

Minutes from Annual 2002 Publications Committee Meeting (DRAFT)

RBMS Publications Committee -- Minutes American Library Association
Annual Conference Atlanta, Georgia June 15, 2002 2-4 p.m. Hyatt
Regency Atlanta, Vinings Meeting Room

Members Present: Margaret Nichols (Chair, Cornell University), Jean
Ashton (ex-officio, Columbia University), Lisa Browar (ex-officio,
Indiana University (now at New School University)), Christian Dupont
(ex-officio, University of Notre Dame), Abby Tallmer (Incoming Chair,
Americana Exchange), Everett Wilkie (ex-officio, Kamico Instructional
Media), Marvin Taylor (ex-officio, New York University)

Members Absent: Darren Callahan (ex-officio, Southern Illinois State
University), Mary Lacy (ex-officio, Library of Congress), Judy Harvey
Sahak (Claremont Colleges)

Visitors: Larry Creider (New Mexico State University), Martha Lawler
(Louisiana State University, Shreveport, recorder), Jeffrey Makala
(Wesleyan University)

Chair Margaret Nichols called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from RBMS Publications Committee
from the ALA Midwinter Meeting, Saturday, January 19, 2001 were approved
as distributed. The Chair requested that one of the persons present be
the recorder for this meeting. Martha Lawler volunteered. .

2. Outgoing and Incoming Chair, Publications Committee: This meeting is
the last for Margaret Nichols as Chair. Abby Tallmer is the incoming
Chair for 2002-2004.

3. Logo: Christian Dupont reported on the new logo. He has been
working on it for the past year with Tom Brocker. At Midwinter it was
agreed to recommend the design to the Executive Committee after some
adjustments were made. The Exhibition Awards Committee wanted to use
the logo on some of its publications and/or certificates. There are no
official colors for RBMS, so the design needs to be suitable for
printing in black & white or in two colors. Several factors were
considered, including compatibility, the ability to be reproduced and
the ability to adjust the size. Dupont asked how the availability of
the logo should be handled for instance, must any kind of approval
process be completed before the logo may be used? Nichols pointed out
that the Executive Committee might need to have a say in any decision.
Dupont pointed out that it would be easy to download the logo from the
RBMS website. Also, Dupont will see about applying the logo to official
stationery, publications, etc. The Executive Committee has approved the
use of the logo for electronic publications.

4. RBM: Lisa Browar reported on the latest issue of RBM. It came
together with little difficulty and the next issue is in production.
The next issue will offer discussion on the availability of the papers
of U.S. presidents, based on papers delivered at a New York University

seminar on the subject this past spring. Also included in the next issue will be some interviews and more advertisers. Browar suggested that subscription flyers could be put in the Preconference tote bags and/or on the table at the ACRL booth. Larry Creider pointed out that the Bibliographic Standards Committee will soon publish rules for cataloging medieval manuscripts and is working on rules for rare serials, and music and that an article on this activity might be appropriate for publication in RBM. He also suggested that more information on technical services be included in future issues. Marvin Taylor suggested that any submissions would be considered. He and Creider both suggested a write-up about the development of these standards and the reasons why there was a need for them. Browar stated that deadlines for submissions are September 1 and March 1. Everett Wilkie asked that RBM be given as a membership choice to ACRL members instead of C&RL. Browar suggested that a subscription to RBM be a check-off box on the ALA membership form. Dupont pointed out that other sections would then want the same option to include their publications as a separate check-off.

5. Newsletter: Jeffrey Makala, incoming Newsletter Editor, reported that there are two new assistant editors for the RBMS Newsletter. They are Michael Forstrom and Jeff Hartman.

6. Exlibris Electronic Discussion List: Everett Wilkie pointed out that the discussion list uses listproc software and not a listserv, which is a proprietary name, like "Xerox." There are currently 550 subscribers. Everett offered several reminders to users: (1.) turn off html editors ; (2) when posting minutes, etc., do not try to format (with tabs, etc.), since the system only honors hard space bar and return keys also, use straight text with no attachments as there is a limit to the size of postings that the system can handle ; (3) don't not put the address for posting to the listproc server (exlibris@library.berkeley.edu) in your address book this measure will keep viruses, worms, etc. from spreading. Dupont asked that information for subscribing be added to the RBMS website. He also asked if a message is sent to the sender of a "bad" message. Wilkie replied that a message is sent to him and that he then informs the sender. Nichols offered to mention these reminders at the Information Exchange. Dupont asked about individuals, groups, companies, etc. that want to buy lists of email addresses and if a list would be available from the listproc. The consensus of the committee was not to make such a list available, but to refer the individuals to ALA. Wilkie pointed out that anyone who wants to post to the list is able to do so and don't have to be members.

7. Your Old Books: Abby Tallmer reported that the subcommittee selected to rewrite & update the Your Old Books text to reflect current trends in the field & technological developments involving the book trade (Tallmer, Creider, & Dupont) has found that there may be more to updating the text than was originally thought. Brower and others cautioned that the original text of Your Old Books should be respected; Tallmer and other subcommittee members assured the committee that all changes were being made cautiously and in keeping with the original spirit of the text and further assured committee members that all members of the subcommittee greatly respect this last work of Peter Van Wingen, author of the original Your Old Books and that any emendations would simply be a matter of modernizing the content to reflect the book field today. The comparative expense of producing a hardcopy version

versus an electronic version was discussed, and the consensus of the committee was to keep both versions. The last revision of Your Old Books was the second edition in 1994. Any update will include website and online information as well as any other developments in the field.

8. RBMS website: Dupont announced that he had postponed the redesign of the website until the logo was approved. He presented to the committee various designs for the individual web pages. The committee came to a consensus about which are the preferred logos. Dupont will mount an updated site and send a notice that the new logo has now been made available. Dupont also passed around examples of the new newsletter design and the committee gave several recommendations.

9. Stationery: ACRL stationery has always been used for Publications Committee business in the past. Browar suggested checking with Hugh Thompson at ACRL before asking the RBMS Executive Committee if new stationery is needed. The Publications Committee discussed whether stationery would really be needed. One suggestion was to ask a designer to create a template that could be used later and adapted for various circumstances.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

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