

ArLiSNAP Meeting Summary  
Saturday, May 3, 2008 1:00 – 2:00pm  
Denver, CO

- Introductions
  - Rebecca Cooper and Megan Macken introduced themselves as the current Co-moderators. Megan Macken noted that she is outgoing as Co-moderator. Rebecca Cooper welcomed new members and described the origins of the group and the website. She noted that everyone is encouraged to be active in projects and decisions year-round through <http://www.arlisnap.org>
  
- Co-Moderators' Report
  - Megan Macken presented statistics regarding the use of <http://www.arlisnap.org> . These statistics are available by request, so if you want more information feel free to contact Megan Macken, Bryan Loar (our web master) or Rebecca Cooper.
  - Megan Macken noted that this past year, we got funding for some promotional items. In particular, the posters, pins, and moo cards ([www.moo.com](http://www.moo.com)) seen around the conference were the result of this funding. Posters are available for students to hang at their schools. Contact Rebecca Cooper if you would like to hang posters. We are also working on mailing posters out to all schools, but also appreciate the efforts of individuals to distribute these materials!
  - Megan Macken described some of the upgrades to the ArLiSNAP site, including the switch to hosting email with Google and changing the URL of the site this past year. Thanks to Bryan Loar for taking on these tasks!
  - Rebecca Cooper reported that (as posted on ArLiSNAP.org) elections for a new co-moderator were extended. Anyone interested in running should post a profile on the blog by May 9, 2008. Elections will be held via SurveyMonkey.com the following week.
  
- ARLIS/NA Library Schools Survey
  - Rebecca Cooper reported that the Professional Development Committee had shown interest in 2007 at revising the publication "*Library Schools in Canada and the United States: Educational Opportunities for Careers in Fine Arts and Visual Resources Librarianship (Survey - 1995, 1999 rev.)*". A team consisting of Sarah Carter, Karan Rinaldo, and Rebecca Cooper has surveyed 60 library schools throughout the United States and Canada,

and will be publishing the results in the near future. This will be a wonderful resource for those looking to choose a school to attend.

- Defining ArLiSNAP Leadership Roles
  - Megan Macken noted that there is a need to document and describe the role of the Co-moderators so that it is better understood for incoming leaders of ArLiSNAP and by the members. Co-moderators currently serve a term of two-years. Terms are staggered so that there is one returning co-moderator and one new co-moderator each year.
  - Megan Macken asked whether there was an interest in making the position of web master an elected position, or specifying a term for this position. It was noted that there are particular “required” skills that the web master needs, so that might be a factor in the decision. There were no comments at the meeting in regards to this issue, so it was determined that a post would be made on ArLiSNAP.org to solicit further feedback.
  - The point was raised that some people might want to get involved, but not at the co-moderator level. The idea of having more “official” positions was raised, including the possibility of a promotions/outreach position.
  
- Defining the Role of ArLiSNAP within ARLIS/NA
  - Rebecca Cooper reported that ArLiSNAP began as the “Student Affairs Discussion Group”, but was renamed to ArLiSNAP last year to align our identity with the website and to be more inclusive of new professionals. She noted that since the ARLIS/NA structural reorganization, Discussion Groups have disappeared from the by-laws. She presented the group with the new rules and requirements for Special Interest Groups. There was no stated opposition to ArLiSNAP becoming a Special Interest Group, as the rules and requirements seemed to be those under which the group already operates.
  
- Obstacles to Participating in ARLIS/NA
  - Rebecca Cooper opened the floor for discussion on what keeps people from participating/volunteering more often. There was a general consensus that becoming involved at higher levels can be intimidating without first having a personal connection to that group/committee. In light of this, the meeting format was broken to allow for everyone to introduce themselves and note what committees, etc. each person participates in. Others noted the areas in which they’d like to become involved. It was also noted that many times, opportunities are posted to

ArLiSNAP, and that everyone should feel welcome to take these opportunities.

- Because of the time, the meeting was dismissed. Rebecca Cooper and Megan Macken reminded attendees to watch ArLiSNAP.org for continued discussion related to the meeting. Items from the agenda not addressed during the meeting included
  - Open Forum: News from LIS Students/Student Groups
  - Open Forum: Ideas/Suggestions/Potential Projects
    - Researching a “Student-to-Staff” program similar to ALA’s to help students afford conference attendance