• Pursued non-payment of ALA dues with ARLIS/NA President, Treasurer and HQ. Dues have now been paid, after a hiatus of three years.

• Attended ALA Arts Section meeting at the annual ALA conference in Chicago. Suggested the idea of an ALA conference program to be jointly sponsored by the Arts Section and ARLIS/NA. This idea was well-received, but the earliest will be for the 2007 conference, since plans have already been made for their program for 2006. The 2007 conference is in Washington DC.

• Attended the ALA Affiliates meeting. Shared with the group some of ARLIS/NA’s activities, including the core competencies for art librarians.

• ARLIS booth: I organized volunteers to spend time in the free Affiliates booth at ALA, to create an ARLIS/NA presence. HQ had a banner made which did a fine job of catching attention [large, with our colors and logo]. HQ also shipped ARLIS publications to have displayed in the booth. We had 7 volunteers, covering six hours in the booth. I was present for most of that time. The traffic was light, but the interactions were, I think, worthwhile. Here is a sampling of the kinds of interactions: book publisher interested in the make-up of ARLIS membership with eye toward advertising; woman, a librarian, whose son had just graduated with a degree in art, who wanted to interest him in art librarianship; young woman, recent graduate in art history from School of the Art Institute of Chicago, currently enrolled in distance learning degree in Information Science from North Texas State University (excellent candidate for ARLIS membership). As one of the volunteers put it: “Although traffic by the booth wasn’t that heavy when I was there, there was a least one significant conversation every half hour. I don’t know if you feel that this justifies the trouble. But actually I enjoyed the interaction not only with the ALA folks, but with the other two ARLIS members who were at the booth!

• I distributed ARLIS stickers while at the booth, which showed up very well on the new format of badge holder used by ALA. I also distributed ARLIS pines to booth volunteers, and other members who came by. The ARLIS/Liaison ribbon HQ had made up also showed up boldly on the name tag.

• I attended a pre-conference on Developing and Growing Your Membership – aimed at ALA chapters, but quite relevant to ARLIS/NA. It was presented by Mark Levin, a Certified Association Executive.

• Pursued the issue of high IFLA dues with ALA Affiliates coordinator.

• Queried ALA about their arrangements with chapters.