Diversity Committee  

Minutes  

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Art Libraries Society of North America 29th Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA  

The current chairs are Eric Schwab and Marilyn Russell-Bogle. Schwab and Russell-Bogle will continue as co-chairs for the upcoming year. The meeting began with an introduction of old and new members. There were eleven members in attendance. Lou Adrean represented Ted Goodman as the Board Liaison.

First on the agenda was the discussion of the Diversity Committee website. Eric thanked the members for their valuable input for the website. Eric will be sending the web pages to Roberto Ferrari. There was some discussion as to where archival material on the website should be kept. There also seems to be a policy of keeping all ARLIS/NA websites with similar graphics and the same logo. The question was raised “will it be okay for institutions to host websites for committees?” A call was made again for anyone to add bibliographies and other diversity resources to the website. Please send to Eric.

Other issues brought forward for discussion were: ADA compliance, space planning, professional jobs available for entering librarians, minority concerns, chapters and committee heads to include diversity issues in their programming.

Upcoming program sessions for the St. Louis conference were addressed. It was decided to sponsor a session on the user issue, real spaces vs. virtual space for web pages and universal usability. Hopefully this will tie in with other ARLIS committees such as space planning, reference/user services, standards, and library instruction. Lauren Lessing and Lucie Stylianopoulos will develop the session and submit the proposal by May 1.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion of changes for the Strategic Plan. The only change was to amend any statements to state “disability” instead of physical disability.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by Marilyn Russell-Bogle, Co-Chair