

MINUTES

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RBMS Publications (and Communications) Committee
American Library Association 2011 Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 25, 2011, 1:30-3:30 pm
Louisiana Gallery, Sheraton New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

Committee members in attendance: James P. Ascher, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder (Chair); Garth D. Reese, Univ. of Idaho (Recorder); Elizabeth Call, Brooklyn Historical Society; Jeffrey Makala, Univ. of South Carolina (Member-at-Large); Christine Megowan, Loyola Marymount Univ.; Laila Miletic-Vejzovic, Univ. of Central Florida; Jason Kovari, Cornell Univ. (Ex officio, Web Editor); Everett C. Wilkie (Ex officio); Kenneth Lavender, Syracuse Univ.; Melanie Meyers, Center for Jewish History.

Guests in attendance: Will LaMoy, Syracuse Univ.; Melanie Griffin, Univ. of South Florida; April Sullivan, St. Edward's Univ.

Approved action items in bold

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.
- II. Designation of a recorder: Garth Reese.
- III. The online vote approving the minutes from the 2011 ALA Midwinter meeting was ratified.
- IV. Report from the Chair:
 1. Discussion of the revision of the Committee's charge and potential name change, to be further discussed in New business.
- V. Reports from working groups and ex officio liaisons:
 - A. Web Team
 1. Jason Kovari reported on the status of various web team projects, including Drupal, digress.it, social media, and others. Also discussed the follow-up to the web site survey, which prompted the team's upcoming comprehensive evaluation of the site to determine solutions to user needs. The full report is available on ALA Connect.
 - B. Audio/Visual
 1. Discussion of possible name change of this group to better reflect actual duties, might be Media editor but a working group has been formed to write a charge. Additionally, photographs were solicited from the Preconference and Melissa Hubbard is leading the effort to manage these and the audio recordings.
 - C. News Editor

1. No report, but the live feed on the RBMS site is active.

D. Listserv

1. Growing fast, with over 1,000 members.

E. RBM

1. The complete backfile is now online.

VI. Unfinished business:

A. None.

VII. New business:

A. Reviewing the Committee's charge and procedures.

1. **Revision of the Committee's charge and procedures by James P. Ascher and Garth Reese was approved by the Committee for review by the Executive Committee.**

B. Your Old Books reprinting.

1. ABAA will purchase 2500-4000 copies of the pamphlet, and so a total print run of 5000 was suggested at an estimated cost of \$2900. This run would last for at least a few years.

C. Checklist of RBMS Publications and Standards.

1. Elizabeth Call presented a draft of a checklist compiling all of the publications issued by RBMS, both currently and historically. The Committee applauded her on her work and she called for input from the Committee on format, intent, etc. going forward.

D. Audio/Visual Team for RBMS.

1. Discussion of the recognized need for a designated officer to coordinate the recording and editing of Preconference sessions for subsequent presentation online. It was suggested that the Publications Committee could have an ex officio member from the Local Arrangements Committee to handle this or possibly an ex officio member on the Local Arrangements Committee.

E. Template for RBMS resolutions.

1. **The Committee approved that Will LaMoy will head the work of designing the new template.**

F. Social media and the Web Team.

1. At the request of Anne Bahde and other members there was much discussion of listserv issues, chiefly that RBMS is not broad enough and Exlibris is too broad for many of the queries members have. The Committee discussed this and set forth a few possible options: one, creating a separate listserv to continue discussion of non-section business amongst section members; two, expanding the scope of the RBMS listserv to allow non-section business; three, that a blog like system with specific scope be developed experimentally; four, that some sort of discussion forum be explored including ALA Connect. Some expressed concern that since ALA Connect was open only to ALA members that a wider forum would be better. It was decided that whatever happened, a clearer scope

was needed. **The Committee approved that these options be explored with Anne Bahde and discussed further after determining a specific scope.**

G. Photos on Flickr.

1. The Committee held a forum to provide guidance for Melissa Hubbard regarding the ongoing development of a workable policy governing the use of photographs of members online. There is still much debate. While the Committee still follows ACRL's position of not asking for explicit permission, some felt that Flickr was too public and the takedown policy inadequate for dealing with the relative permanence of content placed online. It was suggested that wherever the photos were placed the Committee should solicit the attenders of the Preconference first.

VIII. Announcements:

- A. ACRL is considering separating appendices from Standards & Guidelines as a matter of policy.

IX. Adjournment:

- A. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.