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Liaison to the Special Libraries Association

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Leadership update:  
2012 completes my term as SLA Liaison. I hope I have communicated the strengths that I see in both organizations, SLA and ARLIS/NA.

Goal I A:  
Because SLA does not have an electronic distribution list sharing information between the two organizations has been difficult. All the information has to be re-packaged for ARLIS-L. SLA uses their website as a conduit of information much of it available to members only. They use social networking software and blogs to communicate. Also, most division and chapter newsletters are online either in PDF or HTML format. In 2013 SLA transitioned its membership publication from print to online only.

Goal III B. & C:  
Due to budget constraints, I have not been able to attend the SLA conferences. Collaborative programming was not an option.

At the local chapter level, I included information on ARLIS/NA at our St. Louis Metro SLA Library Career Networking Reception.

With the majority of SLA members in science, manufacturing, and corporate institutions, perhaps ARLIS/NA should focus on collaborating with the Museum Arts and Humanities Division (MAHD). This is the SLA Division whose membership most closely aligns with ARLIS/NA.

The SLA annual conference is structured so that sessions are sponsored by the Divisions or other subunits of the larger organization. At the MAHD business meeting this year they will be planning sessions for the 2014 conference in Vancouver, BC. So any collaboration will probably need to start two years in advance. The 2015 conference will be in Boston, MA.