Leadership update:
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Activities:
At the 2015 Ft. Worth conference the Catalog Section meeting included annual reports from our liaisons to the American Library Association’s Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access, the MARC advisory Committee and the SACO Committee. Reports were followed by two mini-presentations. “Metadata for Web Archives” from Lily Pregill (NYARCH) and Mark Bresnan (Frick Art Reference Library) and “Cataloging View/Outreach View: Working with Photographs from the House Collection” from Michelle Strizever (House of Representatives).

In January, a survey was sent out to all ARLIS/NA members who indicated an interest in the Cataloging Section, roughly 275 members. Responses are still coming in and results are being reviewed. The survey was designed to gauge the level of interest in new Cataloging Section activities, such as starting a blog or listserv, creating more best practices documentation, or sponsoring more cataloging related conference programs. The results will be discussed at the 2016 Cataloging Section meeting in Seattle and posted to ARLIS-L for those members not attending the conference.

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan Action Items:

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GOAL 1: Articulate New Directions and Identify for the Profession:

- Action: identify new membership
  - By posting on AUTOCAT and other cataloging related list serves and emphasizing selecting the Cataloging Section when first joining ARLIS/NA.
  - By contacting library and information science instructors to let them know about art-related cataloging activities within ARLIS/NA and their local chapters
- Action: Promote new directions in cataloging at ARLIS/NA annual conferences
  - By proposing and advocating for more cataloging-related conference sessions
  - By offering mini-presentations during annual meeting
  - By promoting cataloging-related conference events to members through social media or the listserv (depending on survey results)
GOAL 2: Expand Mentoring, Management, and Transition Skills:

- Action: introduce mentoring opportunities
  - By shepherding new cataloging professionals giving mini-presentations at the conference section meeting through the process of presenting at a conference. (IN PROGRESS)
  - Analyzing survey results to match needs with future initiatives. (IN PROGRESS)

GOAL 3: Create Stronger Leadership through Promotion, Cooperation and Advocacy:

- Action: foster partnerships with other ARLIS groups:
  - By forming a closer bond with ARLIS/NA’s Cataloging Advisory Committee (CAC) – the CAC is necessary as a standing committee to hammer out policy on cataloging issues, the Cataloging Section appropriately can aim at training and collaborating with them on non-policy issues.
  - By collaborating with the Book Arts SIG on cataloging book art. (IN PROGRESS)
- Action: build stronger partnerships/programming with European organizations
  - By contacting our European counterparts (ARLIS/UK & Ireland, etc.) about program ideas

GOAL 5: Create Stronger Leadership through Promotion, Cooperation and Advocacy:

- Action: improve communication across the organization:
  - By creating a Cataloging Section listserv, blog, or wiki depending on the results of the survey.
- Action: facilitate the transfer of leadership by identifying tools/best practices for accomplishments
  - By ensuring that moderators mentor and involve vice-moderators in all section activities.