Annual Report 2015
New York chapter

Submitted by: Janice Ekdahl, Chapter Chair

2015 has been a busy year for the New York Chapter of ARLIS/NA. We've started a mentoring program, maintained a balanced budget and a stable membership roster, increased our social media presence, represented ARLIS/NA at citywide professional gatherings and held 13 programs, events and meetings throughout the year.

The full Executive Board, consisting of the seven elected officers and five non-voting appointees, met four times. In July we submitted a proposal to host the 2018 ARLIS/NA Conference in New York City. The ARLIS/NA Executive Board accepted our invitation in the autumn and asked that we designate the conference co-hosts:

Local Arrangements -- Suz Massen and Lori Salmon
Programs -- Lindsay King and Dan Lipcan.

Fuller descriptions of these and other chapter initiatives and activities follow.

Chapter Mentoring Program
Mentoring Liaison Heidi Hass launched the program in late spring with seven mentor/mentee pairs. At the program’s conclusion in December three pairs were deemed "successful,” three were less satisfactory due to varying reasons, and one pair failed to respond.

Programs, events, meetings
A concerted effort was made to hold chapter events on different days of the week and at different times of the day in order to accommodate the various schedules of our members.

January 12: Visit to the Picture Collection at New York Public Library hosted by Billy Parrot.
February 26: Tour of Embracing Modernism with curator Isabelle Dervaux at Morgan Library and Museum, organized by Heidi Hass.
April 25: Visit to Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum Library hosted by Stephen Van Dyk, organized by Lori Salmon.
May 27: Presentation of four papers from ARLIS/NA Fort Worth conference at the Bard Graduate Center, organized by Suz Massen.

September 12: Visit to the Whitney Museum of American Art’s new library space with Farris Wahbeh, Director of Research Resources, organized by Janis Ekdahl.

September 24: Tour of Material ConneXion, organized by Meg Donabedian.

October 6: Informal student meet-up at Archive Bar, organized by Sumitra Duncan and Heidi Hass.

November 2: Visit to Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Archives hosted by Francine Snyder, Senior Archivist, organized by Janis Ekdahl.

November 17: Annual Business Meeting at New York Public Library, organized by Lori Salmon.

December 5: Brunch and visit to Printed Matter’s new space hosted by Executive Director Max Schulman, organized by Lori Salmon.

December 10: New York Chapter Scandinavian-themed Holiday Party at Bard Graduate Center hosted by Heather Topcik and Janis Ekdahl.

Website
Lily Pregill continued as the Web Editor responding quickly to questions and problems and serving as the chapter’s intermediary with Silkstart, our membership management software provider. Walter Schlect will assume this responsibility in 2016.

Chapter News
News Editor Suz Masson posted 12 articles during the year, consisting of seven event notes, three member profiles and two reports on the Ft. Worth Conference. Suz took over this responsibility early in 2014 when the designated News Editor left the New York area. Arielle Cohen is taking over as News Editor in January 2016.

Social Media
Social Media Coordinator Liz Lane continued to maintain the chapter’s social media presence with regular posts on Facebook and Twitter. Our following on each platform has gradually increased since 2011 and we now have 306 “likes” on Facebook and 831 Twitter followers (and 1,067 tweets). Chantal Sulkow will be taking over this responsibility in January 2016.

Celine Palatsky Travel Award
Two awards, of $400 each, were given to Millie Fullmer and Walter Schlect to assist their participation in the 2015 ARLIS/NA Conference in Fort Worth.

Membership
Membership has remained stable throughout the year with 172 active members as of December 23rd.

- Personal: 121
- Student: 23
- Retired/Unemployed: 12
- Friend: 16

Budget
The Executive Board approved balanced budget for 2015 of $4,400. Membership dues contribute over 80% of the chapter's revenue with additional monies coming from donations, sponsorships and fund-raising activities.
Modern Office Systems contributed $250 to become a Chapter Sponsor and have its logo displayed on the chapter website for a month. Heidi Hass was our conduit to the company.

The only fund-raising event of 2015 was an all-day, art-filled trip to the East End of Long Island that netted $350.

Expenditures for the year included an annual payment for Silkstart membership management software, meeting & event costs, as well as the following:

- Two Celine Palatsky Travel Awards--each for $400.
- Chapter contributions supporting professional activities:
  - ARLIS/NA Conference, Ft. Worth, March 2015 $500
  - Summer Education Institute, 2015 $50
  - Contemporary Artists' Books Conference 9/2015 $400

The Chapter's Special Funding Request to ARLIS/NA to support a one-day symposium on digital art history during 2016 was turned down.

**Chapter participation in related professional events**

ARLIS/NA Conference in Fort Worth, March 19-23.
A large contingent of NY Chapter members attended and participated in the conference.

New Professional Symposium at St. John's Library school, April 18
Amy Ballmer represented the NY Chapter.

METRO Welcome to the Profession Reception, May 21.
Suz Massen represented the NY Chapter.

Joint METRO meeting of ALLN (Archives & Library Leadership Network) and SLN (Student Leadership Network) focusing on event planning, October 27.
Janis Ekdahl represented the NY Chapter.

SLA at Pratt meeting, November 3.
Lori Salmon and Sumitra Duncan represented the NY Chapter.

**2016 Elections**

Elections for the New York Chapter Board positions being vacated at the end of December were held November 29-December 7. The results were announced at the Holiday Party.

*Vice-chair/Chair Elect (2016-18)* Heather Topcik
*Treasurer (2016-17)* Margaret L. (Meg) Donabedian
*Member-at-Large, Membership (2016-17)* Phoebe Stein

Submitted by Janis Ekdahl,
New York Chapter Chair, 2015

**2015 Executive Board**

*Chair (2014-2016)* Janis Ekdahl
*Vice-chair/Chair-elect (2015-17)* Lori Salmon
*Past chair (2013-15)* Deirdre Donohue
*Treasurer (2015)-one year replacement* Meg Donabedian
*Secretary (2015-17)* Kim Deterbeck
*Member-at-Large, Membership (2014-15)* Adam Hess
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