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Dear VRA Colleagues,

On behalf of the Executive Board, I am pleased to inform the membership that the Visual Resources Association (VRA) has concluded an agreement conveying oversight authority and responsibility for the Summer Educational Institute for Visual Resources and Image Management (SEI) to the Visual Resources Association Foundation (VRAF), in equal partnership with the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA).

The new partnership between VRAF and ARLIS/NA will strengthen many aspects of SEI, especially in terms of financial administration. The VRAF will also be well positioned to seek additional grant support to make possible the further development and enhancement of SEI, perhaps towards a multiple-track program model.

The Summer Educational Institute Long-Term Planning Advisory Group (SEI-AG), chaired by Sherman Clarke, and the Summer Educational Institute Implementation Team (SEI-IT), co-chaired by Jeanne Keefe and Alix Reiskind, will continue to act as the groups principally charged with SEI planning and implementation.

Under the terms of the agreement, VRA and ARLIS/NA members will continue to be eligible for discounted SEI registration fees.

We have every confidence that SEI will remain focused on serving the specific educational needs of the broader visual resources community; that it will continue to be planned and managed by dedicated VRA and ARLIS/NA members; and that instruction will be provided primarily from our own expertise.

Sincerely,

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