Annual Report 2014
Public Policy Committee

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Leadership update:
Alexander Watkins will become chair of the Public Policy Committee at the annual conference.

Activities:
During the 2014-2015 year, the Public Policy Committee completed and posted its Statement on Staff Reductions in Art Museums and Visual Resources Collections to the PPC page of the ARLIS/NA website. It can be found here: https://www.arlisna.org/images/committees/pubpol/sm_staffreductions.pdf. To help promote the statement, Patrick Tomlin participated in a webinar organized by the Education Sub-Committee, “Institutional Advocacy: Demonstrating the Value of Art Libraries,” on December 12, 2014. [SP Goal I.A, I.C, Goal III.E]

In October, the committee initiated collaboration with Catherine Peterson of the ARLIS/NA Museums Division on the creation of a white paper on the state of art museum libraries and the value of museum library staff. This is an ongoing project; to date, an outline of the paper has been drafted and an announcement and request for participation from the membership-at-large has been sent to ARLIS-L. [SP Goal I.C.]

The committee also updated links to various resources on the PPC webpage, including information about Legislation, Copyright, Intellectual Property, Open Access. This was the first time the webpage had been updated in several years.

Ongoing projects include:
• drafting a response to/endorsement of the College Art Association’s recently published "Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for the Visual Arts."
• Continuing writing of collaborative white paper with Museums Division

The following members have reached the end of their term with the committee: Patrick Tomlin, Carmen Orth-Alfie, Nancy Huff.