



**Art Libraries Society of North America, 34th Annual Conference
Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, Alberta, Canada, May 5-9, 2006**

**Reference & Instruction Services Section (RISS) Meeting
Saturday, May 6, 2006, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

Officers, 2006-07

Laura K. Graveline, Moderator
Ross Day, Vice-Moderator/Moderator-Elect
Liv Valmestad, Web Content Editor
Anne Haas, Past Moderator

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by 2005-06 RISS Moderator Anne Haas. After a brief welcome and a round of introductions by those in attendance (see attached list), Anne asked for and received approval for the minutes of the April 3, 2005, Houston conference RISS meeting.

Anne discussed the difficulties RISS has had in finding and securing continued leadership in the section. She proposed that the de-facto succession stand--from web content editor to vice-moderator to moderator, over a three-year term. She then called for volunteers to serve as the web content editor. There being none, a standing offer by Liv Valmestad (who was unable to attend the meeting) to serve was approved unanimously.

Laura Graveline conducted the rest of the meeting. She called on those spearheading ongoing projects to deliver progress reports.

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Barbara Prior reported on the RISS Workshop Committee. (Report attached) Emphasis this year has been on establishing guidelines for committee structure, purpose of the workshops, and expectations for the format and content of the workshops. Barbara was pleased to reported that, based on this year's workshop, responsibility for on-site workshop preparation was now in the hands of the conference management team. This state of affairs was confirmed by Headquarters personnel. The Board has expressed interest in scheduling no-fee workshops during the conference proper as well as fee-based workshops before or after the conference. She opened the floor to suggestions for 2007 Atlanta conference workshop topics. The consensus was that the top two choices were African/African Diaspora/African-American art; and Southern regional vernacular ("insider") and outsider art.

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Jon Evans gave an update on the Artists' Files Working Group's activities. Jon summarized and amplified what was set down in his Progress Report of 2005. The Group hopes to have the statement of purpose, a standard for MARC records representing artists' files, and a preliminary directory of institutional holdings on the AWS in four to six months.

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Meghan Musolff reported on behalf of Hannah Bennett on the project to create a Guide to Free Internet Sources in Art History. Attendees discussed what web format(s) might work best for the guide and whether ARLIS/NA would host the final product.

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Peter Blank reported on the G.K. Hall Library Catalog Inventory project. Peter is seeking volunteers to help in identifying to what extent libraries covered by G.K. Hall catalogs have subsequently converted that catalog information into their respective online catalogs. He hopes to have a working summary document within six months.

The Open Discussion period covered topics of common interest and possible session topics at the 2007 Atlanta conference. One thread included the corollary topics of social networking (e.g. del.icio.us, flickr) and folk taxonomy (e.g. STEVE), federated searching, and the implications of using informal web resources (e.g. blogs) in reference work.

Post-Meeting Issues

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RISS website, hosted at the University of Michigan (<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~ahaines/RISS/riss.html>), significantly outdated. Is there a better solution? Has the Society changed its thinking on hosting section/division web sites?

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The Art & Design Division was also considering a project to gather free web sites and blogs in art history (see Musolff above).

Annual Report (2006):

<http://www.arlisna.org/arlismembers/annreports/2005/sec_ris.pdf>

List of Those Attending (33):

Ballmer, Amy

Binkowski, Kraig

Blank, Peter

Blatchley, Jeremy Bliss, Laurel

Chibnik, Kitty

Clough, Jeanette

Cooper, Rebecca Covert, Claudia

Day, Ross

Edmonson, Christine

Emerson, Melanie

Evans, Jon

Friedman, Rebecca K

Graveline, Laura

Greives, Tom
Haas, Anne
Haines, Annette
Haxer, Laura
Healey, Marilyn
Luedke, Jill
Mitchell, James
Musolff, Meghan
Niles, Naomi
Petraits, Ellen
Prior, Barbara
Speller, Randall
Spence, Catherine
Spiegel, Nancy
Strickland, Jennifer
Templeton, Rijn
Vincelli, Deborah
Wilson, Terrie

Respectfully submitted by Ross Day