Annual Report 2008
ARLIS/NA New England Chapter

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Chapter Meetings:
Spring Meeting (Joint Meeting with VRA/New England)
June 3, 2008, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts. 60 total, approximately 40 ARLIS.
The meeting included a business meeting. Highlights were the introduction of new officers, announcement of the winners of the chapter’s awards, a report on the status of planning for the Boston 2010 conference, and a discussion of possible sites and subjects for the fall and future meetings. The meeting featured a talk on the changing landscape of visual resources by Robert Carlucci, Yale University, tours of the campus and the Davis Museum and its featured exhibition, “Grand Scale: Monumental Prints in the Age of Dürer and Titian.”

Fall Meeting
The business meeting included a discussion of proposed changes to the chapter’s dues structure and concentrated on a brainstorming session on ideas for the theme and funding prospects for the Boston 2010 conference. Susan Leidy, the museum’s deputy director, gave an illustrated talk on the museum’s history and recent extensive renovation. Members had a choice of three afternoon tours: the Zimmerman House (a Wright Usonian), the museum’s permanent collection, and the current “Andy Warhol: Pop Politics” exhibit.

Other Chapter Activities:
The chapter co-sponsored, with Simmons College, a mixer at the Denver conference, which was well-attended and well enjoyed.
On July 17, five local art librarians participated in a panel discussion at Simmons College about careers in art librarianship. Panelists were: Deborah Barlow Smedstad, head librarian at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Rachel Beckwith, who worked with the Simmons GSLIS West program at Mount Holyoke College and as a cataloger with ArtStor; Robert Burton, a photographic cataloger at the Weissman Preservation Center at Harvard University; Brooke Henderson, art librarian at Wellesley College; and Rachel Resnik, technical services librarian at the Massachusetts College of Art. The event was sponsored in collaboration with Panopticon, the Simmons GSLIS art library interest group. Rachel Resnik and Darin Murphy, librarian of the Museum School of the Museum of Fine Arts represented the chapter at a Simmons career panel on October 21. As public relations officer, Rachel Resnik created a new membership brochure and attended the September Panopticon meeting to inform students of the benefits of joining ARLIS/NE and ARLIS/NA. The chapter also supported Panopticon by funding refreshments at the student organization’s first art show in September.

**Awards.**

ARLIS/New England made three awards. Ashley Peterson won the Seibel Award, which is a scholarship award for students enrolled in graduate programs in library science or visual resources, who intend a career as an art librarian or VR curator. Rachel Beckwith and Elizabeth Ehrnst shared the travel award. The Wolfgang Freitag Professional Development Award was not made this year.

**By-law changes.**

A ballot was sent to members to authorize a proposed change in membership categories. All were approved. A category of “associate” was created for those who were not members of ARLIS/NA. Reduced membership rates were established for unemployed and retired members and associates, and the reduced student rate was extended to part-time, as well as full-time students.

**Conference planning.**

The chapter has already spent considerable effort on planning an excellent ARLIS/NA conference. Co-chairs and committee members for the Program Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee have been named and chapter members have volunteered for a wide range of conference-related responsibilities. Two issues of the chapter’s newsletter, *Focus New England*, were published.

**Membership Statistics**

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Members (ARLIS/NA members): 65

Associates: 22

Renewing Members: 62

Renewing Associates: 21

Non-renewing Members: 6

Non-renewing Associates: 17 (most of these were student associates)

New Members 2008: 3

New Associates 2008: 1

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Zieper, Secretary