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RCA meeting Vancouver Chapter, BC Region
November 27, 2012; 6pm
Granville Island Hotel

Eric Metcalfe and Renée Van Halm a small group of RCA members to a meeting in order to get a sense of who are members are and to find out how we might best addresses their wishes and concerns.

Of the approximately 20 members invited 8 of us met for two hours. Attendees were Jane Durante, Joost Bakker, Al McWilliams, David MacWilliam, Christos Dikeakos, Eric Metcalfe and Renée Van Halm (regrets Sally Michener, Landon Mackenzie and Vikky Alexander).

The meeting was very positive and productive. The RCA mission and its current activities were reviewed including:

Celebrate: social functions in our regions, the AGA
Encourage: scholarship, awards, purchase award.
Facilitate the exchange of ideas: AGA: local events

In response to the question of what the RCA means to its members it was noted that there was potential as an honorific professional organization (JD), that there was importance in the acknowledgement of community across the disciplines (JB) and that the RCA provides a continuum within Canadian history in the various fields of art and design and a “memory bank”.(JB).

A number of possible initiatives were identified by those present that ranged from lobbying the provincial government on behalf of the visual arts (CD), social events, planning a Vancouver event in conjunction with the AGA in Victoria, etc., beginning a video archive of members (JB & DM). In the area of mentoring it was suggested (JB) that talking in high schools would be a worthwhile experience and that the website could provide a directory of possible speakers with contact information. It was pointed out by all present that interns are already very much part of their professional practices. A group exhibition was also proposed(JD). A need was expressed by all present that the RCA website better reflect the achievements of RCA members (with links to member’s personal websites for instance)and provide the necessary “connective tissue.”

A subsequent meeting was suggested. Jane Durante offered her office for our next meeting in February 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.