Annual Report 2005
ARLIS/NA Liaison to the College Art Association

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The purpose of the CAA Liaison is to ensure communication between ARLIS/NA and College Art. My efforts this year have had moderate success but there is more to be done, hopefully in the coming year.

I tried to ensure that ARLIS/NA news appeared as frequently as possible in the CAA News. This is published eight times per year with deadlines on the 10th of the month two months before. I provided news this year on our conference, our book awards and the ARLIS/NA-VRA lantern slide project, among other topics. One note: It would help if the Board had someone designated to summarize the annual conference in the form of a press release. This has not happened before and it causes duplication of effort and perhaps confusion for our affiliates.

We also planned to have an ARLIS/NA-sponsored session at the CAA conference in Boston in February 2006, focusing on art book reviewing. CAA provides conference space for both a business meeting and a panel program at their meeting, if desired. Unfortunately due to a variety of difficulties this session did not take place. Instead several ARLIS members were present to answer questions about the organization; we had the opportunity to speak with several library school students about our field.

Another effort has been the reciprocal placement of a CAA session on the program of our annual conference. Especially with ARLIS’s recent affiliation with the Society of Architectural Historians, we have discussed the need to provide some benefit to our art and architectural historian affiliates within our conference structure. Although the proposal was not accepted for the Banff conference, the SAH Liaison and I will work with the Atlanta conference planners to make this a reality next year.

I have been less diligent about providing information about College Art to ARLIS/NA through the distribution list. I plan to summarize at least the CAA book awards to ARLIS-L soon in order to ensure that our members are aware of the accolades CAA provided to their own members.