ARLIS/Norden Board meeting at Arts Campus, Umeå, 26th of August 2015

Present: Sara Nässén – SE (minutes), Lenita Brodin Berggren - SE, Hege Charlotte Faber – NO (chair), Gunnhildur Björnsdóttir – IS (assessor), Gitte Lunde Jørgensen- DK, Piia Pitkänen - FI, Minna Meronen -FI

Agenda

1. Election of chair, minute maker and assessor of the meeting.
Chair of meeting: Hege Charlotte Faber. Minute maker: Sara Nässén. Assessor of minutes: Gunnhildur Björnsdóttir

2. Approval of the agenda
The agenda was approved

3. Approval of minutes from last board meeting, February 5th 2015, Oslo.
Approved, with one correction: Gunnhildur Björnsdóttir was not present, but Margrét Ásgeirsdóttir. The minutes from this board meeting were not yet published on the web but Lenita promised to email them to Per for publishing

4. Information concerning the arrangement in Umeå.
Lenita informed about the programme. Some changes have been made: the guided tour at the Västerbotten museum is cancelled due to expenses and lack of time – instead there will be a guided tour at the cultural center Väven. The budget of the conference is under control, with a small surplus. There are 48 participants in total.

5. Practicalities at the ARLIS/Norden annual meeting in Umeå, 27th of August 2015.
Formal tasks:
i. Election of responsibilities for the annual meeting
Gitte will be the chair of the meeting, Anna Swärd Bergström will be minute maker and Berit Renström and Malin Josefsson will be vote counters. We discussed details and practical issues regarding the annual meeting.

Board responsibilities
i, Formal welcome & practical information
Lenita will start with giving some practical information before we move on to the annual meeting

ii, Annual report.
We discussed the elections, se point vi below.

iii. Plan of action
No additions/changes to last year’s Plan of action. We discussed how we can go from just planning to actually doing things, for instance having more international cooperation or being more active with the website. We reflected on whether it could be a good idea to make the annual meetings more open for discussions on these and other arguments among the members.
We discussed the special interest groups and how they should be organized. The board suggest that the hosting country should be responsible of making sure that there will be a
place and time for their meetings during the conference, as well as for pointing out/suggesting a suitable person to chair the meetings.

iv, Accounts for 2014
We have less members than expected but the actual number of members for 2014 is unclear and we do not know exactly how many are private/institutional members. We believe that the loss of members is mainly due several fusions of libraries into one. Iceland had a surplus of 31.188 NOK after last year’s conference, Gunnhildur will present the details on the annual meeting. Because of a delayed money transfer to the central Arlis account these numbers are not visible in the accounts.

v, Budget 2016
The Budget on the web is not the correct and updated version. Gitte called Ellen Harstad, Arlis/Nordens treasurer, to sort out the details. The details will be corrected so that we can present the correct version on the annual meeting.

vi, Elections
All countries that need to elect new board members have done so. The formal election/confirmation of new members in the board from Iceland and Finland will take place during the annual meeting the 27th of August. Members of the board from Denmark were accepted on the board meeting in February. The other countries will have elections next year.

vii, Reports from international cooperation
Lenita from the board and Karin Sundén from the University of Gothenburg will report from their visit to the IFLA conference in Cape town on the annual meeting on the 27th of August.

viii, Presentation of the conference in Norway in 2016
Hege tells a bit about the upcoming Arlis/Norden conference in Oslo. The theme will be digitalization and the suggested dates are 10-12th of June, 2016.