

**M&PD Committee Minutes (Draft)**  
**ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle**  
**Saturday, January 26, 2013**  
**10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**  
**Westin Seattle Hotel – Adams**

**Members present:** Katie Henningsen (Chair), Elspeth Healey, Meghan Constantinou

**Guests present:** Nina Schneider, R. Arvid Nelsen, Michael Inman, Fernando Peña, Tory Ondrla

Minutes by Meghan Constantinou

**1. Welcome**

Katie Henningsen welcomed members and guests.

**2. Selection of recorder and introductions**

M. Constantinou agreed to take minutes. All present introduced themselves.

**3. RBMS presence at the ACRL booth**

K. Henningsen encouraged M&PD members to volunteer at the ACRL booth in Indianapolis if they are attending.

**4. Liaison Reports**

*a. ACRL Membership Committee.* K Henningsen reported that the ACRL Membership Committee had a virtual meeting in December, in which they explored the possibility of merging all of the ACRL sections' letters to new members into one document. In addition to tracking membership letters sent, they are asking chairs to report electronic activities / outreach with all members of their section.

*b. RBMS Scholarship Committee.* K. Henningsen reported for Amy Roberson. Scholarships will be advertised when the 2013 Preconference site is up, no later than mid-February, with some minor updates to the application. There will be about 20 scholarships available with similar funding to those last year. In addition, the regular scholarship recipient breakfast will be held.

*c. RBMS Diversity Committee.* K. Henningsen reported on the success of last year's New Members' brown bag at preconference, hosted by the Diversity Committee. This year M&PD will be co-hosting the event with the Diversity Committee, and K. Henningsen encouraged M&PD members to participate.

*d. Book Fair.* K. Henningsen reported on behalf of Melanie Meyers. The RBMS table has been staffed at all the book fairs, and materials were distributed as needed. M. Constantinou has agreed to take on this role in July 2013 when Melanie will begin spending more time working on the Buddy Program.

## **5. Ongoing Projects**

*a. Educational Opportunities Directory.* K. Henningsen reported on behalf of Danielle Culpepper. Recent updates to School entries in the directory have been submitted and can be posted to the web. This spring Danielle and Garth Reese hope to evaluate the layout and organization of the directory and to consider whether it warrants any reorganization; they welcome any suggestions from other committee members. Garth may need help from other M&PD members when Danielle rotates off in July 2013.

*b. Buddy Program Report.* K. Henningsen reported on behalf of Kasia Leousis. There were 4 requests for Buddies at Midwinter 2013 and 4 volunteers responded to the message sent out on the RBMS listserv. All requestors were paired with buddies as of 1/15/2013. There were 13 requests for Buddies at the 2012 preconference and 13 volunteers responded to the message sent to RBMS-L. There was a last minute request for a Buddy and the Buddy Coordinator solicited the M&PD group for an additional volunteer. It was recommended that a note on the Buddy Program be added to the New Members' letter. N. Schneider suggested that Buddy requests might be declining due to an increase in New Members' events. Melanie Meyers will begin managing the Buddy Program in July when K. Leousis rotates off the committee.

*c. Mentoring Program.* K. Henningsen passed around draft copies of a letter aiming to solicit mentors from the RBMS community. M. Constantinou suggested including more information about the qualifications required of mentors. T. Ondrla suggested modifying the statement about a recent lack of volunteers to improve the tone.

**Action items:** K. Henningsen will look into the current status of the mentoring program. M. Constantinou will draft paragraph about mentor qualifications.

*d. Member survey.* K. Henningsen reported that the member survey stalled out during the fall and will resume in the spring.

**6. Committee Website/FAQ.** E. Healey reported that she received updates for the Educational Opportunities directory from Heather Cole and Danielle Culpepper, which have been added to the directory online. The committee voted on adding a direct link

(under “Resources”) from the main M&PD Committee page to the “Involvement in RBMS and Conferences” section of the FAQ to make the information more prominent.

**7. Letters to new members.** K. Henningsen reported that 173 letters have been sent to new and returning members since the 2012 Annual conference. These letters include information on RBMS, the preconference, and how to get involved. RBMS currently has 1,599 members, which is a dip of about 3.8%.

## **8. Preconference planning**

*a. Preconference Orientation.* K. Henningsen passed out three handouts that are given to new members at preconference for comment by the group. N. Schneider suggested adding a glossary to the group of documents. T. Ondrla suggested looking at ACRL’s “Ways to Engage” as a model.

*b. New Members’ mixer.* T. Ondrla reported a good turnout at last year’s New Member’s mixer and anticipated the same for 2013. This year’s mixer will be held in the lobby bar of the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel from 5:00 to 6:30 on Sunday, June 23, following the Conference Orientation. The event can accommodate 60 people, and tickets will cost \$25 per person.

*c. New Members’ brown bag.* K. Henningsen applauded the success of last year’s New Members’ brown bag and encouraged all M&PD members to attend in 2013. It is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 12:45-1:45.

*d. Future programming.* K. Henningsen and K. Leousis announced that they submitted a proposal for a mentoring discussion group at the 2013 Preconference. The group brainstormed ideas for 2014 seminars.

**Action item:** K. Henningsen offered to propose a “New and Emerging Voices” seminar at the 2014 Preconference planning committee meeting.

**9. Committee Membership/Opportunities.** K. Henningsen announced that M. Constantinou will take over for Melanie Meyers as Book Fair Liaison.

**10. New Business.** M. Constantinou announced that RBMS will be represented at an upcoming ARLIS/NY-sponsored professional organizations open house for students and new professionals.