ARLIS/Norden Annual meeting, Oslo, 2016

Thursday, 9. June at Oslo University, Professorboligen

Minutes

1. **Election of Chairman of the meeting, Secretary, and two vote counters:**
   Chair: Svein Engelstad
   Secretary: Birgit Jordan
   Vote counters: Hege Faber and Gunnhildur Björnsdóttir

2. **Approval of the summons:**
   The summons were sent to all members on email, published on the website and on facebook 20. May.
   The summons were approved

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

4. **The Board’s annual report 2015-2016:**
   Svein Engelstad read the annual report from 2015-2016.
   The annual report was approved

5. **Plan of action for 2016-2017:**
   Svein Engelstad read the plan of action. No comments and questions.
   The plan of action for 2016-2017 was approved

6. **Accounts of ARLIS/Norden for the fiscal year 2015:**
   The accounts were presented by the bookkeeper Ellen Harstad. ARLIS/Norden had at the end of 2015, 101 members, but only 72 members have paid the membership fees. The number of institutional members are still decreasing and were only 70. The annual meeting surplus of NOK 21 479 in the accounts is the surplus from the conference in Reykjavik in 2014. Compared to the budget, the expenditures are less than expected, and especially in the travel post. Board members have had their travel expenses paid by their employers.
   The total surplus of the accounts is NOK 29 730. The bank balance is NOK 105 278.
Comments were made that the balance is too much and more should be spent on member activities. A suggestion was made to increase the travel grant in next year’s budget. The accounts were then approved.

7. Report on the finances from the Annual Meeting and conference in Umeå, 2015:
The accounts were not ready to be presented, but it was reported that it was a surplus.

8. Auditor’s report for 2015:
The auditor’s report was read to the Annual Meeting. The report approved the accounts and the bookkeeping and recommended that the Annual Meeting should grant freedom from liability to the Board.

9. Freedom from liability for the Board:
The Annual Meeting approved the auditor’s report and granted freedom from liability to the Board.

10. Membership fees:
The fees are at present NOK 850 for institutions and NOK 350 for personal members. The board recommended not to increase the fees this year. The suggestion was approved.

11. Proposals from the members:
There were no proposals from the members.

12. Budget for the ARLIS/Norden 2017:
The budget was presented with an estimated income of NOK 62 600 and an estimate of expenses NOK 71 000. This will result with a deficit at NOK 8 400.
It was suggested a variable fee depending on the size of the institutions. The Board has discussed this and with so few members this would be too complicated and time consuming to execute.
The suggestion was withdrawn.
It was suggested that the travel grant was increased with NOK 10 000 to NOK 30 000.
This will result a budget deficit on NOK 18 400.
The suggestion was approved and the budget will be adjusted accordingly.

13. Report from the work in IFLA’s Art Libraries Section and other international representation:
There was no representation from ARLIS/Norden last year. This year’s IFLA meeting will be in Chicago in August 2016, and it is also expected that ARLIS/Norden will be represented in the Art Discovery Group meeting in Firenze in October.
14. Election:
The head of the Election Committee, Birgit Jordan, presented the following proposals for board members, 2016-2018:

Norway: Hanne Storm Ofteland, Oslo National Academy of Arts, member
Anette Waller, Oslo National Academy of Arts, substitute

Sweden: Christoffer Lindström, Umeå University Library, member
Sara Nassén, Chalmers Library, substitute

The candidates were elected unanimously by the Annual Meeting.

The following board members sit in the board till the Annual Meeting in 2017:

Iceland: Gunnhildur Björnsdóttir, School of Education, Reykjavik, member
Ingibjörg Rögnvaldsdóttir, Technical College, Reykjavik, substitute

Finland: Piia Pitkänen, Finnish National Gallery Library, member
Suvi Juvonen, The Library of the Museum of Finnish Architecture, substitute

Denmark: Mikael Bøgh Rasmussen, HM The Queen’s Reference Library, member
Nils Fredriksen, Designmuseum Danmark, substitute

15. Additional:
Gunnhildur Björnsdóttir reminded the members to publish their articles on ARLIS/Norden’s website

The Finnish board members presented the conference them for the next conference in Helsinki, 15.-17. June 2017.
The title of the conference will be “Art libraries and customers”. The conference will discuss how to give best possible service to very different groups of users. In addition: Finland will in 2017 celebrate its 100th anniversary of its independence.

Oslo, 16. June 2016

Birgit Jordan

Svein Engelstad

Secretary

Chair of the Annual Meeting