

# ARLIS/NA

ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY of NORTH AMERICA

## Annual Report 2017

### Artist Files Special Interest Group

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### Report Text

Officers elected in 2017:

- Co-Coordinator: Samuel Duncan, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Research Library
- Co-Coordinator: Alexandra Reigle, Smithsonian American Art Museum/National Portrait Gallery Library

Activity highlights:

- **Progress:** Significant progress toward the migration of *Artist Files Revealed: Online Directory* from its nonfunctional state to [artistfiles.arlisna.org](http://artistfiles.arlisna.org). Completed analysis of best hosting platform and found that the Artist Files SIG's Wordpress site to be the most stable.
- **Progress:** Started working with Wordpress developer Marc Gratch to create custom application for the directory; analyzed old data structure and created new data structure.
- **Completed:** Made significant improvements to [artistfiles.arlisna.org](http://artistfiles.arlisna.org) in general and included a planning document where all SIG activities can be recorded (<http://artistfiles.arlisna.org/planning/>).
- **Pending:** Revamped mission statement.
- **Completed:** Created an RSS feed option for [artistfiles.arlisna.org](http://artistfiles.arlisna.org).
- **Progress:** Started two new blog series on the [artistfiles.arlisna.org](http://artistfiles.arlisna.org): "Found in the Artist Files" and "Artist Files in Action."
- **Completed:** Rounded up all minutes and reports and posted them on [artistfiles.arlisna.org](http://artistfiles.arlisna.org) (<http://artistfiles.arlisna.org/meetings/>)
- **Completed:** Updated artist files resources page (<http://artistfiles.arlisna.org/resources/>)
- **Completed:** Created leadership history page and placed it in a persistent sidebar on [artistfiles.arlisna.org](http://artistfiles.arlisna.org).
- **Completed:** Deployed SurveyMonkey survey to understand use and help determine direction for *Artist Files Revealed: Online Directory*; survey also addressed MARC cataloging and contribution of records to WorldCat.
- **Completed:** Published article referencing ARLIS/NA artist files SIG in Ephemera Society of American E-News.

- **Pending:** Developed recommendation for updated MARC artist files coding and content
- **Progress:** As of today, there are 301 Artist Files SIG members; all members are now in a shared Google spreadsheet; this list evolved from attendance list at 2017 annual meeting, an export of listserv subscribers, and ongoing notification from renewing their ARLIS/NA memberships.

ARLISNA strategic directions:

- Word on new/improved Artist Files Revealed: Online Directory should be added as a component of "Collections and Access" and "Innovation and Technology."

Issues for Executive Board:

- Question of ongoing commitment to paying for premium faceted searching plugin for our Wordpress site to help with searching experience of new artist file directory.
- Continued tweaks to emails coming from ARLIS/NA from new or renewing members.
- Need for enhanced member reporting options on [www.arlisna.org](http://www.arlisna.org)