

VRA CANADA

July 22, 2010

Time: 11-1pm. Rm. 2098, Sidney Smith Hall, University of Toronto

Present: Adam Lauder, Eric Schwab, Lesley Bell, Peggy Haist, Harriet Sonne de Torrens, Gordon Belray.

Virtual Presence: Beth Knazook, Janice Anderson, Hildegard Lindschinger, Marilyn Nasserden, anonymous guest.

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Minutes from last meeting approved.
2. Current Membership:
 - a. Need to develop the website. Eric will examine this and update it.
 - b. Discussion about using paypal, using listserv and sending reminders for payment of \$15 annually.
 - c. Eric will distribute Facebook site to all set up for VRA-Canadian chapter
 - d. Two business meeting necessary each year.
 - e. Encouragement of new members discussed.
3. Election for new Chapter Officers held and voted on with unanimous results:
 - a. Chair – Adam Lauder
 - b. Treasurer – Eric Schwab
 - c. Secretary – Lesley Bell
4. Status of bank account and Chapter dues, status \$453.75 plus \$525.00 with new dues. Banking authorities to be changed over from Peggy and Eric, to Adam and Eric.
5. Fall business meeting agreed, with a membership event to be planned for the spring time, 2011. To be determined, location and event.
6. Changes in Visual Resource Collections, topics discussed:
 - a. Discussion about changing nature of positions, projects arose.
 - b. G.Belray proposed that FADIS discuss the digitizing of the multi-media material, e.g. large collection at UofT.
 - c. OCAD has rare old lectures on tape by artists.
 - d. Eric raised the topic of closed captions vs. subtitles, and the new laws regarding this was discussed.
 - e. Adam suggested an informal group could be formed to discuss closed captions and new developments in photoshop. Gordon suggested FADIS could upload resources and aids to offer the membership. These aids could be posted to listserv, webpage, etc. Needs further development.
 - f. Lynda.com have quick time modules, 3-5 min. mentioned by Eric.
7. Web 2.0 technologies to improve communications among members. Discussion around Twitter, Wikis, blogs, etc.; it was agreed getting an email was the simplest way of dealing with new communication. Can the Facebook be linked to listserv address? Hildegard noted that simplicity the best approach, as did Adam.
8. Other items
 - a. ARLIS and VRA joint meeting in Minneapolis next spring.
 - b. HST to set up Doodle for scheduling. (week of 18th of October)
 - c. Gordon would like to set up informal groups to discuss getting more media into FADIS. Adam suggested that York might have material to contribute.
9. Meeting adjourned 1pm.