Leadership

The 2005-06 ARLIS/NA Development Committee was co-chaired by Kim Collins, Emory University and Allen Townsend, Amon Carter Museum. Incoming chair for the term commencing at the annual conference in Banff will be Jon Evans, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Committee members included Deborah Ultan Boudewyns, Kim Collins, Ted Goodman, Milan Hughston, Ken Soehner (resigned 12/2005), Linda Tompkins-Baldwin, Allen Townsend, and Rina Vecchiola. The Executive Board Liaison was Treasurer, Lynda S. White. Banff Conference Local Arrangements Development Officer was Glenna Westwood.

Activities

- Reviewed prospects list and removed companies/names which had not exhibited or donated over the past five years, reducing the number of contacts from 170 to 80.
- Continued success with donors in offering Gold, Silver and Bronze level conference sponsorships. With the approval of the Executive Board, donations at any of these three levels (in excess of $1500) earned a complimentary Business Affiliate membership. As of this writing, the Banff Conference has two Gold, four Silver, and two Bronze sponsors, and total development income already exceeds the amounts raised for the previous year’s conference (Banff 2/28/06 - $38,538 raised vs. Houston final total = $38,367).
- Worked with Banff Local Arrangements Committee to develop unique Canadian prospects list. Allen Townsend attended the Banff Conference Planning Advisory meeting in June of 2005 which helped in facilitating communication and coordinating all conference fund-raising. Overall, the Banff Committee was very active in securing sponsors and support for the Conference, and was responsible for several key sponsorships and in-kind donations, for which the Development Committee is extremely grateful.

The Committee is also grateful to Emory University for hosting its listserv which continued to facilitate reporting of donations and communications among its members. Assignments were distributed by mid-October and most initial asks were completed by mid-November. Follow-up messages were sent in December and January. Most conference pledges were invoiced by February.

The Society Circle program continued to encourage donations from ARLIS/NA’s individual membership base. This year’s Circle donations to date (4/4/06) total $10,250. Most importantly, this year’s numbers show that the program is sustaining a level of growth. Overall, members contributed nearly $11,400 to the Society’s
operating and restricted funds, reflecting only a slight decline from the previous year.

In closing, the Co-Chairs wish to thank the members of the Committee, the Banff Conference Local Arrangements Committee, the Executive Board, and ARLIS/NA headquarters staff for all their assistance and hard work through the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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