Annual Report 2013
Professional Development Committee

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Leadership Update:
Maggie Portis (continuing)
Professional Development Committee Chair, 2013-
Art & Architecture Librarian
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Executive Board Liaison:
Sarah Falls
Ohio State University

Committee Members, 2013-2014:
Mentoring Subcommittee Chair: Anna Simon, Georgetown University (continuing)
Education Subcommittee Chair: Alice Whiteside, Mount Holyoke College (continuing)
Educational Technology Subcommittee: Beth Morris, Yale (became Chair Dec. 2013)
Kim Detterbeck, Purchase College (continuing)
Alison Huftalen, Toledo Museum of Art (continuing)
Caley Cannon, SCAD Atlanta (continuing)
Jenna Rinalducci, George Mason University (outgoing)
Need member to replace Beth (incoming)

PDC Activities:
The Professional Development Committee is continuing work on a number of programs to benefit Society members, as well as exploring new programming options.

• The chair and subcommittee chairs made a smooth transition to Basecamp and our operations are running smoothly.

• Although the internship roster was updated in 2012-2013, and updates are continuous, it remains difficult to manage. The committee is looking forward to the new website and content management system so that we can make the roster more accessible and easily updatable. We’d like institutions to be able to update themselves and perhaps even submit internships themselves.
• Beth Morris compiled a very comprehensive list of leadership training opportunities before being appointed chair of our newest sub-committee. The list includes 22 different initiatives available at all career levels, and from national to local programs. This too will be extremely useful with the new website.

• PDC added another sub-committee, for a total of three. Beth Morris is chairing the new group. This means that PDC will need to replace her with another member, so we’ll bring two new members on at the conference.

• The Professional Development Committee would like to sponsor a workshop at the 2015 conference. Currently it is planned to be about management and aimed at mid-career professionals, perhaps those just taking on supervisory roles. This is in the planning stage.

• The Committee has also begun updating the *Fine Arts and Visual Resources Librarianship: A Directory of Library Science Degree Programs in North America*. This online publication located on the ARLIS/NA site was last updated in 2008, so we are thoroughly overhauling it and would appreciate and suggestions or feedback from the board. We plan to update the information in the previous publication and add to it reflecting the changing concerns of 2014.

Below are the already existing categories:

**Programs Offered:** Lists the major LIS programs and specializations.

**Specialized Courses Offered:** Lists specific courses in art and visual resources librarianship and how they are offered (evening, day, off-site, distance education).

**Credit and Exemption:** Details how credits will transfer from other departments and schools.

**Internships:** Lists the number and type of internships/practicums available.

**Campus Resources:** Lists cultural resources such as museums or galleries available to students.

**Admission deadlines:** Details semester deadlines for application.

**Financial Assistance:** Lists types of funding & assistance available & deadlines for application.

• **Conference Activities**
  - Kim Detterbeck, Maggie Portis and Alison Huftalen are working with ArLiSnap and the DC Conference Planning Committee to organize the 2nd annual Emerging Technologies forum. Changes and improvements have been made since last year’s pilot program. This year’s forum will have six presentations.

  - Caley Cannon and Maggie Portis are coordinating the 2014 Conference Networking program for the Annual Meeting. The networking program is being advertised on ARLIS-L, the ARLIS/NA Facebook page, ARLIsNaP, some local chapter sites, selected library school listservs, and of course on the Conference website. As of this writing, there were 16 volunteers to be guides and 21 newbie participants.
Kim Detterbeck and Caley Cannon worked with the Gerd Muehsam Committee, the Conference planners, and ArLiSnaps to select speakers for the 2014 New Voices panel. They made sure to coordinate with the DC planning committee to schedule the Gerd Muehsam award winner’s session after the award is presented.

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan
I-C-3. Facilitate leadership training within the Society and across organizational borders by reaching out to leadership at related organizations.

- Status: Ongoing / Pending. PDC now has a list of other organizations’ leadership training opportunities and the webinar Taking it to the Next Level: Professional Development for Mid-career Art Librarians was about leadership development opportunities at the mid-career level. The speakers shared their experiences at leadership and career development programs, how it’s helped them and gave advice to those considering pursuing the same sorts of programs.

I-D-1: 1. Establish an ongoing "emerging technologies" forum at annual conferences and other venues and, when possible, collaborate with affiliated organizations, vendors, and academics.

- Status: Completed / Ongoing. This year will be the second Emerging Technologies Forum. PDC has spearheaded both forums thus far, with much input from the CPACs and with ArLiSnap. Improvements have been made since the first one, and it looks as though this will continue to be an ongoing part of the conference. This year’s forum does have two presentations by “vendors,” although those presentations will focus on applying their product in library settings, not just demos.

II-B-2. Identify management training workshops and/or webinars that address professional development for the mid-career and senior career members.

- Status: Completed / Ongoing. We have compiled a list of training opportunities (mainly in workshop or institute form) that address mid-career or senior career professional development needs. However, until we have a way to continually update and disseminate this information, it will not be a viable tool.) We are also in the process of planning a workshop for an upcoming ARLIS/NA conference.

III-C-1. Investigate joint programming in which ARLIS/NA partners with related organizations.

- Status: Completed / ongoing. The PDC-Ed committee has now offered two webinars (one each year) with ACRL-Arts. Both have been successful and popular.

The Coming Year
In 2014 we plan to finish the library school document update, continue our current level of conference programming and hopefully add a leadership-focused workshop. PDC would need to request funding from the Board for this endeavor. We also look forward to establishing a workflow for updating the Internship Roster and Leadership Training Opportunities list on a regular basis, as well as overhauling and updating the PDC website section. It also may be time to start planning to update the ARLIS/NA Core Competencies for Art Information Professionals, whether by creating a working group, a new temporary subcommittee, or in some other way.

Issues for the Board
• Many of our lists (Internship roster, leadership opportunities) need a more dynamic platform to be truly useful or current.
• Our section of the website needs some updating.
• If we are to organize a workshop on leadership for an upcoming conference, we would probably need to pay our speakers.
• If the Core Competencies need to be updated, we will probably need a special group to work on that.