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ARLIS/NA Announces New Mission, Vision, and Values for Advancing the Arts Information Profession

WESTFORD, Massachusetts – The Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA), the leading organization for arts information workers, is excited to announce new mission, vision, and values statements that will guide its work and direction for the future.

Vision

ARLIS/NA's vision is for a vibrant and just world activated by arts information and advanced by arts information workers.

Mission

ARLIS/NA defines and champions the arts information profession.

Values

Advocate – for arts information, our profession, our communities, and ourselves.

Create community – center accessibility, diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice.

Connect – collaborate, educate, listen, share, and support.

Lead – be an example for others to follow, proactively address issues in the present, and develop opportunities for the future.

Thrive – keep ourselves, our communities, our organizations, and ARLIS/NA balanced, healthy, and sustainable.

ARLIS/NA's new vision reflects the Society's hope to create a better world by advancing the arts and cultural heritage through the work of arts information workers. The mission emphasizes the Society's leadership role in advocating for the arts information profession and setting best practices and standards that sustain the profession into the future. The new values of ARLIS/NA reflect a commitment to supporting and empowering its members, promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, and building strong communities of practice.



ARLIS/NA's Strategic Planning Committee engaged society members throughout 2022-2023 in a collaborative feedback process to develop the new mission, vision, and values. These statements lay the foundation for ARLIS/NA's continued strategic planning process, which will culminate in a new strategic plan later in 2023.

"We are excited to launch our new mission, vision, and values for ARLIS/NA," said Rachel Resnik, President of ARLIS/NA. "We look forward to working with our members and partners to realize our vision of a vibrant and just world activated by arts information and advanced by arts information workers."

For more information about ARLIS/NA and its new mission, vision, and values, please visit <https://www.arlisna.org>.

About the Art Libraries Society of North America

Founded in 1972, the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) is a dynamic, international organization of close to 1,000 individuals devoted to fostering excellence in art and design librarianship and image management in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The membership includes architecture and art librarians, visual resources professionals, artists, curators, educators, publishers, students, and others interested in visual arts information. To serve this diverse constituency, the Society provides a wide range of programs and services within an organizational structure that encourages participation at every level.

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