Minutes of the RBMS Publications Committee meeting at the ALA midwinter conference, Saturday, 16 January 2010, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., in the Dedham Room of the Hyatt Regency in Boston.

Attendees: James Ascher, Jeff Barton, Katie Carr, Steve Cox, Eva Guggemos, Mike Kelly, Jason Kovari, William La Moy (chair), Ken Lavender, Jeffrey Makala, Richard Noble, and Christopher Smith.

Katie Carr was selected to record the minutes, and the attendees introduced themselves to the group. The minutes of the previous meeting (11 July 2009) were reviewed and approved.

William La Moy reported on the process for and the execution of the Leab exhibition award certificates on behalf of the Exhibition Awards Committee. He proposed that the Exhibition Awards Committee continue to convey the edited text to the Publications Committee and that he will generate the certificates at Syracuse University using his software, templates, and commercial fonts. Through these mechanisms, consistency in the appearance of the certificates will be preserved.

The Publications Committee has had difficulties creating a compact PDF version of *Your Old Books* using Adobe InDesign, but the committee will continue to explore options. The style sheet for printing the Web version of *Your Old Books* seems to have reverted to a previous one, but the Web team will attend to this. *Your Old Books* also has some minor internal inconsistencies that need to be addressed.

James Ascher, as Web editor, made a report to the committee on behalf of the Web team. A printed report detailed all of the old business (statistics, the 2009 preconference, the liaison model, and the posting of minutes), and, because there were no questions about this content, the report was not covered in the discussion that followed. Ascher relayed the details of the Web team meeting held just prior to the Publications Committee meeting. The team discussed the retrospective conversion of RBMS minutes and the future posting of them, and the creation of a Web 2.0 liaison to experiment with different Web 2.0 applications that might be useful to the section. The team also discussed meeting virtually before and after the midwinter and annual meetings, using this as a way to explore different virtual-meeting platforms. One Web 2.0 application with which the team will experiment is CommentPress, a plugin for WordPress; it allows multiple users to comment on documents paragraph by paragraph. Randal Brandt has finished the project of converting Bob Maxwell's Latin place names Web page to RBMS style sheets and placing it on rbms. info. Ascher will take this to the Bibliographic Standards Committee for final approval. Eva Guggemos has been experimenting with Drupal as a way to create a collaboratively edited version of the Membership and Professional Development Committee's document of frequently asked questions. She and the Web team have decided that, while Drupal is relatively easy to use, it would be too difficult to use for rbms.info because the entire site would have to be converted. At this point, the Membership and Professional Development Committee would simply like to have the site become live. Once the content is approved, a link to the Drupal site can be placed on rbms.info. The Web team also discussed the creation of an official RBMS hashtag (#RBMS, for example) to facilitate communication and help monitor what is being said and done on Twitter, Facebook, and other sites that use hashtags.

La Moy reported in his capacity as liaison to the ALA Publishing Committee and the ACRL Publications Coordinating Committee. The former group outlined the full spectrum of production services available to ALA divisions and sections and then fielded questions. The latter group is exploring a proposal to modify its charge and to reevaluate its publication strategies.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.