Annual Report 2014
Liaison to Society of American Archivist (SAA)

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Leadership Update
First appointed in 2014, Francine Snyder will continue as the SAA liaison for 2015.

Brief Narrative
Over the past 5+ years, Francine has played an active role in SAA including programming committees, task force planning, and the Museum Archives Section. Primary activities as the ARLIS/NA liaison are to share relevant activities to ARLIS/NA membership to encourage and foster knowledge and possible collaborations. Dissemination is primarily through the ARLIS/NA listserv.

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan
Goal I: Articulate New Directions and Identity for the Profession. As libraries are moving towards the digital age, there is an increased emphasis and value on unique holdings as found in special collections and archives. Archivists have been managing these types collections for decades. From our peers at SAA, we can learn about alternative or innovative ways to management development, and increase access to these collections. Progress: Ongoing.

Goal III: Create Stronger Leadership through Promotion, Cooperation and Advocacy. Through sharing the activities of SAA, it expands possibility of increased dialogue, partnership, and collaboration between librarians and archivists. Progress: Ongoing.

Issues for the Executive Board
Currently SAA does not structure its liaisons similarly; therefore, there is not a formal SAA liaison to ARLIS/NA. This makes activities and interactions one-sided, as there is not a formalized method for ARLIS/NA to share relevant activities with SAA.