Annual Report 2010
ARLIS/NA Gerd Muehsam Award Committee

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2010-2011 Gerd Muehsam Award Committee:
Peter Blank, Philip Dombowsky, Erin Elliott (Chair), Jennifer Mayer, Maria Oldal, Christina Peter, Marilyn Russell (Board Liaison), Heather Saunders, Shalimar White

Activities over the past year (April 2010-March 2011):

Boston Conference, April 23-26, 2010:
The following committee members attended the Gerd Muehsam Award (GMA) committee meeting at the Boston conference: Maria Oldal (Chair), Peter Blank, Maria Oldal, Christina Peter, Heather Saunders and Shalimar White.
Topics of discussion at this meeting included the revival of the New Voices panel at the next (2011) conference, group project submissions, the evolving nature of LIS assignments and the year’s calendar of activities. The meeting ended with Maria Oldal handing over the position of Chair to Erin Elliott. The committee members expressed great appreciation to Maria for her work on the committee and as Chair.

June-July, 2010:
The committee email lists for program directors and for faculty were updated.

Late July-Early August, 2010:
Award announcement and solicitation of papers was sent by email to program directors and one week later sent to faculty. Email lists were updated based on bounce-backs and responses. Award information updated on the ARLIS/NA website.

Late August, 2010:
Award announcement and solicitation of papers was posted on ARLIS-L.

Late September, 2010:
Reminder announcements were sent out to both email lists. A reminder announcement was also posted on ARLIS-L.

November, 2010:
21 submissions were received in total by the Nov. 19 deadline. Of the 21 submissions, 18 were papers and 3 were web-based projects. Two new members were added to the committee: Philip Dombowski from the National Gallery in Canada and Jennifer Mayer from the University of Wyoming.

Mid-December, 2010:
In mid-December, last year’s Google doc site was revived as the means to present the paper submissions to the judges. Google has announced that Google Groups will no longer
support document sharing. After January 2011, an alternative method of sharing documents will be required. DropBox is one option to be explored.

Committee members were requested to fill out a separate ballot for each submission and to have their ballots returned to the Chair by January 21, 2011.

**Early February, 2011:**
Elliott tallied the votes. The winner of the 2011 Gerd Muehsam Award was Katherine L. Kelley, a student at the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Ms. Kelley was immediately notified that her paper “The Complications of *Bridgeman* and Copyright (Mis)use” had been chosen as the GMA recipient. Shortly after the committee members, the other applicants, headquarters, the President and the Chair of the Awards Committee were all notified of the outcome. Ms. Kelley was also provided with contact information for (1) Judy Dyki of *Art Documentation* to apply for the possible publication of her paper and (2) Maggie Portis regarding participating in the New Voices session at the annual ARLIS/NA conference in Minneapolis. Elliott also forwarded Ms. Kelley’s contact information to Maggie Portis for the New Voices panel.

**Mid-March, 2010:**
Elliott sent a reminder to committee members to properly dispose of submissions, thanked committee members who were finishing their terms, made arrangements for new members to join the committee, developed an agenda for the committee’s meeting on March 25 at the Minneapolis conference.

**March 24-28 2011, 39th Annual Joint Conference, Minneapolis:**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Elliott
Chair (2010-2011), Gerd Muehsam Award Committee

Cc: Marilyn Russell (Board Liaison)
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