MINUTES
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RBMS Publications and Communications Committee
American Library Association 2012 Midwinter Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2012, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Fairmont Hotel – Garden Room
Dallas, Texas

Committee members in attendance: James P. Ascher, U. of Colorado, Boulder (Chair); Christopher Smith, Yale University; Jennifer Sheehan, U. of North Texas (Recorder); Melanie Meyers, Center for Jewish History; Garth Reese, U. of Idaho; Laila Miletic-Vejzovic, U. of Central Florida; Melissa Hubbard, Southern Illinois U.; Valerie Prilop, U. of Houston; Francis Lapka, Yale Center for British Art; Jason Kovari, Cornell U.; Everett Wilkie (Ex-Officio, Listserv)

Guests in attendance: Will LaMoy, Syracuse U.; Jeffrey Makala, U. of South Carolina (Member at Large); Emily Epstein, U. of Colorado Health Sciences Lib.; Sara Stigberg, Northwestern U.

Approved action items in bold

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.
2. Designation of a recorder: Jennifer Sheehan
3. The online vote approving the minutes from the 2011 ALA Annual meeting was ratified.
4. The online vote approving the assignation of Your Old Books was ratified.
5. Report from chair
   1. 2012 ALA Annual is Ascher’s last meeting as Chair.
6. Reports from working groups and ex officio liaisons
   A. Web Team (Kovari)
      1. There has been an increase in web traffic to the site.
      2. We are switching hosting services.
   B. Audio/Visual: (Hubbard)
      1. 8.5 hours of recordings were made at the 2011 Preconference, at a cost of $337.50.
      2. Photos are posted on Flickr as well as the RBMS website.
   C. News Editor: (Ascher on behalf of Henderson)
      1. Henderson is happy using the blog for the website and asks for more submissions.
   D. Listserv: (Wilkie)
      1. The listserv now has 1064 subscribers.
   E. RBM: (Ascher on behalf of Whittaker)
      1. The Spring 2012 issue will not focus on the previous year’s Preconference, as it has in the past.
2. The Fall 2012 issue will focus on assessment.
3. Exploring open access issues.
4. The number of submissions is up.
7. Unfinished business: none reported.
8. New business
   A. *Your Old Books* reprint and assignation (Ascher)
      1. ABAA sponsored half of the print run. Rare Book School and the Spencer Library also contributed. 5600 copies were printed, but 8500 were requested. Batches of 30 copies were sent to the requesting institutions. We need to think about printing it again.
   B. Translation of *Your Old Books* (Ascher)
      1. We now have two printed versions—English and Spanish. What do we want to do about printing?
   C. Beginning formal editing for another edition of *Your Old Books* (Ascher)
      1. Planning for next printing in 2 years.
         a) To anticipate print run, possibly send out a survey in a year to see how many people think they would want?
         b) Reese and Meyers will work with the Web team to get editing coordination information on website.
   D. Transfer of rbms.info domain from Wilkie to ACRL (Wilkie)
      1. The paperwork has been confusing, but Kovari will finish it up soon.
   E. Website moving to Dreamhost (Kovari)
      1. Waiting for ACRL to cut a check for Dreamhost.
      2. Still need volunteers for the Web Team.
      3. Should move to Dreamhost in the next 6 months and off GoDaddy by ALA Annual.
      4. Kovari will report on move at ALA Annual.
   F. Checklist of RBMS Publications and Standards (Ascher on behalf of Call)
      1. They have been separated into categories.
      2. Still working to format and compile conference info.
      3. New sections to add: Awards & Resolutions
      4. Pursue possibility of links to online versions in Google Books, HathiTrust, etc.; there may be access issues, so this is a lower priority than completing the text
      5. Standard format that makes the most sense is Chicago Manual of Style.
         a) Some editors prefer the 15th edition, but also consult the 16th.
      6. Look on website should be both a unified document that can be downloaded as well as a series of web pages.
   G. Preconference documentation, A/V, slides, etc. (Hubbard)
      1. At Info. Exchange, Ascher will put out a call for volunteers (possibly called “Assistant A/V Editor”).
   H. Template for RBMS resolutions (Valerie Prilop)
      1. The committee thanks Prilop and LaMoy for their work on the resolution templates.
2. Prilop will work with Kate Moriarty and Francis Lapka to start setting the existing resolutions in the “1A” template.

I. ACRL pamphlet, are more copies needed for book fairs? (Ascher)
   1. Would it be worth handing out cards with RBMS info on them?
   2. What does RBMS want and get from representation at book fairs?

3. Meyers will talk to MMPD Committee to see if they would find cards useful.
   a) Could have web address pointing to YOB, not rbms.info.

J. Purchasing additional domains for website (Wilkie)
   1. Do we want to obtain rbms.xxx?

2. Web Team does not believe this is our responsibility.

K. Posting information on ALA Connect vs. the listserv (Wilkie)
   1. Some people can’t access Connect.

  2. Will recommend to Exec. Committee that official documents are available in Connect in an open format that everyone can access.
     a) Ascher will communicate with Exec. Secretary about it.


10. Adjourned at 3:23 p.m.