Leadership Update:

President: Tom Caswell, University of Florida
Vice President/President-Elect: Kathleen List, Ringling School of Art and Design
Treasurer: Allen Novak, Ringling School of Art and Design
Secretary: Ann Lindell, University of Florida
Webmaster: Natalia Lonchyna, North Carolina Museum of Art
Newsletter Editor: Cary Wilkins, Morris Museum of Art
Incoming Vice President/President-Elect: Yvonne Boyer, Vanderbilt University
Incoming Secretary: Elizabeth Gentry, Booth Western Art Museum

Membership Statistics:

32 members (not including honorary lifetime members)

Members come from seven states across the Southeast, and even one new member from Puerto Rico. (We also have several extremely loyal members who continue their memberships despite moving out of the Southeast region!)

Activities:

The activities of the Southeast Chapter for the past year mainly revolved around two main topics: the signing of the ARLIS/NA affiliation agreement and conference planning for ARLIS/NA in Atlanta 2007. Both the spring meeting in Banff (minutes available at http://www.arlis-se.org/Banff2006minutes.pdf) and the fall business meeting in Atlanta (minutes available at http://www.arlis-se.org/arlis-se-minutes-nov06.htm) involved much discussion of these two issues, but other important matters were attended to as well.

The advantages and disadvantages of signing the affiliation agreement were discussed at great length online throughout the year on the chapter’s listserv, but in the end the chapter agreed by consensus to sign the agreement. As a result, the chapter’s bylaws (http://www.arlis-se.org/sebylws.html) were amended to reflect the necessary changes in verbiage as outlined in the affiliation agreement.

The Southeast Chapter’s website (http://www.arlis-se.org) and all of its content was successfully migrated to a new webhosting service by our talented webmaster Natalia Lonchyna. She has also been extremely helpful in assisting our conference webmaster Stacey Ewing with access to the new webhosting service and the hosting of all the conference-related content.
Two new officers were elected at the fall business meeting: Liz Gentry is our new Secretary, and Yvonne Boyer is our new Vice President/President-Elect. With Yvonne’s election, we eagerly await our first-ever meeting in the state of Tennessee, as she will be coordinating the fall 2007 chapter meeting in Nashville. In addition, Jennifer Friedman from Clemson University volunteered to chair the 2007 LoPresti Publication Awards, which is entering its 23rd year in awarding and recognizing excellence in arts-related publishing throughout the Southeast region.

Of great significance is the fact that many Southeast Chapter members have taken on the responsibilities associated with planning the ARLIS/NA international conference to be held in Atlanta, April 26-30, 2007. And as we get closer to the conference dates, many more of our chapter members will be stepping up to volunteer their services to help us execute an exciting and successful conference. The following coordinators should be recognized for their outstanding efforts thus far:

Local Arrangements Co-Chairs:
Kim Collins  
Moira Steven  
Sandra Still

Program Co-Chairs:
Tom Caswell  
Ann Lindell

Budget and Member-At-Large:
Kathleen List

Exhibits Coordinator:
Melissa McDonald

Local Development Coordinator:
Kim Collins

Local Information/Guide:
Jack Miller

Publications/Publicity Coordinator:
Kristina Keogh

Raffle Coordinator:
Liz Gentry

Registration/Hospitality Desk Coordinator:
Natalia Lonchyna

Special Events Coordinator:
Sandra Still
Tours Coordinator:
Moira Steven

Conference Website Coordinator:
Stacey Ewing

The Southeast Chapter approved at its fall business meeting to donate $250.00 to the Welcome Party at the 2007 ARLIS/NA conference.

The Southeast Chapter has always been a strong supporter of ARLIS/NA and continues to introduce many of its new members to the advantages of networking with colleagues and the potentials involved in national membership. We, as a chapter, strongly encourage the Board of ARLIS/NA to continue to recognize the importance and effectiveness of its chapters in nurturing the professional growth of art librarians and visual resource professionals at a local level. After all, chapters are ARLIS/NA.