Report
There were no officer changes for 2009-2010. The current chair was in office from 2008.

October 26 – November 1, 2008 the IRC implemented its first Study Trip to the Netherlands (see the trip summary below).

Barbara Rockenbach with Kristen Regina established a Samuel H. Kress Award for European Travel. All ARLIS/NA members in good standing who have had a paper accepted at a European conference relevant to the field of art librarianship or visual resources curatorship are eligible for the award. International conferences include, but are not limited to, AKMB, ARLIS/Norden, ARLIS/UK & Ireland, IFLA, and OKBN*ARLIS/NL.

The award is for $1000, and is intended to defray travel costs (air and then ground) and then toward their accommodations. The award will be offered for 5 years.

Elizabeth Berenz created an IRC brochure but it was not published for lack of funding.

A draft of Study Trip guidelines was (and still is) in progress.

There were no concerns to report to the Executive Board.

2008 Netherlands Study Trip

The key element to success was having a local organizer (Michiel Nijhoff). The local organization made the trip possible. The IRC coordinated registration and local administration. ARLIS/NA gave some funds to the ARLIS/OKBN to defray costs and as a gesture of support for the program. (No deposit was needed at the hotel, but in the future we may need to do this at other hotels. It was unclear whether ARLIS/NA could accept deposit checks/ registration fees; most institutions wouldn’t want to or be able to accept the checks on behalf of the committee. This may be an issue in the future. We need to check with the management company if they can handle this. In the future we may be able to charge extra to start a fund for bringing international speakers, guests, etc. The deposit was intended to make sure the applicants were serious about attending. A few people dropped out before we got to the point of collecting deposits. It’s recommended that we have deposits in the future.
We decided on 20 attendees; we had 16 ARLIS/NA members and 4 spouses. A few people applied who weren’t members of ARLIS/NA and it was decided it was necessary to be an NA member to be accepted. The attendees were a cohesive group, and representative of North American librarianship. The number of attendees worked well. The attendees were asked to make a presentation after acceptance.

There were several opportunities for social interaction amongst group and Dutch hosts. A complaint was the lack of time to see institutions’ artwork while visiting libraries; the program was very busy and did not allow for much free time.

Erasmus Amsterdam sponsored the boat trip (cost was approx 2000 dollars – or Euros?)