



Annual Report 2006 Reference & Information Services Section

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Leadership

Laura Graveline, Dartmouth College, Moderator
Ross Day, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Vice-moderator
News editor position is open

Overview of past year activities

- The RISS web site has been restructured and moved to the ARLIS NA site. This content should remain fairly static, with minor or annual changes. Working groups and other related projects that need more active updates may need to be hosted at a another site, and linked to the RISS page
- Barbara Prior Reported on the RISS Workshop Committee. Guidelines for the committees structure, and expectations for the format & content of the workshops were developed outlined at the annual meeting last year. In addition, on site workshop preparation will now be handled by the conference management. The ARLIS board has expressed interest in scheduling no fee workshops during the conference as well as fee based workshops before and after the conference. Barbara asked for suggestions for 2007, and African/African American, as well as Southern Vernacular or Outsider art were top choices.
- Jon Evans summarized the continued progress of the Artists' File Working Group. He hopes to have a preliminary directory of institutional holdings developed during 2006/2007.
- Meghan Musolff was not able to attend the annual meeting, to discuss the Guide to Free Internet Resources. Attendees discussed what web formats might work best for this kind of resource
- Peter Blank is seeking volunteers to assist with the G.K. Hall Inventory Project. He hopes to have a summary document for this group developed this year.
- Open Discussion topics included possible sessions for the 2007 conference, as well as a discussion folk taxonomy, social networking, and federated searching, and their implications when used for reference work

Plans for the annual meeting, 2007

- Elect a new News Editor (Liv Valmstad was not able to accept the nomination last year.)
- Receive reports from active working groups
- Review the changes to the RISS web site
- Open discussion on topics of interest