Annual Report 2012
Chapters Liaison

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Leadership Update:

Sarah Sherman is the incoming Chapters Liaison, and will take office during the Pasadena conference.

Meetings Attended:

- ARLIS/NA Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 29 - April 2, 2012
- CPAC meeting, Pasadena, CA, July 26-27, 2012
- ARLIS/NA Mid-Year Executive Board Meeting, New York, NY, September 13-14, 2012
- ARLIS/NA Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting (via Skype), November 2, 2012
- ARLIS/NA Northern California Chapter Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 16, 2012
- Executive Board conference calls (monthly)

Liaison Activities:

- Acted as Executive Board liaison to 18 ARLIS/NA chapters.
- Wrote articles for chapter newsletters.
- Organized and led chapter chairs meeting at Toronto conference.
- Answered questions from chapter leaders.
- Helped coordinate proposals from chapters to host the national conference.
- Coordinated chapter donations to the conference Welcome Party.

Board Activities/Action Items:

- Maintained the roster of chapter officers.
- Tracked and facilitated attendance of board members at chapter meetings.
- Updated the list of chapter treasurers for submission to the IRS.
- Monitored tax exemption filing for U.S. chapters.

Issues for Future Board Consideration:

Affiliate chapter memberships, where people can join the chapter and not be a member of ARLIS/NA, will continue to be a thorny issue. Many chapters have this membership category, as a way to get around the Society's bylaws requiring national membership, although in practice few people actually sign up for this category.

Several chapters have undergone a periodic review of their bylaws, and others are likely to do so in the future. Any revisions require Board approval, as well as approval by chapter membership.