2009 Annual Report
ARLIS/NA New England Chapter

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2009 Chapter Officers
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Past President: Michael Young, University of Connecticut

2010 Incoming Chapter Officers
President: Debbie Verhoff, Art Institute of Boston, Lesley University
Vice-President/President-Elect: Amanda Bowen, Fine Arts Library, Harvard
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Treasurer’s and Membership Report
82 paid NE Chapter members in 2009
2009 Expenses
Spring business meeting costs: $386
Temporary tattoos for 2010 Conference promotion: $121
Donation to VRA Foundation for SEI: $250
Focus newsletter printing and mailing costs: $132
Roundtable Discussion refreshments: $130
Chapter support for 2010 Conference: $500
2009 Income
Dues: $211
Unrestricted donations: $40
Profit from Spring business meeting: $50
Donation from John Woods for support of Focus newsletter: $64
Checking account balance: $2145
1-year CD: $4027
2-year CD: $3860
Narrative
Throughout the year, ARLIS/NE activities were largely focused on the ARLIS/NA 38th Annual Conference planning activities. Additionally, it was decided at the February Board meeting to change our website to a new format. Deb Verhoff undertook the task and moved the website to a Wordpress blog site, keeping our arlisne.org URL. It was also decided to move our newsletter to a digital format and Linda Zieper edited and printed the last print *Focus* (vol.22. no.1) with the Spring issue. At the July Board meeting we declined the offer of TEI to host our website and to electronically manage our membership dues. There was also a request from the membership that future ARLIS/NE chapter meetings include instructive content in the form of relevant lectures or workshops.

Spring Meeting (May 15)
The Spring Membership Meeting took place at the Preservation Society of Newport, R.I, hosted by Linda Eppich, resident archivist. Ms. Eppich discussed the Preservation Society’s history & mission and shared quite interesting archival documents about films shot on location at the Newport mansions.
We were joined by Amy Lucker, ARLIS/NA President. Amy described the ways our new national management company, TEI, could support our chapter’s technological needs. The 2010 Boston Conference Co-chairs: Rachel Resnik, Ann Whiteside, Debbie Barlow-Smedstad, and Jennifer Friedman discussed various conference planning activities and elicited support from the membership in promoting the conference.
Jeff Moore, the Newport Preservation Society’s conservator, gave a wonderful presentation on the details of preserving and restoring the Society’s mansions.
The membership then toured some of the Newport mansions and later regrouped at Benoist Cottage in Jamestown for a beautiful, sunny afternoon tea on the lawn hosted by Gabrielle Reed.

Fall Meeting (October 16)
The Fall Membership Meeting was a joint meeting with ARLIS Western NY, and the New England and Upstate NY chapters of VRA, at the Francine and Sterling Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, MA. Thanks go to Valerie Krall for hosting the four chapters. Our meetings coincided with the Clark’s Monuments in Peril Series which featured a presentation by András Riedlmayer titled "Killing Memory: Cultural Heritage under Fire in the Balkan Wars of the 1990s".
During the business meeting further conference planning details were discussed as well as pressing issues concerning membership. There was a 15% (approx.) decline in chapter membership from 2008 to 2009. Those present passed a motion to offer free membership to the unemployed in 2010. It was also recommended that members contribute donations to cover additional members’ dues. Further suggestions to consider were free membership to recent MLS graduates and a possible subsidy for attendance to a chapter meeting for students, recent MLS graduates, and the unemployed.
After the meeting, members toured the Clark’s art collection, visited the Stone Hill Center's conservation labs, and attended a special collections presentation in the Library.

Roundtable Discussion (December 18)
In light of the economic turmoil that affects an unprecedented number of art libraries nationally, chapter members were invited to participate in a roundtable discussion
focused on budgetary impacts and sustainability, which took place at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Over a dozen members, including ARLIS/NA president Amy Lucker, participated by sharing developments at their institutions and forecasting future economic climates we may see in the coming year. Emphasis was placed on enriching consortia, broadening the scope of ILL relationship, and cooperative collection development strategies.

Panopticon, Simmons GSLIS Art Interest Group
Panopticon became an official Simmons club with a written constitution and a small budget.

Awards Report
The award and scholarship winners for 2009 were:
Elmar W. Seibal Scholarship – Sarah Burke
Wolfgang Freitag Professional Development Award - Sarah Dickinson
ARLIS/NE Travel Award – Gabrielle Reed

2009 Committees
The 2009 Awards Committee – Sarah Dickinson & Gabrielle Reed
Nominating Committee – Rachel Resnik, Darin Murphy, Michael Young