

**(Visual Resources Association Canada Chapter)
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VRA Annual Report**

Accomplishments:

The VRA Board voted to approve the VRA Canada Chapter Bylaws on December 18, 2007, establishing the first VRA Chapter outside of the United States. I currently serve as Acting Chair, Adam Lauder, from the University of Windsor, serves as Secretary, and Peggy Haist, from the University of Toronto, serves as Treasurer.

VRA Canada had two meetings this past year. One, at the University of Toronto on June 1st, 2007 and the second at the Ontario College of Art & Design on Friday, November 2nd, 2007.

As a group, we voted in favor of a VRA Canada-wide chapter, primarily because of the lower number of Visual Resource Curators in Canada as compared to that of the United States.

Both meetings were web-cast live to Canadian Visual Resource Curators who were unable to physically attend the meetings. Some could not attend the meetings simply because of geographic distances, but were able to participate remotely via the live web-cast.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 29th, 2008 at the University of Toronto Mississauga campus, organized by Harriet Sonne-Torrens.

Goals:

The VRA Canada Chapter is interested in the possible role the Chapter might serve in lobbying the government for changes to the current Copyright Act.

VRA Canada is interested in the relative priorities of collaborative access and quality via the delivery of visual resources in an academic context.

VRA Canada would like to establish a local committee to assist in the planning for the forthcoming VRA conference in Toronto (2009). VRA Canada Chair will present the "Toronto 2009" promotion at the upcoming Business Meeting of VRA, San Diego.

Investigate the logistics of providing bilingual communications to its membership.

Financial Status Summary:

Not for profit bank account set up with the Royal Bank of Canada.
Current balance: \$210.00

Board Action Requested:

List of Chapter Members (cite names and Institution):

Please do not include addresses, and confirm your list with the Membership Services Coordinator. Only members of the national VRA Association may be chapter members.

Barbara Evans; Alberta College of Art and Design
Jane Rhodes, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario
Lesley Bell, Brock University, St. Catherines, Ontario
Nancy Duff, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario
Janice Anderson, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec
Anita Regan, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Jennifer Garland, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec
Ed Sernie, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
Victoria Sigurdson, Nova Scotia College of Art & Design, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Eric Schwab, Ontario College of Art & Design, Toronto, Ontario
Liz Stevens, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Louise Barak, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Peggy Haist, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario
Harriet Sonne-Torrens, University of Toronto, Mississauga, Ontario
Brenda MacEachern, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
Adam Lauder, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario
Hildegard Lindschinger, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario
Michèle Métraux, York University, Toronto, Ontario

Respectfully submitted,

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