



ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

## Annual Report 2006 ARLIS/NA New England Chapter

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## **Narrative**

2006 was a busy year for the ARLIS/New England Chapter, as I'm sure it was for all chapters as we spent a substantial amount of time learning about and then discussing the chapter affiliation agreement.

## **Awards for 2006**

But to begin at the beginning of the year, our awards committee from 2005 (Debby Aframe and Susan Milstein) selected our three winners: Janis Manzo won the Seibel scholarship; Christina Jedziniak won the Wolfgang Freitag professional development award; and Rachel Resnik won the travel award to help defray the costs of attending the ARLIS/NA conference. (For full descriptions of these awards, see our web page: [www.arlisne.org](http://www.arlisne.org))

## **ARLIS/NE Career Panel**

On March 22, 2006, we held the ARLIS/NE career panel at the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The panel intentionally overlapped with Amy Lucker's Art Documentation class. Below is a copy of the invitation that went out for this event:

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Interested in art librarianship? ARLIS/NE, the New England chapter of the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA), invites students and others interested in art librarianship to attend an art libraries career panel. Art librarians from a variety of institutions will talk about what they do, how they got there, and offer career advice. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the profession, as well as to meet professionals working in the field and others interested in art librarianship.

Art Libraries Career Panel

Wednesday, March 22

Panel 5: 30-6:30pm, with reception to follow

Trustman Art Gallery

4th floor MCB

Simmons College

300 The Fenway

Boston, MA 02115

RSVP to [gsdean@simmons.edu](mailto:gsdean@simmons.edu) by noon on Friday, March 17

Featuring panelists:

\*Deborah Barlow Smedstad, Head Librarian, William Morris Hunt Memorial Library, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

\*Laura Haxer, Public Services Librarian, Morton R. Godine Library, Massachusetts College of Art

\*Richard McElroy, Acquisitions and Serials Librarian, Morton R. Godine Library, Massachusetts College of Art

\*Katharine Ritter, Director, New Hampshire Institute of Art Library

\*Alix Reiskind, Visual Resources Librarian, Frances Loeb Library of the Harvard Graduate School of the Design

Directions to Simmons available online at  
<http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/visit/directions.shtml>

Questions about the event? Email Anne Reid ([anne.reid@simmons.edu](mailto:anne.reid@simmons.edu)), ARLIS/NE secretary.

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The event went well, and there were over 40 attendees. Suggestions for holding this panel again (which everyone seemed to agree was a good idea) included reducing the number of panelists to three or four, having more time for questions and answers, and holding a similar panel on the Mt. Holyoke campus since there was interest expressed by some students from GSLIS West.

### **Spring Meeting**

Our spring meeting was a joint one with the New England VRA Chapter and was held at the Peabody Essex Museum library in Salem, MA. It included business meetings for both ARLIS/NE and VRA, tours of the library, photo archives, and museum, and time for joint discussion about ARTstor and the lines that are blurring between visual resources reference questions and art library reference questions.

### **Nominating Committee**

Kathy Ritter chaired the Nominating Committee. Susan Milstein and Ellie Nacheman served on the committee with Kathy. For the first time this year, the committee gathered nominations for a new office that the membership voted to add to our board, that of Public Relations Officer. This new position will work closely with the secretary on building membership.

### **Awards Committee Fall 2006**

Janis Manzo chaired the Awards Committee this year. Christina Jedziniak and Rachel Resnik served on the committee with Janis.

### **Fall Meeting**

Our fall meeting was held at the MIT Museum, and Ann Whiteside, current ARLIS/NA President was our host. The business meeting included a good discussion about the chapter affiliation agreement, and we had Ann Whiteside as well as Carol Ann Fabian, our regional representative, there to help answer questions. ARLIS/NE members got to tour the library, museum, or galleries, attend the business meeting, attend an informal panel discussion on collection development of contemporary art materials, and go on a tour of the outdoor sculpture at MIT.

### **Social Event**

On December 1 a group of ARLIS/NE members at Ars Libri for cocktails, wine and cheese, and a brief talk from a few Ars Libri staff members about their collections. We also got to view the current exhibit in their space.

### **Affiliation Agreement**

ARLIS/NE members voted almost unanimously to sign the ARLIS/NA Chapter Affiliation Agreement, which I did on December 1.

### **Membership**

At the time of this report writing, we have 70 members who have paid through 2007 and 47 people who have paid through 2006 (our members often send in their renewals through the spring)

### **Treasurer**

The arlis/ne checking acct. balance was \$1,043.78. as of 12-31-06

The balances for the cds as of 1-29-07 were:

2 year cd: \$4,931.67.

1 year cd: \$3,598.88.

### **ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan**

Many of the ARLIS/NE goals (listed below) closely correlate to those goals enumerated in the ARLIS/NA strategic plan, such as Goal 1, Objectives B and D; Goal 3, Objectives A, C, and D; Goal 4, Objective C.

### **Issues for Executive Board**

The Chapter's goals for 2007 include the following:

- (1) Continue strengthening relations with VRA/NE by having another joint meeting in the Spring (at RISD).
- (2) Establish new membership categories to bring chapter in alignment with Affiliation Agreement.
- (3) Continue outreach to students and new members through regular programming with local GSLIS program (Simmons College).
- (4) Work on bringing in more speakers and educational components to

regular chapter meetings to support professional growth of our members (Goal 1, objective B)

(5) Begin soliciting interest in and preparing for the ARLIS/NE chapter's role in hosting the ARLIS/NA conference in Boston in 2010.

(6) Continue improvements to ARLIS/NE web site that were started last year, including bringing up to date all archived information of past meetings.