

**American Library Association 2018 Midwinter Meetings  
RBMS Publications and Communications Committee Minutes**

Saturday, February 10th, 2018  
1:00-2:30 pm (Mountain Standard Time GMT-07:00)  
Sheraton Denver Downtown, Tower Court B

**Present:** Dr. Amy Hildreth Chen, Chair (University of Iowa), Anne Bahde (Oregon State University), Kalan Knudson Davis (University of Minnesota), Elizabeth Joffrion (Western Washington University), Marilyn H. McClaskey (University of Minnesota), Audrey Pearson (Yale University), Timothy Shipe (University of Iowa), Colleen Theisen (University of Iowa), Michelle Urberg (ProQuest ExLibris Serial Solutions; University Washington Seattle)

**Via Web conference software:** Jillian Sparks (W.D. Jordan Library, Queen's University Library)

1. Call to order: Dr. Amy Hildreth Chen
2. Introductions and selection of meeting minutes recorder: Kalan Knudson Davis
3. Approval of ALA Annual minutes.
4. RBMS List

The RBMS List moderator, Marilyn McClaskey is moving on to new adventures. Recruiting a replacement RBMS List moderator before June 31<sup>st</sup> would give the opportunity to coach a replacement. Discussion followed regarding the development of a job description and an application process to solicit a new volunteer for the moderator two-year term.

Discussion followed regarding the role of the moderator as it pertains to the RBMS list in setting the tone and reinforcing the scope of discussion. A recent review of the RBMS list scope reaffirmed the limitation of the approved posts to section business.

Historically, the RBMS list has been unmoderated. In an effort to gather data for the incoming RBMS List moderator, the RBMS List moderation settings were enabled for a month. The RBMS List moderator presented the findings of the study (report and memo attached). Discussion followed regarding the potential for future RBMS List moderation practice including the recruitment of more than one list moderator preferably located in Eastern and Pacific time zones. This accommodates a broader range of business hours, a division of labor, and allows for redundancy within the moderation system. Additional possible paths forward include the temporary moderation of newer RBMS List members or the moderation for all RBMS List members except for those serving in official capacity.

Proposed recruitment ideas included posting to the News blog, mention at the New Orleans New Members mixer and/or RBMS conference orientation sessions. The present members and guests suggested an early career RBMS member in the role of List moderator would be an opportunity for leadership within the community.

The Chair, members, and guests voiced their thanks to Marilyn for serving in this important role.

5. RBMS News Blog  
Audrey Pearson has served as RBMS News Editor for over a year (term runs January 2017-June 20, 2018) after replacing Ethan Henderson.

Discussion took place regarding the RBMS News Blog scope as it pertains to publications authored by RBMS community members and new scholarly publications within the field. Promoting the collegial sharing within the field was weighed against questions of endorsement or promotion. Questions of the preferred style of bibliographic citation, potential workload for the RBMS News editor, as well as format (book, digital scholarship, etc.), the status of peer-review, and subject scope were discussed. The Chair recommended the establishment of a small group to investigate and further discuss the topic with a report due at the ALA Annual Conference. Small group volunteers included Pearson, Urberg, McClaskey and Theisen.

6. Other new business.
  - a. Teaches with Stuff / Idea exchange

Anne Bahde is investigating the establishment of a website and guidance on platform selection for an idea exchange and the exploring the group's relationship and collaboration with the Publications and Communications Committee. Discussion followed regarding the RBMS server space limitations and follow up virtual meeting with Anne Bahde, the P&C Chair, and members of the Web team to find out more information and searching for hosting solutions for websites such as <http://teachwithstuff.org/home/> and the TBS Exchange site and other SSA/RBMS projects. Possible hosting may be available through ACRL.

- b. RBM thematic issue ideas

Proposed thematic issues of RBM included an instruction and outreach issue, Native American special collections, and the Black Lives Matter movements.

- c. ALA Restructuring

Discussion was tabled due to time.

7. Adjournment, Dr. Amy Hildreth Chen.