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Graphic Novels SIG Meeting

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Introduction and welcome

Tara Spies Smith, SIG Coordinator, welcomed members to the 3rd annual ARLIS/NA Graphic Novels Special Interest Group meeting.

Introductions

Meeting attendees introduced themselves, providing name, affiliation, and position or title. Attendees discussed reasons they wanted to come to the meeting and their relevant background.

6 meeting attendees total.

Megan Halsband (Library of Congress) – had to leave early but gave input

Ross Day (Metropolitan Museum of Art)

Susan Moon (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Tiffany Saulter (University of Delaware)

Tara Spies Smith (Texas State University – San Marcos)

Kay Strong (Minneapolis College of Art and Design)

Overview of meeting in 2014

Tara Spies Smith discussed what was talked about at the 2014 meeting.

Accomplishments (Annual Report)

Tara Spies Smith shared the 2014 Graphic Novels Annual Report.

- We have a [listserv](#) and the ARLIS/NA Graphic Novels SIG [blog/website](#) for sharing information and communication. We have had 11 posts on our blog.
- As of March 1, 2104, there are 136 members or ARLIS/NA members who have expressed interest in the Graphic Novels SIG. Kristen Regina, ARLIS/NA Vice President/President-Elect helped me connect with Robert Kopchinski who compiled an excel file of names and emails of all members who check the ARLIS/NA Membership form box that says they are interested in joining the SIG.

Discussion of how to contribute to GN SIG blog: <http://arlisgnsig.blogspot.com>

Google account Arlis Ginseng with password can be used for members to access Google Drive that is used to store, share, and edit documents that would not go on a public website.

Spies Smith said she would share password and account information with members via listserv after meeting minutes were sent out for approval. Members can use Arlis Ginseng Google account to post to blog, but it is better to use personal Gmail account to post. Spies Smith said she can add anyone who wants to post to the blog as a contributor.

Members all agreed that guests (non-members) can post.

Facebook, Tumblr, a more social place to post than the blog?

Contact or see what ALA Graphic Novels & Comics in Libraries Member Interest Group is doing or trending.

Discuss comics/graphic novelists presenters/events or possible ideas for events/sessions that we could host at our own institutions or for ARLIS/NA 2016 in Seattle

Members agreed we would share ideas for presenters, visiting artists/novelists for programming at our own institution. Spies Smith said she would put the word out for guest presenters to come and speak at the next Graphic Novel SIG in Seattle. One member

suggested we do a show and tell or "petting zoo" like the ALA MIG of favorite comics, zines, and graphic novels at next meeting to create more interest in the meeting.

Invite publishers to exhibits which could help communication with artists and possibly influence our efforts to get them to come and talk at one of our SIG meetings or an ARLIS/NA session

A member suggested I talk to Vamp & Tramp booksellers who were in the exhibits hall at the ARLIS/NA 2015 conference in Fort Worth.

Megan said she will ask Small Press Expo about coming to the 2016 conference.

A suggestion was made to contact publishers after conference and before vendor/exhibits deadline.

Ideas for learning how to host comics festivals by academic libraries, public libraries, and comics shops or other combinations/ideas?

A suggestion was made to contact organizers of Seattle Comics Festival.

Other news or discussions?

Members discussed some of their favorite graphic novels and novelists/artists.

NOTE: This meeting was scheduled during a time when there were several interesting sessions were taking place. In the future it would be better if the meeting was scheduled at a time when there were not so many concurrent sessions. In 2013 & 2014 the later afternoon meeting time was better and the meetings were much better attended.