

RBMS Security Committee Minutes, July 10, 2009, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL

Attendees, Members

Rich Oram, Chair, Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin
Fernando Pena, Liaison/Exec, Grolier Club
Jeffrey Marshall, University of Vermont
Nina Nazionale, New York Historical Society
Helice Koffler, University of Washington
Joellen Dickie, Newberry Library
Nicolette A. Dobrowolski, Syracuse University-SCRC
Isaac Gewirtz, New York Public Library

Attendees, Non-Members

Lois Fischer Black, Lehigh University
Ellen Cordes, Lewis Walpole Library
Ron Lieberman, The Family Album
Scott Duvall, VSYU
Susan Pyzynski, Harvard
Jennifer Schaffner, OCLC Research
Margaret Tenney, Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin
Martha Conway, University of Michigan
Jeffrey Makala, University of South Carolina
Everett Wilkie, consultant

I. Security Manual

ACRL has accepted the Security Manual for publication. It's finished except for two appendices. Everett Wilkie will send manuscript to ACRL in September. Expected pub date of Summer 2010.

II. Other Publications

New book, *Art & Crime: Exploring the Dark Side of the Art World* (Noah Charney, ed.; Praeger, 2009) includes two articles, one by Richard W. Oram and Ann Hartley, the other by Travis McDade, on issues relating to library, archival, and map thefts and the recovery of special collections.

III. Theft Guidelines

Oram and Wilkie are meeting with ACRL's Standards & Accreditation Committee on Sunday, July 12, 2009. [Update: revision stalled at ACRL Executive Committee but is expected to be approved in Aug.]

IV. RBMS Security Committee Website

Only four suggestions posted within the course of a year. In the feedback section: kudos from the library schools at Syracuse and UT/Austin. Oram asks that security committee members funnel news of resources to committee member Nicolette Dobrowolski, who

manages website. As a way to keep the statutes for each of the fifty states pertaining to library thefts or other criminal acts involving library and archival materials up-to-date, Oram will assign each committee member a group of states to monitor for changes in the law. Plan to keep appendices to the *ACRL/RBMS Guidelines Regarding Security and Theft in Special Collections* up-to-date via the Security Committee website.

V. www.missingmaps.info

Only ten records of missing/stolen maps posted within the course of the year. Oram identifies the problem of institutions not posting their lists of missing/stolen materials. Committee member Jo Ellen Dickie from the Newberry says she will work on getting a list posted.

VI. MissingMaterials.org

RLG programs committee (Oram, Jennifer Schaffner/RLG, those from Yale, Huntington, Getty and Columbia) established to create MissingMaterials.org, which uses the Lists function within WorldCat. Master records on OCLC are tagged and data from records fed into a blog. If you look for a specific item on WorldCat, you'll know that it's missing or stolen because one of the member library locations will be "Missing Materials." The blog can be searched. Drawback: if something is recovered, it's very difficult to remove bib record data from the blog. Discussion regarding the impracticality of constantly monitoring the blog to ensure that inaccurate information is not posted. It's suggested that a Wiki structure might be preferable, so there could be the option of editing comments. More discussion: what about book dealers and libraries that don't have MARC records for their holdings? The bookseller community has expressed interest in contributing to this and other databases that log missing and stolen materials.

Members will review MissingMaterials.org and suggest ways in which the display of tags, or anything else, might be improved. Discussion of possibility of a RSS feed between OCLC blog and booksellers' blog, also setting up the OCLC sort so MissingMaterials.org, as a library location, appears close to the top of results list.

RBMS PreConference 2010, with the theme of collaboration, including collaboration between libraries and the book trade, is one way to get the word out about MissingMaterials.org. Other ways to publicize: press release from OCLC; ALA Direct; get all directors/presidents of institutions to support it; posting on the RBMS website.