Annual Report 2012
New England Chapter

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Membership:
51 paid NE Chapter members in 2012

In 2012, we welcomed new Board members Whitney Vitale and Vanessa Venti. Jennifer Friedman, incoming President, accepted a new job in Florida early in the year. Past-President Amanda Bowen filled in for this position throughout the year. Many local members were able to catch up at the ARLIS/NA conference in Toronto. In the fall we mourned the loss of Jay Lucker, former member Amy Lucker's father and library space planning guru after his tenure as Director of the MIT Libraries. In October the chapter lost one of the founders of ARLIS/NA and the New England group, Wolfgang Freitag. In his memory a donation was made to the memorial book fund for the Fine Arts Library at Harvard where he was director for many years.

Spring Meeting (June 1)
We held a joint meeting with the New England chapter of the Special Libraries Association at EBSCO headquarters in Ipswich, MA. The company’s beautiful headquarters are located in refurbished mill buildings along the Ipswich River. After a morning session learning from EBSCO staff about products including recently acquired H.W. Wilson databases as well as the new EBSCO discovery system, we had a tour of the facility including their very active scanning department. After lunch visitors had a chance to visit the Ipswich Museum, home to two very different historic houses, the colonial Whipple House and the Federal-style Heard House.

Fall Meeting (November 30)
Our fall meeting was held at Olin College in Needham. The morning began with a round robin discussion focusing on recently issued VRA Statement of Fair Use as well as the ARL Code of Best Practices for Fair Use. Librarian Dee Magnoni introduced us to the history of this 10-year old institution focused on engineering education; the library was full of design projects by students including a massive Lego structure. We had a tour of the campus, the work of Perry Dean Rogers & Partners, considered a high-point of post-modern design. Following lunch we traveled a short distance to Wellesley College’s Davis Museum especially to view the exhibition A Generous Medium: Photography at Wellesley 1972-2012.

Awards Report
Although the awards were publicized, none were awarded in 2012.