I. Welcome and introductions

II. Brainstorming Session: Membership Open Forum

One visitor attended, and in general we discussed how best to welcome international visitors to the conference and ways in which we can provide support for them during the conference. Perhaps we can: introduce them by name at convocation; invite them to the IRC meeting; ask HQ to send us of the international colleagues in attendance so we can reach out to them. It was suggested to distribute flags of the country the person is from for their conference badge and/or to indicate someone’s language skills.

III. Old Business:

2009 minutes and the committee’s history were summarized for new members and the new board liaison by Kristen Regina (KR).

Kress Travel Award
There were two very strong applications for the award. Debbie Kempe and Elizabeth Berenz did the initial reading but KR was tie breaker.

Germany Trip Summary
The trip was a success; fully subscribed and extremely well-run and organized by Evelin Morgenstern in Germany and Linda Seckelson in the US. It was recommended to read the trip report for in-depth details. Ian McDermott was to give (and did) the powerpoint summary during the business meeting.

UK Trip
Elizabeth Berenz, Ian McDermott, and Amy Ballmer with Kristen Regina and
Debbie Kempe organized the tour. Elizabeth had been working closely with our ARLIS/UK & Ireland colleagues and already had most of the meetings lined up. She also spent a lot of time researching an inexpensive yet centrally located housing option. She reserved a block of rooms at the University College of London for 40 pounds a night for en-suite single rooms. Elizabeth was to give (and did) the powerpoint advertising the trip at the membership meeting.

2011 and 2012 Trips
It is widely agreed that we should figure out a way to decide on future trip locations well in advance so members have an opportunity to plan vacations and enough lead time to apply for and try to receive institutional funding. It is agreed that we should try to do all the other ARLIS affiliated chapters as trips first. ARLIS/Norden was a strong candidate; Paris; our contacts in Germany have suggested a trip to Italy. Debbie Kempe pointed out that the 2011 IFLA meeting is in San Juan Puerto Rico and the arts section will meet beforehand in Mexico City. She also said that Jan Simane from the Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florence who is now chair of the IFLA arts section, was in attendance at the conference and would be a good point of contact to try to collaborate. We spoke to Jan during the conference and he not only agreed to work with the committee on a joint IFLA-IRC meeting in Mexico city but also offered to host a study trip in Florence in the future. Clayton Kirking, NYPL Art and Architecture Division, was tapped during the conference to spearhead the trip as he has excellent connections in Mexico and speaks some Spanish. KR and Debbie Kempe will work with Clayton and Jan to coordinate and plan the 2011 trip. We did not have time to work on a 2012 trip location.

IV. New Business:
It was announced that Debbie Kempe is the vice chair/chair elect so that we will have some continuity.

We want to continue our efforts to reach out to the Mexican librarians.