ARLIS/NA Group or Appointment: Architecture Section

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- **Leadership Update** (incoming officers names and roles):
  - Rachel Castro is the outgoing Moderator.
  - Kai Alexis Smith will transition from the Vice-Moderator role to the Moderator role for the 2020-21 year.
  - Karen Bouchard coordinated the section blog posts for 2019/20.
  - Aimee Lind moderated the section Facebook page for 2019/20.

- **Membership** (current and incoming members):
  - According to available records, the Architecture Section currently has 131 members, with new 24 members added in the past year.

- **Activities** during the past year:
  - The Architecture Section Blog ([http://archsec.arlisna.org/](http://archsec.arlisna.org/)) is active, with eleven new posts in the past year:
    - Top Ten Checkouts for 2019 at the Boston Architectural College Library, Robert Adams- Boston Architectural College
    - Reconstructing Adler and Sullivan’s Stock Exchange Trading Room, Autumn L. Mather- The Art Institute of Chicago
    - Preserving & Creating Access to Vladimir Ossipoff’s Architectural Collections, Malia Van Heukelem- University of Hawaii at Manoa
    - BAC Library History, Robert Adams- Boston Architectural College
    - How diverse is your collection?, Barbara Opar- Syracuse University Libraries
    - arch TECH Architecture Library, Virginia Tech, Cathryn Copper- Virginia Tech
    - Behind the Scenes of Honolulu’s Oldest Buildings, Malia Van Heukelem- University of Hawaii at Manoa
Ongoing projects:

- Based on a conversation at the 2019 Annual Meeting, the leadership of the Architecture Section and the Urban and Regional Planning Special Interest Group are discussing merging the groups. They have planned a dual meeting of the groups to explore this possible merger.
- The leaders of the Architecture Section and Urban and Regional Planning Special Interest Group had a panel, “Preserve, Enhance, Reimagine: examining architecture and urban planning through a social justice lens,” planned and accepted to the ARLIS/NA Annual Meeting. With the cancelation of the annual meeting, they are arranging a virtual panel closer to the summer.

Preliminary goals for next year:

- Continue regular activity on the section blog
- Conclude conversations about the potential merger of the Architecture Section with the Urban and Regional Planning Special Interest Groups and form a plan of action as needed

Articulate how your activities, projects and goals relate to the ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions:

By maintaining our blog, the Architecture Section provides access to information about current events, exhibits, and projects, as well as providing a platform to talk about professional practice and the value of their work. This supports both the Leadership and Advocacy and the Diversity and Inclusion strategic directions.

This past year we have actively collaborated with the Urban and Regional Planning SIG to explore the possible next directions of our groups, examine our membership overlap, and use the annual meeting to hear the thoughts of our members on a merger of the groups. By doing so, we have worked toward Organizational Advancement.

Other (please share anything else you want the membership to know about your group or your role):