

Minutes of the 2012 RBMS Preconference Program Planning Committee

Sheraton Dallas Hotel – Majestic Hotel, Dallas, TX

January 22, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting

Members Present: Nina Schneider (Co-chair), Shannon Supple (Co-chair) (by phone), Lynda Claassen (LAC Chair), Richenda Brim, Katie Henningsen, Athena Jackson, Mike Kelly (RBMS Chair), Melissa Nykanen, Virginia Bartow, Helice Koffler, E. C. Schroeder, and Jessica Pigza

Members Absent: Laura Bang, Mattie Taormina, Sarah Goodwin Thiel, and James P. Ascher

Guests Present: Anne Bahde, Danielle Culpepper, Erika Dowell, Jane Gillis, Laura Micham, Henry Raine, Molly Schwartzburg, Heather Smedberg, and Aislinn Sotelo, Tory Ondrla (ACRL)

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I. Preliminaries

Co-chairs, Nina Schneider and Shannon Supple, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Athena Jackson volunteered to record minutes and introductions commenced.

The committee approved the minutes from ALA Annual 2011 meeting.

Nina Schneider distributed a Preconference Overview schedule for Committee members to reference during the meeting as she discussed the timeline for the Preconference events.

Tuesday June 19th to Friday, June 22nd at the Westin San Diego

II. Programming Status Reports

- A. Plenaries (N. Schneider, S. Supple) – Three plenaries; All speaker contracts are out
 - a. USE: *Digital Humanities* (8:30 – 10:00am, Wednesday, 6/20)
 - i. Speakers: Bethany Nowviskie (UVA); Matthew Kirschenbaum (UMD); Merilee Proffitt (OCLC / Moderator)
 - ii. Topic: to discuss the dynamic work taking place in the digital humanities and how digital humanists use or could use special collections materials
 - b. DISCOVERY: *Linked Open Data* (8:30 – 10:00am, Thursday, 6/21)
 - i. Speakers: Jon Voss (We Are What We Do); Michael Panzer (OCLC); Jason Kovari (Cornell U / Moderator)
 - ii. Topic: to highlight the potential of linked open data as a means of broadening discovery and use of special collections materials
 - c. OBJECT: *Book* (10:00 – 11:30am, Friday, 6/22)
 - i. Speakers: Johanna Drucker (UCLA); Michael F. Suarez (Rare Book School); Simran Thadani (U Penn / Moderator)
 - ii. Topic: to explore the nature and future of the book as object and artifact
- B. Seminars (D. Culpepper, L. Micham) – Ten Seminars (tentative)
 - a. Maximizing Security Without Minimizing Service: Perspectives on the Implementation of the RBMS Security Guidelines (pending)

- b. Get Smart! Special Collections Meets Mobile Technologies
- c. Collaborative Collection Development: The New Imperative
- d. Introduction to Linked Data: Connecting to our Collections
- e. From Dungeons to Dragons: Collecting, Processing, and Accessing Fringe Formats (pending)
- f. “That’s not how we do it…” Metadata for Digital Projects
- g. Collections Assessment: What it is, and what it can do for you?
- h. Selling Books to Rare Book Librarians/Buying Books from Antiquarian Dealers
- i. Researching Artists’ Books: The Next Fifty years
- j. Preserving, Cataloging and Accessing A/V Materials in Special Collections

The Seminars chairs requested feedback on the viability of having speakers remotely present via Skype or other interactive tools. T. Ondrla will investigate feasibility.

- C. Workshops (A. Jackson, J. Gillis) - Three Workshops (concurrently, 9am – 4 pm, Tuesday, 6/19)
 - a. Beyond MARC: Metadata for Digital Resources (Instructors: Mary W. Elings, Archivists for Digital Collections, Bancroft Library, UCLA, Berkeley; Bradley D. Westbrook, Metadata Librarian and Digital Archivist of UCLA, San Diego Libraries)
 - b. Learning by Design: Working SDRAWKCAB from Goals to Achieve and Document Learning Success (Instructor: Lisa Janick Hinchliffe, University of Illinois)
 - c. Latin for Rare Materials Librarians (Instructors: Jennifer Nelson, The Robbins Collection, University of California at Berkeley; Jennifer MacDonald, University of Delaware Library)
- D. Short Papers (M. Kelly) – 12 Papers; 4 panels
 - a. 22 submissions of papers from which the final choices have been nearly made.
 - b. One submission has the potential to be a seminar, should the Seminars Committee need a ready-made option.
- E. Discussion Sessions (J. Pigza) – Seven Discussion Sessions; 2 clusters of 3, 1 is the “Unconference”
 - a. Special Collections in Digital Humanities
 - b. Unconference! (TBD by attendees; organic chats)
 - c. Putting Diversity into Action: Outreach to Donors from Local Cultural Groups
 - d. The Future of Rare Materials Cataloging Standards: Can DCRM and RDA Get Along?
 - e. Preservation Issues
 - f. The Horror! The Horror! E-books in Special Collections
 - g. Professional Development and Job Strategies and the Future of Special Collections Librarianship

The Committee will see to it that seating can be optimal for promoting discussions (e.g., nested U-shape seating)

- F. ABAA Booksellers’ Showcase Tour (E.C. Schroeder)
 - a. New format: Wednesday, more time for viewing the materials
 - b. Tour: Nuts and Bolts of the Booksellers Showcase (10:45a – 12:15p, guided by E.C. Schroeder)
- G. Technology Petting Zoo (V. Bartow, H. Smedberg, M. Taormina)

- a. Share your latest and useful technological tools with your colleagues at this new event (2p – 5p, Tuesday, 6/19)
- b. Sponsorship of wi-fi confirmed: \$1,000 from Alexander Street Press
- c. rhmstpz@gmail.com for more information

H. Film Night

- a. 2 films, 2 screenings (8pm; 10pm, Wednesday, 6/20) related to typography, rare books, letterpress, and/or librarianship
- b. Volunteer needed to coordinate these.

I. *RBM* articles

- a. Chairs have asked 3 volunteers to write about the Preconference for *RBM*

III. Local Arrangements Report (L. Claassen, Chair Local Arrangements Committee (LAC))

A. Tours - Tuesday afternoon (check Preconference website for prices)

- a. Map & Atlas Museum (to La Jolla by bus or van; min 3 hours)
- b. UCSD campus: Geisel Library, Stuart Collection, Salk Institute? (to La Jolla by bus/van)
- c. San Diego State campus: Library, Museum (trolley to campus)
- d. Balboa Park: Conservation Center, Museum of Photographic Arts, Aerospace Museum, Natural History Museum, Museum of Man (Titanic exhibition), San Diego Museum of Art, Timken Gallery, Japanese Friendship Garden, San Diego History Center, San Diego Zoo
- e. Downtown: Maritime Museum, Little Italy, Chinese Historical Society, Brew Pub tours, Midway, Gaslamp
- f. Chicano Park
- g. Hotel Del Coronado
- h. Brighton Pass & Bay Park Press
- i. Baseball game
- j. Tijuana
- k. Torrey Pine Reserve
- l. Julian
- m. Book Arts Fair (pending)
- n. Tacos and Baseball (stop by the Taco party early and then head to the game as a group)

B. New Member/Attendee Happy Hour

- a. ~50 new attendees and committee members will participate in the New Member Mixer to take place in the Preconference Chairs' immense suite

C. Receptions and Restaurant Night

- a. Local Arrangements will coordinate the traditional restaurant night for preconference attendees.

Hotel: Westin San Diego

(<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1762>)

Hotel Room Rate: \$169.00/night

IV. RBMS/ACRL Report (T. Ondria)

- A. Plans are on track for the event rooms and accommodations
- B. No Dorms, but potential YMCA connection

V. Fundraising Report

- A. Booksellers' Showcase is full
- B. Plenary sponsorship still in the works
- C. Donations from Amherst, UCSD, and individual donors

Fundraising tiers are adjusted for this Preconference. Note the website when launched.

VI. RBMS 2012 Preconference Website

- A. Website should go live by mid-February: colors are olive green and salmon

VII. Assignments for the Preconference

- A. Recordings | AV set up
 - a. Melissa Hubbard, need 1 more volunteer
- B. Social media (Twitter, etc.)
 - a. Jessica Pigza (?)
 - b. Will encourage all attendees with interest to tweet
- C. Call for committee members to attend New Member/Attendee Happy Hour
- D. Assisting Local Arrangements
 - a. Athena Jackson

VIII. Other issues and concerns?

- A. Tech Petting Zoo will need volunteers, too
- B. Brown Bag (2:15-3:45, Wednesday, 6/20)
 - a. Athena Jackson, hosting with other RBMS leaders and active members
- C. Co-Chairs profusely thanked committed volunteers. See you in San Diego!

IX. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
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