Annual Report 2018

Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) Liaison Report

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Leadership Update

Aimee Lind will continue as SAH liaison for 2019 and will attend both the ARLIS/NA and SAH annual conferences for 2019.

Narrative

I attended the 2018 SAH Conference in St. Paul, MN, including the business meeting, and submitted a lengthy report on my experience to the ARCHSEC-L listserv and posted a slightly shorter version on the Architecture Section blog. A summary of important issues from the business meeting appears below.

Future Conferences

- 2020 location will be Seattle; 2021 will be Montreal

Grants:

- In midst of campaign to raise money to improve Archipedia; NEA will grant $80,000 if SAH can raise $80,000. Need to raise $45,000 by 12/31/18
- New NEH grant for Open Humanities Portfolio (2:1 grant with NEH); phased 2019—SAH Archipedia, grey literature, institutional archive
- New NPS Grant: Save America’s Treasures, $180,000 for first phase
- NEH challenge grant application for graduate student advisory body
  - How can SAH better support grad students?
  - Will recommend graduate student network for in person/online connections
  - Give graduate students chance to write, publish, present
  - Mentoring / career advancement
  - Emerging issues

SAH Architects Council

- Deepens relationship with practitioners
- How can study of history inform and shape the future of the built environment?
- Guiding creation & preservation of digital records

JSAH
• *Building of New Orleans* is out via UVA Press
• *Buildings of the United States* is a series of books on American architecture compiled and written on a state-by-state basis, with separate guides for specific cities. The primary objective of the series is to identify and celebrate the rich cultural, economic, and geographical diversity of the United States as it is reflected in the architecture of each state. The series has been commissioned by the Society of Architectural Historians, an organization dedicated to the study, interpretation, and preservation of the built environment throughout the world.

SAH Archipedia
• 200 + individual authors
• All 50 states now included thanks to NEH grant

SAHARA
• Migrated to Artstor
• 130,000+ images
• Shared Shelf platform
• Oxy, Princeton, Harvard also part of Artstor Shared Shelf

SAH Field Seminar
• China and Myanmar took place 12/17-1/18
• Next one will be to Cuba

Treasurer’s Report
• Glasgow conference netted $88,000
• Gala in November brought in $111,000 in unrestricted revenue

Other sessions and/or roundtables of potential interest to ARLIS members included the Digital Architectural Records and Our Future roundtable, Essential Skills for the Architectural Historian, and Making, Management and Preservation of Archives (presented by the Architects Council).

**Strategic Directions**

There are clearly issues of overlap between our two organizations and I have spoken at length with Barbara Opar and Janine Henri about creating programming, most likely in the form of a roundtable, addressing archival research in architectural archives. We are interested in making sure the practitioners and students of architecture and architectural historians know what’s out there and how to access it. In addition, we need to be sure librarians and archivists are focusing their efforts on the right tools and materials to add research in these areas.

**Issues for the Executive Board**

The 2021 Montreal conferences of ARLIS and SAH have the potential to overlap not only in dates held but in subjects covered. I see this as a remarkable opportunity to work more closely with SAH on developing programming of interest to both groups.

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