Annual Report 2006
ARLIS/NA Research Awards Committee

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Incoming Officers:
Same as above for 2007-2008

Membership:
Nancy Spiegel, University of Chicago
Stephanie Moye, Smithsonian Institution
Amy Ballmer, Art Institute in Chicago

Activities:
Worldwide Books Award for Publications
The Worldwide Books Award for Publications was awarded to Martin Aurand, Architecture Librarian and Archivist, University Libraries, Carnegie Mellon University, for his book, The Spectator and the Topographical City, (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2006). ($1,000)

Worldwide Books Award for Electronic Publications
Susan Craig, Head Librarian, Murphy Art and Architecture Library, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, for her work, Biographical Dictionary of Kansas Artists (active before 1945). ($500)

Jeanne Brown, Head, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Architecture Studies Library, for her resource, Las Vegas Architects and Buildings Database ($500)

H.W. Wilson
There were no applications for the H.W. Wilson Foundation Research Grant for 2006.

Plans:
Advertise the H.W. Wilson Awards more effectively.

Clarify the amount of money to be awarded from H.W. Wilson, as no money was awarded in 2007.

Action Items:
From the 2006 Statement of Goals:
Ensure that thank you letters go out from ARLIS/NA Research Awards Committee and award winners for 2007. In progress.

Organize archives; need to deposit in Syracuse, NY. Pending.

Timeline of Activities should be updated for the 2007-2008 Research Awards Committee. In progress.

Worked with Nedda Ahmed to update Research Awards webpage. Completed.

Create a list of advertising contacts (organizations, sites and list-servs) for each year’s committee. In progress.

**Issues:**

Repeating a question from last year, can winners publicize their awards before the Annual Conference?

The committee should set a date by which winners of the previous year’s H.W. Wilson Foundation Research Award money indicate how it was spent.

How does the committee deal with late entries?

Consider extending the deadline for submissions; currently it is December 31st. Perhaps a January 31st deadline is more realistic.

Consider how applicants can submit their work; a single monograph to share among a small committee scattered across the US is quite timely and tricky even when ILL can be used.