to discuss
subjects within your work area and no one attending the meeting are working with the same as you.

Suggestion:
Both groups ceases and instead a workshop will be created within the conference program recurrent. Workshop with themes. Either a few hours, during a long coffee break or half a day the conference set up workshops within specific subject areas as for example: artistic research, education, cataloging, university publishing, acquisition, education/pedagogy and future libraries.

It might attract more participants to the ARLIS/Norden conferences when people also get the opportunity to discuss things they work with within the subject area of ARLIS/Norden.

Suvi and Linda will work on a text and send out to all the members to hear people’s opinion.