Annual Report 2017

Retirement SIG

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Since Joan Benedetti’s 2015 Annual Report of the Retired Members SIG, this group has met twice, first at the 2016 Seattle conference with 19 attendees and then at the 2017 New Orleans conference with twelve in attendance; both meetings also had three Board/Committee members making presentations.

2015/16 Co-Coordinators: Joan Benedetti and Margaret Webster
2016/17 Co-Coordinators: Margaret Webster and Leigh Gates
2017/18 Co-Moderators: E. Lee Eltzroth and Carol Terry

Main topics of discussion: Situational mentoring, archives and ARLIS organizational history, and planned giving. One result of the 2017 conference was a request, subsequently approved, to change the name from Retired Members to Retirement SIG, to make it clear that one does not need to have yet retired to join the group. Posting the request for this name change to the ARLIS listserv engendered enthusiastic attention for the SIG.

A session proposal was submitted for the 2018 conference, which was not accepted, but objectives of that session, focusing on art librarians in retirement, what motivates them, how to stay engaged with the profession and with ARLIS, and how to support the Society, have been incorporated into plans for the SIG meeting at the New York conference.

Current statistics as of January 18, 2018:
34 members of the Retirement SIG
56 ARLIS/NA members paying at the Retired rate
45 subscribers to the listserv, 10 of whom are no longer members

Prior to the 2018 conference, a survey will be sent through both the ARLIS listserv and the Retirement SIG listserv regarding interest in situational mentoring; those subscribers who are no longer members will be contacted directly to encourage Society membership and SIG participation.