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

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.

The Graphic Novels SIG met during the ARLIS/NA 2014 42nd Annual Conference in Washington D.C. on Saturday May 3, 2014 from 3:00PM-4:00PM. Items for discussion included overview of first meeting in 2013, shared the 2013 Graphic Novels Annual Report and Statement of Purpose, how to contribute to GN SIG blog. We discussed comics/graphic novelists presenters/events or possible ideas for events that we could host at our own institutions or for ARLIS/NA 2015 Conference in Ft. Worth, TX. And we discussed proposals for a session, possibly made up of 4 or 5 smaller presentations, at the ARLIS/NA 2015 Conference in Ft. Worth, TX

There were 12 meeting attendees.

Members from our SIG, Meghan Halsband, Olivia Miller, and I, wrote a proposal titled “Graphic Novel/Comic Collections and the Opportunities They Present for Unique Collection Development, Collaboration, Outreach, and Events” for a session at the ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in Fort Worth, but it was not accepted.

We have a listserv and the ARLIS/NA Graphic Novels SIG blog/website for sharing information and communication. We have had 11 posts on our blog.

As of March 1, 2104 there are 136 members or ARLIS/NA members who have expressed interest in the Graphic Novels SIG. Kristen Regina, ARLIS/NA Vice President/President-Elect helped me connect with Robert Kopchinski who complied an excel file of names and emails of all members who check the ARLIS/NA Membership form box that says they are interested in joining the SIG.
• Our Graphic Novels SIG meeting at the 43rd ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in Fort Worth, Texas is scheduled for March 21st from 11-12 in the Sundance 5 Room (Omni Fort Worth Hotel 1300 Houston Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102)

• An invitation to join the ARLIS/NA meeting and call for agenda items was posted on our Graphic Novels SIG listserv, our blog, on the ARLIS/NA listserv, and sent to all members who have expressed interest in the SIG as of March 1, 2015.