Annual Report 2015
Professional Development Committee

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Subcommittee Chairs:
Teresa Burke (Education)
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Beth Morris (Educational Technology, outgoing)

Leadership Update
Michael Wirtz is the incoming Learning Portal Coordinator, a new position on the Professional Development Committee.

The Committee had a mid-year leadership transition: after unexpected health issues in the spring, Janine Henri chose to step down from the role of Chair to focus on her recovery, and Alice Whiteside was appointed Chair. The leadership change was formalized on July 25.

Highlights
In 2015, the Professional Development Committee focused on issues of communication, developing initiatives to more effectively promote the work of PDC and the Subcommittees and strengthen their impact. In addition, we completed the most recent phase of updating the Internship Roster and ALA-Accredited Program Directory, and we organized the New Voices Panel for the 2016 conference. A task force to update the Core Competencies for Art Information Professionals was put on hold; Janine Henri will rejoin the Committee in the coming year and chair this task force.

PDC Bulletin
• A new quarterly publication sent to ARLIS-L and posted on the ARLIS/NA website to highlight professional development opportunities and resources.

Visual Branding
• Created by Stephanie Grimm and debuted with the first PDC Bulletin (January 2016).
• Stephanie also created banners for each Subcommittee to use when emailing ARLIS-L to create visual cohesion across all of our work.
Learning Portal
• Collaborated with Membership Committee to promote the shift to Open Access and highlight how ARLIS/NA member dues make this possible.
• With the Educational Technology Subcommittee, updated explanatory text on the ARLIS/NA website and Learning Portal homepage.

New Voices Panel
• Organized panel in collaboration with ArLiSNAP, VREPS, and Award Committees.
• Facilitated inclusion of new Sotheby’s Institute of Art Research Award winner in addition to the Gerd Muehsam Award winner.

Internship Roster
• Worked with TEI to ensure the most recent updates are reflected on the ARLIS/NA website.
• TEI project in process to develop a database backend for the Internship Roster (begun in collaboration with Nedda Ahmed).

ALA-Accredited Program Directory
• Updated Program Directory has been completed and is under review.
• Expected to be posted to the ARLIS/NA website by the 2016 conference.

ARLIS/NA website: Career Resources section
• Request submitted and approved to create a Mentoring Programs page under Career Resources. Page succinctly explains the Year-Long Career Mentoring Program, Chapter Mentoring Program, and Conference Networking Program, with a link to the Mentoring Subcommittee page for additional information. Drafted content has been approved by Carol Graney (Editorial Director) and Tessa Brawley (Information Architect) and will be posted before the conference.
• When the ALA-Accredited Program Directory is posted, it will be cross-listed in the Career Resources section.

Core Competencies Task Force
• Janine Henri is rejoining PDC and will chair a task force to update the Core Competencies for Art Information Professionals in the coming year; she has identified other task force members and they are drafting the Project Charter.
• The Project Charter will be submitted to the Executive Board by the end of February.

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan

Goal I: Articulate New Directions and Identity for the Profession

Action Item D: Facilitate an ongoing dialogue concerning new advances in the field through a webinar series, a professional resources series, and/or a blog feature.
Status: Ongoing
Notes: The Learning Portal provides a platform to make webinar recordings, lunchtime chats transcripts, and video capture of conference sessions more visible and accessible. The PDC Bulletin, which invites submissions from all members, is a new venue for highlighting professional development opportunities and resources within ARLIS/NA and beyond.

Goal II: Expand Mentoring, Management, and Transition Skills

Action item B2: Identify management training workshops and/or webinars that address professional development for the mid-career and senior career members
Status: *Ongoing*

Action item C: Enhance the visibility of all ARLIS/NA and chapter mentoring efforts.
Status: *In process*
Notes: A new Mentoring Programs page has been requested for the Career Resources section of the ARLIS/NA website and the PDC Bulletin provides an additional avenue for highlighting current news in Mentoring.

Goal III: Create Stronger Leadership through Promotion, Cooperation, and Advocacy

Action item C: Build stronger partnerships and programming with our North American, European and international organizations.
Status: *Ongoing*
Notes: The Learning Portal allows us to more broadly share and promote webinars and chats, including with colleagues overseas. The announcement that the Learning Portal is now Open Access was reposted to the ARLIS/UK listserv.

**Issues for the Executive Board**

Review the Core Competencies Task Force Project Charter.