ARLIS/NA Group or Appointment: Diversity Committee

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Leadership Update (incoming officers names and roles): Amanda Meeks’ term as chair is ending and Natisha Harper is assuming the chair position as of April 2020.

Membership (current and incoming members):
Continuing Members: Alex Watkins, Andrew Wang, Emilee Matthews, Marianne Williams
New Members: Vaughan Hennen, one vacancy

Activities during the past year:
• The diversity committee provided a virtual Code of Conduct training for the SLC conference/session moderators; it was recorded, added to the learning portal and may be repurposed for future conferences.
• We hosted a successful diversity forum at the SLC conference, which had over 300 attendees.
• During our annual in-person meeting in SLC we did a visioning session and worked on developing a new mission, vision, and goals for the group; these were later developed by the committee members.
• We planned a STL diversity forum that was going to focus on disability justice and accessibility within art librarianship; this program has been postponed and will likely be the theme for the 2021 forum instead.

Ongoing projects:
• We worked collaboratively on increasing the number of educational opportunities, MLIS program interventions, and collecting and utilizing critical data from our membership. These projects will continue.

Preliminary goals for next year:
• Continue to develop goals and integrate EDIJ efforts across ARLIS, through strategic partnerships and collaboration.
• We are going to continue exploring the idea of webinars and training throughout the year.
Articulate how your activities, projects and goals relate to the ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions: All of our activities fall under the diversity and inclusion efforts that ARLIS/NA is working towards and supports a diverse workforce within our profession.

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