Annual Report 2009
ARLIS/NA Public Policy Committee

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Members:
Marc Gartler (Chair); Deborah Ultan Boudewyns; Sheila Cork; Dennis Kreps; Roger Lawson; Marilyn Nasserden; Carmen Orth-Alfie; Martha P González Palacios; Marsha Stevenson; Patrick Tomlin

Executive Board Liaison: Liv Valmestad

Activities:
The annual business meeting was held at the annual conference in Indianapolis on 18 April 2009. The committee approved the following goals for 2009:

Consider the possibility of finding a new name for the committee that would be more descriptive of its mission; if such a name is found, recommend the name change to the Executive Board (Goal IV)
This recommendation was made to the ARLIS/NA Executive Board, which decided to not change the name of the committee.

Recruit a Canadian representative for the committee
Marilyn Nasserden joined the committee in this capacity.

Develop position statements on behalf of ARLIS/NA regarding emerging intellectual property and other public policy issues of relevance to the profession, and forward such statements to the Executive Board for endorsement; make recommendations to the Executive Board concerning position statements developed by other groups seeking ARLIS/NA endorsement. (Strategic Plan Goal III)
The committee forwarded two position statements to the ARLIS/NA executive board for endorsement. These were a Position Statement on the Reliance on Electronic Versions of Printed Texts in the Arts, and an untitled statement concerning the discontinuation of support for the Bibliography of the History of Art (BHA).

Maintain the content of committee website in order to provide a forum for educating ARLS members about intellectual property, intellectual freedom, and other public policy issues. Find ways to make the website more visible and accessible to librarians looking for information on copyright and other issues covered by the committee. (Strategic Plan Goals I.A. and IV.C)
No action was taken on the website this year.

Develop and propose programming related to public policy for the 2009 Indianapolis conference. (Goal I.B)
The committee proposed a program and speakers for the 38th Annual Conference, which eventually became the special session titled *Copyright and the Redefinition of the Library Landscape*, with Jonathan Band and Madelyn Wessel as speakers.

**Incoming chairperson:**  
Roger Lawson has been appointed as 2010 Chair by ARLIS/NA President Marilyn Russell.