Leadership Update:
- Advancement Liaison:
  - Continuing Liaison, Stacy Brinkman
- Development Committee:
  - Continuing Chair, Patrick Tomlin
- Diversity Committee:
  - Outgoing Chair: Vanessa Kam
  - Incoming Chair: Amanda Meeks
- Membership Committee:
  - Continuing Chair: Laurel Bliss
- Census Data Analysis Task Force:
  - Chair: Deirdre Spencer

Meetings Attended:
- Attended membership meeting and pre- and post-conference Executive Board meetings in New Orleans (February 2017)
- Attended meetings for Membership Committee, Development Committee, and Diversity Committee in New Orleans (February 2017)
- Attended Leadership Institute during Annual Meeting in New Orleans (February 2017)
- Attended Executive Board Midyear meeting in Santa Fe, NM (August 2017)
- Attended monthly online Executive Board meetings throughout the year
- Attended online and phone meetings for Membership Committee, Development Committee, Diversity Committee, and Census Data Analysis Task Force throughout the year
- Attended special online meetings to discuss topics such as bundled chapter membership, IRC travel awards, and future directions for development

Activities:
- Development Committee
  - The committee established a new crowd-funded travel award for new professionals (jointly administered with ArLiSNAP)
  - The committee reviewed development needs from Chapters as documented in a survey conducted between 2015-2016. Results of this survey were shared
with Chapter Chairs in summer 2017. The committee began creating a development handbook for chapters. This handbook is still a work in progress.

- After discussions with Eumie Imm-Stroukoff, the committee’s charge was revised to take on a more advisory and strategic role in sustainable development for the Society. All committee members will have access to the Development Database, and this tool will be used to track potential avenues and strategies for future development.

- The Committee chair met with the International Relations Committee Chair and Canadian Liaison to discuss future funding for an award for a new professional to attend study tours. To establish a sustainable award, it was proposed to seek a grant from the Kress foundation, as well as tap into the pool of study tour alumni. Adding donations as part of the study tour registration was also discussed. Development Committee will keep apprised of future directions on this award, and will maintain contacts in the Development Database.

- **Diversity Committee**
  - The Diversity Committee organized a Diversity Forum for the New Orleans conference based on issues surrounding libraries in the Trump administration. The open forum was largely discussion based, and well attended.
  - Taking feedback from the New Orleans conference, the Committee developed a program for the Diversity Forum at the New York conference on Implicit Bias. A special funding request from the committee to invite a speaker from Project Implicit was approved by the Board.
  - The committee worked with CPAC to review candidates for the Alternative Voices award. In this work, the committee discovered that criteria for the award were not clearly stated to potential candidates, and that for group projects, it was often impossible to determine which group members qualified as candidates for this award. Consequently, the committee determined that the award must be evenly split between any and all candidates who could be determined to come from an underrepresented group. The committee recommends clarifying award criteria for future years and will pursue establishing this criteria in the upcoming year.
  - The diversity committee reviewed documents from the Membership Committee with an eye for inclusion, and offered feedback:
    - 10 ways to engage with ARLIS/NA
    - Membership form question on demographics
  - The committee is exploring ways to share stories and information about diversity and inclusion with members of ARLIS/NA. Social media and webinars are potential avenues.

- **Census Data Analysis Task Force**
  - The Task Force was formally charged in August 2017 to begin secondary analysis on data collected in the Census for Art Information Professionals (report submitted in January 2017).
  - The Task Force will be utilizing statistical services from the University of Michigan to assist in data analysis. The Task Force also seeks to benchmark some of the data collected in the Census against other reports such as ALA’s Diversity Counts. A report of findings is forthcoming.

- **Membership Committee**
  - The Membership Committee created a document titled “10 ways to engage with ARLIS/NA” after conducting research on how other library organizations got the word out to members on how to get involved. The document was sent to the Diversity Committee for feedback, and was approved by the Board at the midyear meeting. In order for the document to be placed on the website, additional sections of the website needed to be added. With the appointment
of a new information architect, the hope is for this document to become visible to members soon.

- The committee continued its work with ongoing yearly projects, such as soliciting stories for the “What our Members are Saying” and “Featured Art Libraries” posts.
- The committee drafted a demographics question that could be included on future membership forms, and continues to examine the existing membership form for ways to improve data collection and also communications.
- The chair of the membership committee, along with the advancement liaison, association manager, treasurer, and chapters liaison, met to explore the logistics of bundling chapter membership with ARLIS/NA membership. While there is interest in this idea, ARLIS/NA is unable to offer multiple levels of chapter membership dues. In order for chapter membership to be easily bundled with ARLIS/NA membership, all chapters would have to agree to one chapter membership dues rate (currently, each chapter sets its own dues). There is no way to automate chapter memberships, so after funds would be collected at the national level, those funds would have to be manually redistributed from headquarters to each chapter. After discussion, it was determined that chapters would collectively need to agree to make fundamental changes in how to handle dues before pursuing nationally bundled membership.