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Museum Division Meeting

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Moderator: Catherine Petersen (Crystal Bridges)

Vice-Moderator: Judy Donovan (Barnes Foundation)

Welcome and introductions from moderator Catherine Petersen. Catherine proceeded to give a summary of the Annual Report of the Museum Division. She announced that a space for the division has been created in BASECAMP, the online project management site used by ARLIS/NA. BASECAMP provides the Division with a forum to discuss ongoing issues, projects, and activities. Art museum librarians who are members of ARLIS/NA and who would like to take part in Museum Division discussions on BASECAMP will need to contact Catherine Petersen (or Judy Donovan) to get an invitation to join BASECAMP.

Currently, there are five ongoing discussions in BASECAMP which reflect the current activities of the Division and are aligned with goals of the ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan:

1. A white paper: State of Art Museum Libraries
2. Proposed 2nd edition of Benedetti's *Art Museum Libraries and Librarianship*
3. Creation of a Facebook page for the Division
4. Artstor and Museums
5. Art library statistics

Catherine reported on the white paper: she and Patrick Tomlin (Public Policy Committee) are drafting a report for ARLIS/NA on the challenges facing art museums that have an impact on art museum libraries and result in cuts and closures. Catherine reports they have a strong draft on the BASECAMP site and would like to get more input from members. Meeting attendees requested a timeline/deadline for the White Paper.

Heather Slania gave an update on a survey of art museum libraries she is undertaking. In order to conduct a meaningful survey, she requests help on two prior projects: creating an art museum library directory and creating recommended statistical standards for Art Museum Libraries. A draft of the directory exists as a Google document. She believes many libraries are not listed yet and she would like to crowd source the information gathering and checking. Please take a look, correct and complete:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tLhRrX3ajhviB9gFO_iOcmWbnFfZ7OGwHwfGZ6oE/DE/edit?usp=sharing. Heather is also forming a small working group to create

recommended statistical standards to be used in the forthcoming survey. Please contact her if you wish to participate.

One attendee asked for an update on the draft prospectus of the 2nd edition of *Art Museum Libraries and Librarianship* which was announced at last year's meeting. Suz Massen and Heather Slania responded that they are working on the prospectus and that the directory and survey are first steps. Attendees recommended that Suz and Heather share a timeline/calendar with the Museum Division and ask for assistance with this major project. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.