



Annual Report 2007 ARLIS/NA New England Chapter

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Narrative:

ARLIS/NE had a very active and successful year in 2007. Our goals for this year included developing and strengthening ARLIS/NE relationships with other arts-related organizations and communities, and continuing to reach out to library school students. We had some successful programs that fostered these relationships. Below is a summary of our activities:

ARLIS/NA Conference in Atlanta – Simmons & ARLIS/NE mixer

Because the Spring meeting followed closely behind the terrific ARLIS/NA conference held in Atlanta, we decided not to hold a chapter meeting at the conference but rather enjoyed a mixer for ARLIS/NE members and Simmons alumni at the conference hotel. We hope that it can become an annual event at future national conferences.

Also, ARLIS/NE contributed \$300 to the Anniversary Party, and the Chapter (led by Rachel Resnik and Elizabeth Darocha Berenz) assembled a gift basket of fantastic New England memorabilia for the conference raffle.

Spring Meeting (May)

Members enjoyed another wonderful joint Spring meeting with VRA/NE (our second one in a row) on May 25th at RISD in Providence, RI, where we toured the stunning new Fleet Library, a renovation of a former banking hall. We were treated to interesting talks by Carol Terry, Director of Library

Services, and Nader Tehrani, one of the principal architects of the project. We also held a full ARLIS/NE business meeting, and we were pleased to see that many current MLIS students and recent Simmons graduates were able to join us. Some of the issues we discussed included the changes in our ARLIS/NE membership categories, the ARLIS/NA Assessment Task Force Recommendations, and the confirmation that ARLIS/NE will host the 2010 ARLIS/NA conference.

Career panel at Simmons (July)

An annual career panel was held at Simmons in July. It's linked to the *Art Documentation* course offered there and sponsored by the student organization, Panopticon (Panopticon's main focus is to generate awareness of ARLIS/NE). 38 people attended. The panel stimulated active discussions about art librarianship employment and included Rachel Resnik, Rachel Beckwith, Brooke Henderson, Debbie Barlow Smedstad, Robert Burton. The panel was recorded for podcasting, and is available on Simmons GSLIS podcast site.

Fall Meeting (September)

We had a wonderful turnout from both ARLIS/NE and ARLIS/NY chapters for the Fall Meeting at Yale University, where we enjoyed self-guided tours of the Center for British Art, Yale Art Gallery, Yale Campus; and guided tours of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale Special Collections, and the Reference Library of the Yale Center of British Art. We also enjoyed the talks on the future of scholarly publishing in art history given by Hilary Ballon, Professor of Art History at Columbia University, and Daniel Lee, Web Marketing Manager at Yale University Press.

Jamaica Plain Open Studios outing (September)

In September, many students joined a small group of us for the Jamaica Plain Open Studios.

Simmons GSLIS Career Panel (October)

ARLIS/NE was able to have an information table at the Simmons GSLIS Career Panel held in October. Brooke Henderson and Rachel Resnik represented the Chapter and answered questions about both ARLIS/NA and ARLIS/NE.

Awards Report

The award and scholarship winners for 2007 were:
Elmar W. Seibel Scholarship - Darin Murphy & Elizabeth Bond
Wolfgang Freitag Professional Development Award - Debby Aframe

2007 Committees

The 2008 Awards Committee--Darin Murphy and Debby Aframe
Nominating Committee: Rachel Beckwith (Chair), Ellen Petraits, Elizabeth Phipps.

Directory discussion

The ARLIS/NE chapter has been discussing moving from a print directory to an electronic directory.

ARLIS/NA 2010 Annual Meeting

The ARLIS/NE chapter will host the 2010 annual conference. Research on possible hotels occurred. Local committees will form soon. Co-Chairs have not been determined/confirmed though.

Membership categories change

OLD STRUCTURE

Institutional Membership	\$20
Personal Membership	\$20
Student Membership	\$8

NEW STRUCTURE

1. Member (must be a member of ARLIS/NA)	\$20
1a. Student Member	\$8
2. Associate (not a member of ARLIS/NA)	\$20
2a. Student Associate	\$8

We eliminated the institutional membership category altogether.

ARLIS/NE Treasurer's report - January 31, 2008 Compiled by Robert Garzillo, ARLIS/NE Treasurer (2007)

Current total balance of all three accounts = \$9857.43

CDs as of today:

1 year CD = \$3791.05
2 year CD = \$3596.96

2007 interest:

1 year CD = \$165.29
2 year CD = \$192.17

Checking account balance = \$2469.42

2007 Membership Report (numbers might have changed as this is mid-year report)

Current members: 100
Student members: 11
Lifetime members: 2
Renewals: 89
New members: 9

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan

Goal I: To increase the effectiveness and support the professional growth of art librarians and visual resources professionals.

- Develop better programming at meetings in order to provide more educational/professional development opportunities for members. - **COMPLETED**

Goal III: To be an advocate for our members, the profession, and ARLIS/NA.

- Continue to make ARLIS/NE accessible and interesting to students - **COMPLETED**
 - Involvement with library/information science career panels at Simmons College
 - Change membership structure in ARLIS/NE to accommodate student members and avoid alienating local members who aren't ready to become national members.
- Continue pursuing and developing relations/partnerships with other ARLIS/NA chapters as well as with other professional organizations - **COMPLETED**
 - hold joint ARLIS/NE and VRA/NE Spring meeting
 - try to hold Fall meeting at Yale and invite ARLIS/NY chapter.
- Work on securing a location for the 2010 ARLIS/NA national conference
 - Chapter will work with management company to explore costs of holding conference in Boston - **COMPLETED**

Goal IV: To strengthen and increase the effectiveness of ARLIS/NA's activities and operations

- Update ARLIS/NE website. We'd like to provide better communication to members not only about chapter events but also provide a place for resources that will help us with our work as art information professionals. – **IN PROCESS**
 - explore template if available via Memberclicks

Issues for the Executive Board

The only issue at this time is that there is concern about the status of chapter leadership for the 2010 ARLIS/NA conference, to be hosted by ARLIS/NE. Many members have expressed interest in participating on the committee, but there hasn't been any confirmation of co-Chairs. Deborah

Barlow Smedstad has expressed an interest in being local arrangements Co-Chair, but we're not sure how this all stands.