Annual Report 2014
Academic Libraries Division

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Changes in leadership: Emilee Mathews is the outgoing moderator. Cara List (cara.list@northwestern.edu) is the incoming moderator. Nominations for 2015/2016 vice moderator will be solicited at the Academic Libraries Division meeting at the ARLIS/NA annual conference.

Activities:

Complete:

We successfully submitted a workshop proposal to the 2015 Annual conference in Ft. Worth, TX, continuing the series of workshops called "Postcards from the Edge," that encompass subject areas closely related to art librarianship. This year’s proposal was themed around Urban Studies, and was ably led by ALD members Kathy Edwards, Rebecca Price, and Marsha Taichman. This activity fits within the Strategic Plan goal 4A: Provide a framework and forum for resource sharing collaborations between members and outside institutions, organizations and consortia.

Membership includes approximately 400 members.

In progress:

At the 2014 annual meeting, we discussed some upcoming reports and standards of impact for art librarians in academic libraries; these included the Ithaka S+R Report on Supporting the Changing Research Practices of Art Historians, and the Information Literacy Framework proposed by ACRL. This fits into Strategic Plan Goal 1C: Advocate the art information professionals' value and relevance so as to strengthen our membership's standing within our institutions and their respective constituencies; 1D: Provide opportunities for members to participate in shaping the role of the profession in the changing environment of art information and scholarship; and Goal 3E: Adopt official positions on major issues impacting the profession and the art research environment.

Issues for the Board:

I think it may be useful for the moderator to partner with her/his Executive Board liaison to see if these directives may come from the Executive Board and/or the President
her/himself. It may also flesh out the Research and Reports section on the website, as most of that content is somewhat dated.

Future plans include:

- Creating workshop and session proposals for the 2016 annual conference as well as utilizing the webinar and other presentation and communication software provided by the society (Goal 4A, and 2B (Extend and encourage professional development, continuing education, networking and mentoring opportunities, for both mid-career and senior career professionals))
- Work on position papers for the Ithaka report, the Information Literacy Framework, and potentially other issues as deemed necessary or pertinent (Goal 1C, 1D, and 3E)

Respectfully submitted,
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