Report Text Activities, membership, Plans - SCIP members met formally at the New Orleans 2017 conference. Membership in the SIG has dropped by 15 members since last year, and now stands at 191 registered members. SCIP hosted an activity at the ARLIS 2017 conference in New Orleans and it is hoped that this activity will continue to be represented at all future conferences. The SIG hosted a makerspace where participants have the opportunity to create and mail their own one-of-kind, handmade postcards which can be mailed directly from the conference. The makerspace continues to be a popular activity at the conference with the purpose to reach out to ARLIS in comradery, build our numbers, and create an awareness of the SIG, as well as stimulate creative practices. We plan to expand our activity for the 2018 conference in New York, and would like to include a session on creativity in the library.

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan - ARLIS/NA Goal 1: Articulate New Directions and Identity for the profession.
Leverage and promote the art information professionals’ skills beyond the library

● (Completed) as active artists/librarians the members of SCIP work to actively incorporate their creative practices through member alliances and communication. SCIP does this by fostering the development of creativity through an active LISTSERV, Facebook page, and group collaboration.

● (Ongoing Progress) the makerspace activity is moving forward with seven members confirmed to contribute materials and time. Many other members have expressed an interest in the project and can be recruited directly at the conference.

The ultimate goal of this project aligns with the ARLIS/NA strategic goal 1 by increasing membership in the SIG and by extension ARLIS. The development of a makerspace also serves as a model for new directions and ideas that move the profession forward in the areas of community involvement and partnership.

Issues for the Executive Board - None at this time.

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