Minutes

Participants:
Svein Engelstad, NO (Chair)
Hege Charlotte Faber, NO
Lenita Brodin Berggren, SE (minutes)
Piia Pitkänen, FI
Gunnhildur Björnsdóttir, IS
Gitte Lunde Jørgensen, DK

Agenda

1. Election of chairman, minute maker and assessor
Svein was elected as chairman of the meeting, Lenita as the minute maker and Hege as the assessor.

2. Approval of the agenda
The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the minutes from the last board meeting (28th August 2015 in Umeå)
The minutes was approved.

4. Survey of ARLIS/Norden accounts for 2015
Ellen had mailed the survey for 2015 before the meeting. We have less members. The income 73016 NOK is less than budgeted. The expenses 43286 NOK is less than budgeted due to less costs for the board, few membership activities and lower bank fees. From Umeå conference 2015 there is a surplus of 10 140 NOK which will be transferred to the ARLIS/Norden’s central account. The budget has estimated funds for member activities, grants, projects etc. but almost no one applies.

5. Membership fees beginning 2017
The board won’t recommend a raise of the fees since we have a good economy and a surplus of our accounts. The current fees are: 850 NOK for institutional members, 350 NOK for personal members. If anything, our association have a challenge attracting new and more members.

Svein presented the budget draft for 2017 which will be presented at the annual meeting in Oslo.
In NOK the budget total is 105278 NOK. The surplus of Umeå 2015 will be added to this amount.

7. Plan of action 2016-2017
   1. Stimulate members to activities with budget-support from the ARLIS Society
   2. Keeping the WEB-page and Facebook up-to date
   3. Defend and support the continuous work in the different special-interest groups within the Society.
   4. Arranging annual meeting and conference in Oslo 2016
   5. Preparations for annual meeting and conference in Finland 2017
   6. Stimulate international cooperation
   7. Travel grants for participating in meetings or conferences arranged by ARLIS, IFLA or similar organizations internationally

The plan of action was discussed by the board.

1. All the board members reminds the ARLIS/Norden members in each country about the possibilities to apply for funding for projects and activities.

3. Gitte suggested that we should ask the special interest group to elect a person in each group who would function as a coordinator. The coordinators suggest a theme and set the agenda for the special group meeting at the annual meeting. Svein contacts the Architecture group and Piia the Performance group.

7. The meeting discussed that if we give travel grant to a member to participate in a conference outside our organization, the person has to give a presentation in his/her own country and in the following ARLIS/Norden conference.

The plan of action was adopted.

8. Presentation of the program for ARLIS/Norden Annual Meeting and Conference in Oslo, August 2016

Svein presented the program for the annual meeting and conference in Oslo. A draft of the program will be online at the website in a couple of weeks. The board where impressed by the interesting program!

9. Place, date and time for the two board meetings in Oslo, August 2016.

First board meeting; Wednesday 8th of June 15.00-17.00. Second board meeting; Thursday 9th of June 17.30-19.00. Svein will inform us later about the venues for the meetings.

10. The website- Report from the web group
ARLIS/Norden has a Norwegian bank account and therefore should the currency always be in Norwegian krone at our WEB-page. We should also highlight information about membership on the first page. Svein will send an e-mail to the web editors to make a correction. Svein pointed out that there is information on the webpage that need to be dated.

11. Reports from each country

Gitte reported from Denmark. Gitte invited the ARLIS/Norden members from the south of Sweden to participate in arrangements in Denmark. During 2015 Denmark has invited the members to meetings at Tivoli and a presentation of the archive and a guided tour of Amalienborg Library. Her impression is that the same people attends the meetings every time, and that they are very few. Gitte suggested that we should invite students and retired staff to our arrangements.

From Island reported Gunnhildur that the members meet four times a year, often in connection with the opening of an exhibition. Normally it is a small group of people attending.

The members in Finland meet about three times a year, and it’s a small group participating. Right now Finland is busy planning for next year’s conference and annual meeting.

Sweden has a lively ARLIS/Norden group in Stockholm who meets a couple of times every semester. In Gothenburg the ARLIS/Norden members met two times during 2015.

In Norway, almost all member activities are in Oslo where the big institutions are. They meet three times a year with about 8-10 people attending. Right now it’s a lot of activities going on in planning this year’s conference.

Except for Stockholm, there is not much activity in each country. The same people tend to attend the meetings or other activities.

12. The ARLIS/Nordens annual meeting 9th June in Oslo

The board discussed the program.

The annual meeting will be English

Steen Søndergaard Thomsen was suggested as chairman, Sara Nässén as secretary and vote counters from Norway.

Elections: Sweden, Norway and Denmark are voting for new ordinary and substitute board members.

Svein will e-mail our members for proposals.

Piia informed that Artlibraries.net no longer exists. The successor project is the Art Discovery Group Catalogue (www.artdiscovery.net).

Piia will present the conference in Finland.

Additional

Next year’s conference will take place in Helsinki. Suggested dates are 8-10 of June or 15-17 of June. The planning group in Finland has talked about themes concerning Art Libraries and different customers. How can the Library best serve our customers and what can we learn from each other? How can we design our libraries for different users? How do the customers use the library space? Issues about information marketing and library visits was also suggested. The board thought the
suggested theme was interesting and an important issue for all kind of libraries. We are looking forward to the conference in Helsinki!

**Conference cookbook.** ARLIS/Norden has an old version of a conference cookbook. A reminder for the country who arrange the annual conference. The board agreed that we should have a conference cookbook. Gitte is going to make an updated version for the board to consider.

After the annual meeting in Umeå there was a suggestion to bring life to the annual yearbook. The board agreed that it is too much work and it is better that all documents and presentation will be available at the ARLIS/Norden web page.

Minute maker  
Assessor

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