

RBMS Exhibition Awards Committee meeting minutes
ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco
Saturday, June 27, 2015
Location: Hilton San Francisco Union Square Time: 8:30-11:30AM

A. Call to Order

8:35 a.m.

B. Designation of Recorder

Maggie Kopp

C. Introductions of members and visitors

Members present: David Faulds (chair, UC Berkeley), Elizabeth Call (Columbia University), Molly Dotson (Yale University), Alex Johnston (University of Delaware), Maggie Kopp (BYU), Juli McLoone (University of Michigan)

Visitors: Jessica Holada (Cal Poly)

D. Announcements

The committee extended thanks to Liz Call and Deborah Whiteman for their service on the committee as they rotate off. New members of the committee for 2015-16 are Natasha Lyandres (Notre Dame) and Angela Fritz (University of Arkansas)

E. Review and approval of minutes from ALA Midwinter 2015 meeting

Due to lack of quorum, approval of minutes on hold until next meeting.

F. Financial Report

As of May 2015 the Leab endowment principal was \$45,810. From September 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015 the endowment earned \$1,219. There were \$140 in bank charges leaving a balance of \$1,079 in the spending account.

G. Review of 2015 award cycle

Committee members received positive feedback from this year's award winners.

Shipping issues:

Faulds noted that he will send follow-up emails regarding catalog shipping during the upcoming cycle to alleviate the challenges experienced this year.

Submissions and publicity:

Faulds reported that the committee received more submissions during the latest cycle than in the previous cycle. The committee will continue to solicit submissions through new venues like ARLIS. Faulds suggested announcing the call for submissions on the new RBMS blog. Call also suggested posting to BookArts-L and the College Book Arts Association. The committee was pleased with the submissions received via the ARLIS list and will send the announcement to this group again. Faulds noted that the size of the committee is maxed out and it may be difficult to accommodate a large influx of new submissions.

H. New Business

2016 Awards Cycle:

McLoone and Faulds verified that the committee will be implementing the revised submission form for the 2016 awards cycle, which omits the request for electronic exhibition submissions on CD or DVD and requests a JPEG of printed exhibition submissions.

The call for submissions for the 2016 awards cycle will go out in early September. The 2016 Midwinter Meeting will be held in Boston, January 8-12, 2016.

Committee meetings:

Unlike most committees, the exhibitions award committee does the bulk of its work at ALA midwinter; there is little business to conduct at ALA annual. Faulds noted that the 9 hour time zone difference between members makes it difficult to conduct business virtually in real time. McLoone confirmed that the committee is not required to meet at Annual. Faulds will investigate options for conducting Annual meeting business virtually; the committee suggested email or ALA Connect as possible options. Committee members agreed to make Midwinter the prime business meeting.

I. Old business

Promotion:

Faulds will follow up with ACRL regarding bookmarks or flyers for RBMS conference tote bags. He will also work with them to email the press release announcing award winners (also to include images) to all the places we send the call for submissions.

Faulds will follow up on having a banner printed for the Leab Exhibition Awards table. The committee also suggested making handouts listing all submissions and award winners to have available for visitors to the table.

Web Archiving:

The possibility of crawling electronic submissions is currently on hold due to the transition period with the California Digital Library; Faulds will discuss the matter with the RBMS web team in July or August and will get an update on the web archive at Executive.

J. Meeting adjourned