sailing the seas of interdisciplinarity

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- professional training
- re-skilling; re-tooling
- networking
- publications
- recognition of excellence
- policy advocacy
- ....
“The mission of ARLIS/NA is to foster excellence in art and design librarianship and image management.”

ARLIS/NA website, “Our Mission”
“ARLIS/NA's vision is to be the leading organization in the arts information field. We will serve as a catalyst in the development of services and resources while maintaining the values and traditions in the field that are relevant to the changes that emerge over time. The Society will address the needs of art library and information professionals and support the advancement of the profession, by pursuing partnerships with other professional and educational organizations and participating in international forums. ARLIS/NA will foster an inclusive Society with a collaborative infrastructure that welcomes all members of society and promotes a multiplicity of viewpoints and perspectives.”

ARLIS/NA website, “Our Vision”
## STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2015
### Goals & Objectives

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<td>D. Provide opportunities for members to participate in shaping the role of the profession in the changing environment of art information and scholarship.</td>
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