Leadership Update
Co-editor Hannah Bennett rotated off the publication in March 2016, after serving as Co-Editor for over two years. After Emilee Mathews and Gabriella Karl-Johnson met with candidates at the annual meeting of ARLIS/NA in Seattle in March 2016, Melanie Emerson was appointed as co-editor to fill the vacancy left by Hannah’s departure, joining the publication in June 2016. Alexandra Provo joined the co-editors in September 2016 to take the place of Emilee Mathews, who departed from the publication in October 2016 after serving as Co-Editor since the publication’s inception.

Brief Narrative Report
Overview of publication output
As of January 2017, Multimedia & Technology Reviews (M&TR) has successfully published seventeen issues since its debut in April 2014, with the eighteenth issue set to publish in early February. In calendar year 2016, M&TR published six issues (in February, April, June, August, October, and December), with a total of forty resources reviewed between those six issues. The publication has published reviews of one-hundred and forty resources in total since the first issue appeared, and its most read article is the Online Scholarly Catalogue Initiative, with a total of 4,230 hits since its publication in December 2014. Between January 2016 and January 2017, the Online Scholarly Catalogue Initiative received 964 page views.

Other articles with the highest number of hits for the calendar year 2016 include the following:
- Kanopy Streaming 1,093 views (2,745 views total)
- Guardian Cities 1,045 views in 2016 (3,629 views total)
Volunteer Base
To date, 355 people have volunteered to review for M&TR, many of whom have volunteered multiple times. As a publication that is still gaining momentum, M&TR is working to develop a high-quality volunteer base that draws not only from the ARLIS/NA membership, but also related fields. In January 2016, M&TR conducted a survey of ARLIS/NA members about the resource; the survey included questions that asked specifically about volunteering to review for the publication, so that the co-editors can better understand how to address the subject of volunteer reviewers. Using the feedback from this survey, we have adjusted some of our practices, including such details as solicitation phrasing and placement of volunteer calls. We continue to seek a diverse representation of viewpoints for M&TR, including more experienced professionals who may not view themselves as natural voices for new technology, new professionals and students from a wide array of expertise areas, and voices from within the architecture, art, and design fields who may not be the usual ARLIS/NA librarian member.

Reception
M&TR editors are regularly approached by the ARLIS/NA membership with positive comments about the publication. In January 2016, Multimedia & Technology Reviews was named as the recipient of the 2016 Louis Shores Award for excellence in reviewing for libraries by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) of the American Library Association. The award was announced at the RUSA Book and Media Awards Ceremony and Reception at the American Library Association Midwinter meeting on January 10, 2016, in Boston and was presented officially at the annual conference of the American Library Association in Orlando, Florida, in June 2016.

Involvement with Reference and Information Services Section
As is stipulated by the publication proposal, there is one review sponsored by RISS per issue. Melanie Emerson is currently the RISS-appointed member of the M&TR co-editors. Emilee Mathews was responsible for these duties until her departure in October 2016. In this role, the co-editor identifies topics of interest to the RISS community, and solicits reviewers from that community. There have been challenges particularly with the latter part of the duties, because not many RISS members have volunteered to review. As a result, there are few strong writers to choose from, making producing a quality publication more time-intensive. Melanie Emerson has been in contact with the current leadership of the RISS section to ensure that they still support RISS’s involvement with the publication. She will attend the RISS meeting at the 2017 Annual Conference to discuss these activities and encourage RISS member participation in the review process and help identify resources appropriate for RISS-sponsorship.

ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions
The Leadership and Advocacy Strategic Directions calls for the Society to “advance, validate, sustain, and advocate for the profession and the value of art libraries,” an action that is one of the hallmarks of Multimedia & Technology Reviews. In the publication’s continuing efforts to identify and review innovative new resources for the art and design information professional, M&TR is both influencing and reflecting the evolving nature of the

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1 This number does not reflect total pageviews for reviewer guidelines, as we also maintain a Google doc version of these guidelines that was created to give potential reviewers our expectations before our publication had its online space.
profession. As stated in the Innovation and Technology Strategic Direction, one of ARLIS/NA’s goals is to “serve as a community of practice for the exploration, cultivation, and sharing of innovative approaches and emerging technologies in libraries and art librarianship.” Through the active reviewer recruitment efforts of M&TR, the publication consistently provides opportunities for our members to engage with emergent tools and resources, shape the conversation around these resources, and prompt the adoption of and interaction with new media in our profession. Finally, M&TR addresses the Art Information Professionals Strategic Direction by providing Society members with the opportunity to publish in a professional publication.

**Issues for the Executive Board**

**Website**
The co-editors have been editing and publishing the reviews in the Joomla! platform since August 2014. The recent update to Joomla has improved some of the functionality of the backend of the site, including the ability to search content limited to just M&TR portion of website, thanks to the use of categories in the search constraints. We have been exploring with Tessa Brawley some of the issues that we have had with both the back end and the front end of the site. Our issues of concern include the following matters.

- Display: The page that displays the various reviews does not currently have a way to differentiate by issue.
- Navigation: Once the user is in an article, there are no indicators of how to get back to where you were, such as the display page.
- Search: Is there a way to search only within the MTR portion of the site?
- Analytics: We are able to see how many hits total for each article, but it would be great to see more information, such as hits by month, and other navigational details such as how people are getting to the articles and where they go afterward.
- Tags: With our current level of permissions, we are not able to delete our own tags, media, or folders, which is inconvenient, messy, and time-consuming.
- Preview: Currently, we are not able to put in self-referring hyperlinks or preview the articles look without publishing the article first. We would like to find a means to simplify this workflow, so we are not forced to publish, view, unpublish, edit, and republish.
- Media embedding: The platform does not support embedded media, so videos will not display, only image files.

We will continue to work with Tessa for solutions to some of these issues, some of which we understand may take development time and/or require board approval.