Annual Report 2006
ARLIS DC-MD-VA Chapter

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**Chapter officers during 2006:**
Chair: Emily Rafferty, Baltimore Museum of Art
Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Kathy Woodrell, Library of Congress
Secretary/Treasurer: Yuki Dixon, Virginia Commonwealth University; Barrie Howard, Digital Library Federation
Past Chair: Lucie Wall Stylianopoulos, Fiske Kimball Fine Arts Library, University of Virginia
Newsletter Editors: Roger Lawson, National Gallery of Art; Rebecca Cooper, Society of the Cincinnati Library

**Chapter officers elected for 2007:**
Chair: Kathy Woodrell, Library of Congress
Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Kristen Regina, Hillwood Museum and Gardens
Secretary/Treasurer: Yuki Dixon, Virginia Commonwealth University
Past Chair: Emily Rafferty, Baltimore Museum of Art
Newsletter Editors: Roger Lawson, National Gallery of Art; Rebecca Cooper, Society of the Cincinnati Library

**Chapter Website:** http://www.lib.umd.edu/arlis/

**Chapter Blog:** http://www.arlisdcmdva.blogspot.com/

**Chapter Meetings and Events**

The **Winter Officer’s Meeting** was held on January 27th, 2006 at the Library of Congress. Discussion centered on creating a chapter blog, scheduling a spring meeting to include a strategic planning retreat, and the pros and cons of increasing the amount of the Caroline Backlund Professional Development award further than had been discussed at the Oct. 2005 meeting in light of the high cost of the Banff conference.

The **Spring Meeting** was held at the Catholic University in Washington, DC, April 7th, 2006. Though it was not possible for this to be a strategic planning meeting, the business meeting did cover many issues facing the Chapter and determined some priorities for the coming year. Central topics included the low number of applicants
for the travel awards, working with area universities to encourage students to join the Chapter, and the introduction of the Chapter’s new blog.

The **Summer Meeting** was held at in the Special Collections and Archives Department of the Library at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA, July 21st, 2006. The focus of the business meeting was discussion of the chapter affiliation agreement. Although all members at the meeting were in favor of signing the agreement, it was decided that a vote would be taken including all members via e-mail. The business meeting was followed by Yuki Dixon’s excellent presentation, “Collection Development for Artists’ Books,” and a tour of several exhibits at VCU’s Anderson Gallery.

The **Fall Meeting** was held in a lovely conference room overlooking the Severn River at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, October 20th, 2006. It was the 3rd annual joint meeting with VRA Mid-Atlantic. The business meeting included debate about the funding of the travel awards and the implementation of the affiliation agreement. The meeting also included presentations by Joan Stahl, Patty Cossard, and Missy Lemke about their respective digital imaging projects. Following lunch, Naval Academy Museum Senior Curator Jim Cheevers led the group on a tour of the Academy’s art and architecture.

On December 3rd, 2006, the National Museum of Women in the Arts hosted Chapter members for a tour of the exhibition, *The Book as Art: Twenty Years of Artists’ Books from the National Museum of Women in the Arts*, followed by a happy hour at Chef Geoff’s.

**Chapter Awards**

The DC-MD-VA chapter again gave two travel awards this year: the Caroline Backlund Professional Development Award and the Student Travel Award (formerly the Diversity Award). The Backlund Award provides $500 for a member to use toward attending the national conference. The amount was increased to $750 due to the high costs of the Banff conference. This year’s recipient was Kathy Woodrell, Library of Congress. The Student Award provided national membership, local membership, conference registration, and $500 to cover travel costs to a local library science student interested in art librarianship. The amount to cover travel was increased to $750 due to the cost of airfare to Banff. The award recipient was Rebecca Cooper, a student at Catholic University.

**2006 Secretary/Treasurer’s Report**

Submitted by Yuki Dixon, Secretary/Treasurer

As of October 20, 2006

Membership

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Financial Report

The January 27, 2006 Treasurer’s Report noted a balance of $5,137.33.

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Strategic Plan

Once again this year, our Chapter’s strength was in focusing on Goal I. We held two meetings with programming and added one special tour event to the schedule to give an extra opportunity for networking. We held meetings in each of the areas of our region. None of the host institutions had previously hosted an ARLIS/DC-MD-VA meeting giving new audiences the chance to learn about the organization and our members a chance to learn about new resources.

The Chapter also addressed Objective D of Goal III by holding its spring meeting at the Catholic University of America, one of two local library schools. Several students from the library science program attended. We have also continued to announce our meetings on the listservs of the library science programs at CUA and the University of Maryland, attracting a few students to each meeting.

Emerging issues for the Board

There are still concerns among the membership about the implementation of the affiliation agreement and how non-ARLIS/NA members will be able to be involved in the Chapter. The increasing costs of ARLIS/NA conference registration and our ability to maintain our travel awards is also an important issue.