North American Relations Committee
Minutes
Saturday, March 18, 2000
Art Libraries Society of North America 28th Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA

Attending:
Anita Carrico, Chair, AASL
Paula Epstein, Incoming Chair, ALA/ALCTS
Linda Dychak, CAA
Pat Lynagh, Executive Board liaison
Carol Pardo, Columbia University
Jack Robertson, University of Virginia

After the Committee welcome and introductions, Pat Lynagh, ARLIS/NA South Regional Representative and the board’s representative to NARC gave an update on the board’s agenda and on the strategic plan. The committee reviewed pertinent sections of the plan.

Linda Dychak, CAA liaison reported that she had manned the affiliates booth at the CAA conference, distributing ARLIS/NA materials. Paula Epstein, ALA Arts liaison reported the same and also noted that statistics indicate an 11% ALA Arts membership overlap with ARLIS/NA. Paula also brought up the possibility of holding a meeting of ARLIS/NA members at ALA. In order to reserve a meeting room and/or advanced rooming at ALA conference rates, we would need a group of at least 25 people. Paula gave Suzanne Freeman, ALCTS, report. Alison Pinsler, SAA liaison’s report was given by Paula Epstein. Alison requested that the ARLIS/NA web site include a (hot) link to the Association of Moving Images Archivists. Paula suggested hot links to all of our affiliates be included. Upcoming ALA conference dates are: Chicago, July 6-12, 2000 and Washington, DC, February 9-14, 2001. Anita Carrico, AASL liaison reported on that conference, just concluded, in Los Angeles.

The committee took a look at re-evaluating the purpose and goals of the North American Relations Committee and the possibility of merging with the International Relations Committee. This could be a positive change for both committees and a further step in streamlining the ARLIS/NA organization.

The committee welcomed Paula Epstein as its new chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Carrico, Outgoing Chair, NARC