Art Libraries Society of North America, 33rd Annual Conference
Hilton Americas, Houston, Texas, April 1-6, 2005.

Space Planners Round Table Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2005, 2:30 - 4:00 PM


Recorder: Alba Fernandez-Keys, Indianapolis Museum of Art

Minutes:

Natalia Lonchyna volunteered to be the new SPRT moderator. The SPRT webpage has been hosted by Sue Koskinen for the past few years. A call was made for volunteers to take over hosting and updating the site. Moderator will try to find a member to take over the web editor job.

During the 2004 meeting, members suggested that the group should maintain a list of resources related to Space Planning. Alyssa Resnick, Karen Bucky, Alba Fernandez-Keys and Kristen Regina volunteered to form a working group. They will gather a list of resources that will be available to anyone interested in planning or construction of library spaces and will report at next year’s conference. The group will communicate with RISS to make sure no efforts are being duplicated.

News from the publications committee: B.J. Irvine’s “Facilities Standards for Art Libraries” will be updated and reprinted. They expect to finish the revisions by the end of the summer and it should be published in the next nine to twelve months.

The group discussed possible programs for the Banff conference. Members suggested a workshop on library planning. Although these workshops have taken place in the past, it may be a good idea to have another one in the near future. Marsha Stevenson commented that she is a member of the “Buildings and Equipment” section of ALA and that they often have library consultants at their meetings. Marsha also suggested that members take a look at ALA’s publication “Building Blocks” which is also being updated and will be soon available.

Attendees discussed standards and whether studies have been conducted regarding formulas used in library planning. Members were interested in how numbers changed throughout the planning and construction project, and whether post-occupancy evaluations were available in published studies. Also discussed were the bargaining process involved in planning/construction, technology, and wireless environments. A suggestion was made to make sure to look at every small detail before making decisions about design and construction because they matter a lot. Other topics discussed were library moves and the hiring of professional movers versus student workers, relocation and access to the collection during construction projects, and relocation of library staff during this critical time.