Museum Libraries Division

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE:
Moderator (until April 3, 2005): Hannah Bennett, Yale University
Vice-moderators/moderators-elect (beginning April 3, 2005): Naomi Niles, Metropolitan Museum of Art
Update editor (until April 3, 2005): Stephanie Moyes, Smithsonian

54 museum librarians attended the 2004 business meeting in New York on Saturday, April 17, 2004. Carol Rusk compiled the minutes for this meeting, which will be distributed at the 2005 business meeting in Houston. Some of the topics brought up at the 2003 meeting: provenance research, pathfinders for routine reference questions, and new publications.

2004-2005 officers were elected: Hannah Bennett will chair the 2005 division meeting as moderator, Naomi Niles was elected the co-moderator, and Stephanie Moyes was elected update column editor.

This past year, several Museum Library Division members published important reference works and articles including:


In 2004, Joan Benedetti began recruiting writers and editors for her work-in-progress, which is a handbook for art museum librarianship. Many division members are involved with her project and at the upcoming ARLIS conference, she will provide an overview of her project to the entire division.

At the 2004 meeting, there was discussion of fostering more communication between members and institutions yet most participants agreed that ARLIS-L was an apt forum for
continued museum library division issues and there was no need to create a web page or listserv specifically for the division.

Over the course of the year, I have updated contact information for all division members. In late December ’04 and early January ’05, I sent out a call for annual meeting agenda items and will submit the final agenda to the division later this month.