Annual Report 2005
ARLIS/NA Travel Awards Committee

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2005-2006 TAC Co-chairs: Nensi Brailo & Kitty Chibnik
2005-2006 TAC members: Janice Chadbourne, K.C. Elhard, Aprille, Nace, Tricia Rose

ARLIS/NA Awards Committee Chair: Daniel Starr
Executive Board liaison: Carole Ann Fabian

Activities:
Membership met at the ARLIS/NA Conference in Houston; discussion focused on the Awards Committee procedures. Timelines for award announcements, submission deadlines, review deadlines, and award notification dates were discussed.

The Committee worked with AWS web master Nedda Ahmed to update the Travel Awards announcements web page and the online application form.

The online application form was used all applicants. A system change late in the year re-formatted the online applications so that the information input by applicants was output completely but not in the order submitted. AWS Web master Nedda Ahmed is investigating the problem so that it does not occur next year.

Donor-funded Awards
The Development Committee was able to secure donor commitments for the following 3 awards:
Andrew Cahan Photography Award ($1,000)
AskART Conference Travel Award ($1,000)
Howard and Beverly Joy Kanno Award ($1,000)

The Development Committee secured sponsorship for the new AskArt Conference Travel Award for ARLIS/Na members who are actively involved in the field of American art through reference, research, bibliographic work, the overseeing of significant art research collections, or who are researching subjects or themes related to American art.

The financial commitment for the Puvill Libros European Travel Award was received too late to post the Award. The Committee hopes that the Award will resume next year. The guidelines for applicant submission were reviewed with the sponsor to focus the Award toward submissions from new European librarians.

The Research Libraries Group ceased sponsoring the Oceania/Asia Travel Award.

ARLIS/NA funded Awards
Conference Travel Award (2 at $750/person)
Judith A. Hoffberg Student Award for Conference Attendance ($750)
Student Diversity Award for Conference Attendance ($750)

The Board set aside monies to sponsor four awards at $750 per award and asked the Travel Award Committee to decide the nature of the Awards. Given the expenses of attending the Banff conference, the Co-Chairs decided to offer 2 Travel Awards to assist ARLIS/NA members involved as committee members, group moderators, and chapter officers, and to offer 2 student awards (one a diversity award) to encourage students interested in the art librarianship profession to attend the conference.

The Executive Board voted to re-name the Student Travel Award to the Judith A. Hoffberg Student Travel Award for Conference Attendance.

This year the student awards were posted for either students still in a degree program or students recently graduated (within 12 mos. of graduation) which follows the guidelines of the Gerd Muesham Award. In addition, the student diversity award did not limit applicants to schools within the region of the conference, as last year., Applications were received from throughout the United States and Canada. Postings for both Awards were distributed via email to library school lists, along with a reminder when the deadline was extended.

**Award Winners:**
The Committee reviewed 45 applicants for seven awards as follows:

- **ARLIS/NA Conference Travel Award (9 applicants)**
  - Marilyn Russel1
  - Institute of American Indian Arts
  - Tony White
  - Pratt Institute

- **Andrew Cahan Photography Award (3 applicants)**
  - Sarah Falls
  - University of Richmond

- **AskART Conference Travel Award (3 applicants)**
  - Sandra Wiles
  - Phoenix Art Museum

- **Howard and Beverly Joy Karno Award (2 applicants)**
  - Ann Lindell
  - University of Florida, Gainesville

- **Student Diversity Award for Conference Attendance (6 applicants)**
  - Ida daRoza
  - San Jose State University (2005)
  - Academy of Art University, San Francisco

- **Judith A. Hoffberg Student Award for Conference Attendance (22 applicants)**
  - Kristen Meyer
  - Indiana University (2005)
  - Brown College, Mendota Heights, Minnesota

**Issues:**
• The role of TAC vis-à-vis “developing” as opposed to “administering” the Travel Awards needs review (see 2003 and 2004 reports)

• The role of TAC vis-à-vis external support and other ARLIS/NA committees, especially Development, needs review

• The continuity and permanence of ARLS/NA sponsored Awards needs review. The guidelines, especially for the Diversity Award, if it is to continue, need review by Diversity and the Board (see questions posed in 2004 report) Likewise, with the Student Travel Award having a new name, funding models for this Award should be reviewed. The Co-Chairs of TAC hope that awards for students will be expanded in the future, as they fulfills part of the Society’s educational mission and are consistently the largest applicant pool.

• ARLIS/NA funding for Awards needs be decided at the Board meeting during the Conference, rather than the Mid-year Board meeting, especially if TAC is asked to develop the Award guidelines