Annual Report 2013
Graphic Novels SIG

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• Coordinator: Tara Spies Smith (Texas State University – San Marcos). Core members: Abigail Sweeney (Massachusetts College of Art and Design), Richard Minsky (Artist and Bibliographer).

• Interest for the Graphic Novels SIG was solicited on January 17th, 2013 via ARLIS-L. Over twenty responses of interest were received.

• The Graphic Novels Special Interest Group was officially approved February 8, 2013.

• Statement of Purpose: The purpose of the Graphic Novels SIG is to discuss, share and/or present topics including collection development issues, circulation, processing and display of graphic novels, statistics for support of the collection, preservation, conservation, library related instruction and any other issues that come up with this type of collection or other similar collections. Examples of other collections include comics or other types of sequential art and zines.

• Because graphic novels are becoming a more prevalent topic of study in art and design schools, graphic novel collections are starting to be more common in academic libraries. This creates a need for discussion and sharing of ideas related to graphic novels and graphic novel collections.

• The Graphic Novels SIG met during the ARLIS/NA 2013 41st Annual Conference in Pasadena, California from 5:30 to 6:30pm on Sunday, April 28th, 2013. Items for discussion included statement of purpose, mode of communication, and ways to share ideas with Graphic Novels SIG, ARLIS/NA, and interested others. There were 12 meeting attendees.

• As of September we have started a listserv and the ARLIS/NA Graphic Novels SIG blog/website for sharing information and communication. We have had 10 posts on our blog.

• I had 45 emails informing me that a member is interested in the Graphic Novels SIG By the end of 2013. As of March 31st, 2014 I have had 96 total emails of interest in the SIG. I respond to every email I receive thanking members for their interest and inviting them to join our listserv and to post on the blog.
• Our Graphic Novels SIG meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 3, 2014 3:00pm - 4:00pm in the Bulfinch/Renwick Room (Grand Hyatt 1000 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001) during the 42nd 2014 Annual ARLIS/NA Conference in Washington D. C.

• An invitation to join the meeting, an agenda, and call for agenda items will be posted shortly on our Graphic Novels SIG listserv, our blog, and on the ARLIS/NA listserv.