Annual/Midyear/Progress Report

ARLIS/NA Group or Appointment: Vice President/President-Elect

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• **Leadership Update:** Mark Pompelia has been elected Vice President/President-Elect for 2020-2021.

• **Activities** during the past year:
The Vice President’s primary responsibilities over the course of the year are: liaising with the divisions, sections, and special interest groups (DSS); appointing committee chairs and affiliated organization liaisons for the coming year; and conducting leadership onboarding for ARLIS/NA leaders for the coming year. As a result, by the end of the year, the Vice President has acquired a thorough understanding of the organizational structure of ARLIS/NA and become acquainted with those in leadership roles throughout the organization.

  o **Divisions, Sections, and Special Interest Groups**
    • Checked in with group leaders before the monthly board meetings to see if they had news, updates, or questions for me to take to the board, or if they simply had questions for me.
    • Updated the ARLIS/NA Leadership Roster and revised throughout the year as necessary.
    • Over the course of the year, answered questions and talked with a number of moderators about engaging their groups or planning activities.
    • DSS Projects
      ➢ RISS began a project to create a list of art-related open educational resources (OER) to be coordinated by a working group and hosted on the RISS blog.
      ➢ They are currently still accepting suggestions from ARLIS/NA members for OERs to include.
      ➢ The Art & Design School Division began working on a report on the state of art and design school libraries. Initially, they intended to complete the
report in time for the 2020 annual conference, but due to snags in their progress, they moved their intended completion date to the 2021 annual conference.

- The Academic Division requested Basecamp space and set up a place for the division to house its working documents.
- The Artist Files SIG submitted a special funding request to further develop their artist files directory.
- Collection Development SIG began hosting phone chats. Topics included gifts and e-books. They posted notes from the chats on the SIG’s blog.
- The Exhibitions SIG began hosting virtual meetups with one on library exhibitions policies. This grew out of discussion on ARLIS-I about exhibition policies and a suggestion from President Laura Schwartz that the SIG consider hosting a discussion. The SIG continued to host virtual meetings on other topics.
- The Exhibitions SIG began hosting virtual book clubs and completed a successful special funding request for honorariums for the two authors who will give virtual talks to the club this year.
- The Teaching SIG held its first virtual meeting in July 2019. Members discussed the LOEX conference.
- The Urban Planning SIG and the Architecture Section are exploring a merger. Advised them on how they might go about this.
- The Women and Art SIG is pursuing a name change to Intersectional Feminism & Art. Advised them on steps to follow.

  - **Appointments Process.** Continued ongoing efforts to make this process more equitable and transparent.
    - Posted a call for vacant committee chairs, affiliated liaison roles, and committee members to ARLIS-I in October 2019.
    - The Strategic Directions Committee suggested chairs post information to ARLIS-I about their committees’ work. SDC chair Emilee Mathews coordinated this effort and many chairs posted messages.
    - 38 members completed the form; 6 incoming and 6 returning committee chairs, 4 incoming and 11 returning affiliated organization liaisons; 20 members appointed by chairs to committees as of 2/10/20. 3 members were later appointed to the education subcommittee of the professional development committee after a second call on ARLIS-I. The Awards committee subcommittee chairs and members were named later due to the fact that the committees' work happens closer to the conference and, therefore, did not sync well with the overall appointment process timeline.
    - Prepared notes for considerations for how the process might be improved further in the future. Will pass these to the incoming Vice President/President-Elect.

  - **Leadership Onboarding**
- Met with members of the Strategic Directions Committee to discuss goals for leadership onboarding, including clearly articulating expectations for ARLIS/NA leaders.
- Organized a webinar that incorporates information about ARLIS/NA, available resources, and leadership tools. Included board members in the session. Recorded session and handout are available in the Learning Portal.
  - **Messages from the Vice President on ARLIS-I.** The Strategic Directions Committee suggested an effort to spotlight grassroots efforts in ARLIS/NA. After discussion with chair Emilee Mathews and the board, we decided the Vice President, as DSS liaison, was well-positioned to do this. I sent 2 messages to ARLIS-I highlighting DSS and other projects and encouraging ARLIS/NA members to get involved.
  - **50th Anniversary Task Force.** Prepared and submitted a Project & Service Charter with Advancement Liaison Lindsay King for a task force to help coordinate activities and events across the organization that relate to the ARLIS/NA 50th anniversary. The Advancement Liaison will chair the task force, which is being assembled.
  - **Collected annual reports** from ARLIS/NA groups and appointments for 2019-2020.
  - **2021 ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in Montréal, Québec**
    - Conference Planning Committee (CPAC) began holding monthly meetings starting in October 2019.
    - Nancy Short prepared and sent the RFP to hotels suggested by the CPAC.
    - The local co-chairs and Nancy Short visited hotels and other venues in November 2019.
    - The CPAC recommended accepting the proposal from the Hôtel Bonaventure for May 8-15, 2021. Main conference programming events will take place May 10-12.
    - CPAC member Adèle Flannery designed the conference logo and the committee created a tagline (Convergence = Créativité + Collaboration).

- **Ongoing projects:**
  - **A&D School Libraries report.** I have been supporting the group working on this report as needed, and will pass this role on to the incoming vice president.
  - **Management Calendar.** Secretary Rachel Resnik and I have been collaborating on updating and revising the calendar and will continue this work.
  - **Management Review Task Force, chair.** The organization’s contract with management company AEG is set to expire in the first quarter of 2021. The task force is reviewing the organization’s current situation and considering next steps. As part of this process, the task force recommended to the board that we contract with Bloch & Reed for a management and organizational assessment. The board approved and work on the assessment began in March 2020 with a report due to the task force by mid-May 2020.
  - **Conference Planning for 2021 ARLIS/NA Annual Conference in Montréal, Québec.** In the immediate future the CPAC is planning to develop a survey for ARLIS/NA
membership that will take the place of the post-conference survey. The CPAC will also be working with the St. Louis CPAC and PDC on incorporating session content planned for 2020 in the 2021 conference.

- **Preliminary goals** for next year:
  o Continue the work of the board to adapt and adjust the ARLIS/NA annual cycle and activities to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
    ▪ Determine date for Conference Planning Committee meeting in Montréal.
    ▪ Determine date and location for the mid-year board meeting.
  o In collaboration with Secretary Rachel Resnik, complete revision of the Management Calendar.

- Articulate how your activities, projects and goals relate to the ARLIS/NA [Strategic Directions](#).
  o Leadership and Advocacy
    ▪ Leadership onboarding and supporting leaders in their roles.
    ▪ Art & Design School libraries report as a tool for advocacy.
    ▪ Supporting DSS leaders in their leadership roles.
  o Organizational Advancement
    ▪ Supporting DSS in their engagement efforts.
  o Art Information Professionals
    ▪ The appointment process as a means of supporting members’ professional development.
    ▪ The vice president messages encouraging member participation.
  o Diversity and Inclusion
    ▪ The appointment process as an opportunity to promote diversity and inclusion.
    ▪ Leadership onboarding and setting expectations for leaders to promote diversity and inclusion in their groups.
  o Innovation and Technology
    ▪ Supporting DSS in their projects.
  o Collections and Access
    ▪ Supporting DSS in their projects.

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

As noted above, the Vice President/President-Elect has the opportunity to meet and work with a wide swathe of the ARLIS/NA membership during the year in the role. I have very much appreciated the chance to meet and work with members and groups from all across ARLIS/NA, and I have been impressed by their commitment to the organization and the profession.