

Rare Books and Manuscripts Sections – Publications Committee Meeting
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In Attendance:

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1. Meeting called to order at Saturday, 26 June 2010, 1:30 p.m.
2. Introductions
3. Selection of a recorder of the minutes of the meeting: Brent Allison
4. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting midwinter: unanimous approval without revision
5. Discussion of a compact PDF version of Your Old Books designed by William La Moy
 - a. Brent will communicate with Will on options including a formatted duplex, bound version and the single-sided version also desired
6. Committee commends William La Moy for distinguished service
7. Discussion of the process for continuing the production of exhibition award certificates on behalf of the Exhibition Awards Committee.
 - a. William La Moy would like to continue as a gracious volunteer to produce these for the Committee: This was met with unanimous approval

- b. Although, it was desired to put copies of the design files in ALA Connect for Committee access

8. Report on the ongoing activities of the Web team

- a. Leadership transitions: James P. Ascher departs, Christopher T. Smith remains, Jason Kovari joins as new assistant
- b. Social media project continues with experiments on Facebook and with images lead by Lynne Thomas
- c. With experience over the last six months, concerns about Drupal have been lessened. The pilot project appears to be successful and so experimentation will continue
- d. News editor– Ethan Henderson, replacing newsletter editor
 - i. Position will perhaps become more complicated
 - ii. Content decisions and editing falls on news editor, though the Publications Committee is happy to advise as requested
 - iii. Structure for disseminating falls on Publications Committee and especially the Web Team
 - iv. To begin Web Team will create RBMS created and edited blog, probably using Drupal
- e. Paying for hosting – Section will continue paying for web hosting, and reimburse John Pull for this years hosting
- f. Print style sheet – there is some disagreement as to whether a pilot begun with the Your Old Books page should be extended to the rest of the site, a poll will be conducted on how members use the website including this question by the Web Team
- g. Transparency – great work, three editors, efficient but not transparent
 - i. Idea floated to operate as the Bibliographic Standards Committee works, as a subcommittee with leadership in our case operating as ex-Officio
 - ii. Concerns include: giving people credit for work done, without some oversight, there can be some ethical issues in the future, volunteers should be recognized, distinguishing from official appointments and volunteers

9. New business and announcements. (Some of the topics for discussion will include evaluating the expanded scope of the committee, the reconsideration of its work teams, and the possible restructuring of its organization so that it is more transparent.)

- a. This committee is becoming less concerned with print publications and more concerned with communications
- b. Is it a good direction to go to change the structure of the committee to a “Communications Committee” with “work teams” or “subcommittees?”

- c. Should we propose a “Communications Committee” with these subcommittees?:
 - i. Web and Social Media subcommittee
 - ii. News Editor subcommittee
 - iii. Print subcommittee
 - iv. A/V subcommittee
- d. Communications Committee (subcommittee chairs and others) could: set overall policy, set priorities, facilitate dissemination
- e. Where do you want to establish long term continuities for how to operate technology?
- f. What things are tasks and what are full committee matters?
- g. The Committee is unanimously in favor of exploring the creation of a Communications Committee with four working components: Web, News, Print, and A/V. The possibilities enumerated include making these subcommittees with ex-officio leadership, or making them subcommittees with members of Communication as leaders, or leaving some as solo ex-officio members.
- h. This committee will develop a charge for a “Communications Committee” and “statements of responsibilities” for these four subcommittees within two months to be presented to the RBMS Executive Committee online for discussion prior to mid-winter

10. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded

11. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.