Annual Report 2010
ARLIS/NA Public Policy Committee

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The current members are continuing for 2011.

Activities:
- The annual business meeting was held at the annual conference in Boston on April 23, 2010.
- The committee members continued to monitor organizational resources and report to the membership as appropriate through ARLIS-L and the ARLIS/NA Web site:
  - US Copyright Office, Section 108 Study Group, Orphan Works, ALA Washington Office (Lawson)
  - Library Copyright Alliance (ALA/ARL/ACRL), Society of Architectural Historians (Michelson)
  - World Intellectual Property Organization (Orth-Alfie)
  - College Art Association (Orth-Alfie)
  - Society of American Archivists (Orth-Alfie)
  - International Federation of Library Associations (Tomlin)
  - Special Libraries Association (Stevenson)
  - Visual Resources Association (Lawson)
  - Center for Intellectual Property (Orth-Alfie)
- The committee will continue to identify and monitor relevant organizations and resources for the membership.
- The committee held one GoToMeeting conference call on June 14, 2010. Quarterly conference calls are scheduled through December 2011.
- Strategic Plan Initiatives:

  Maintain the content of committee website in order to provide a forum for educating ARLIS 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*)

The committee started drafting updates and identifying additional content to be implemented in the second half of 2011. This will include development of subject guides on major issues.

**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The committee prepared statements endorsing the RLG guidelines for providing online access to digitized versions of unpublished materials (July 2010) and expressing regret for the removal of David Wojnarowicz’s 1987 work *A Fire in my Belly* from the exhibition “Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture” (December 2010) at the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. Both statements were endorsed by the ARLIS/NA Executive Board.

The committee clarified the guidelines for preparing advocacy statements consistent with the Articles of Incorporation and qualification as a non-profit organization.