

## **RBMS Executive Committee DRAFT Minutes**

ALA Midwinter Meeting  
Monday, 27 January 2014  
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Philadelphia Convention Center, Room 116

**Call to order**                      The RBMS Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Fernando Peña at 8:30 a.m.

### **1. Introductions / Attendees**

*Executive Committee*      Fernando Peña (Chair; Palmer School of Library & Information Science, Long Island University), Arvid Nelsen (Vice-Chair/Chair Elect; University of Minnesota), Erika Dowell (Past-Chairperson; Indiana University), Anne Bahde (Secretary; Oregon State University), Athena Jackson (Member-at-Large; University of Michigan), William T. LaMoy (Member-at-Large; Syracuse University), Shannon Supple (Member-at-Large; Clark Library, UCLA)

*Guests*                              Matthew Beacom (Yale University), Lois Fischer Black (Lehigh University), Jennifer Borderud (Baylor University), Katharine Chandler (Free Library of Philadelphia), Martha Conway (University of Michigan), Danielle Culpepper (Rare Book School), Rachel D'Agostino (Library Company of Philadelphia), Christian Dupont (Atlas Systems), Jane Gillis (Yale University), Katie Henningsen (University of Puget Sound), Eric Holzenberg (Grolier Club), Kate Hutchens (University of Michigan), Jason Kovari (Cornell University), Mary Lacy (Library of Congress), Deborah J. Leslie (Folger Shakespeare Library), Jennifer MacDonald (University of Delaware), Asheleigh Perry (Georgetown University), Holly Phelps (Library Company of Philadelphia), Jessica Pigza (New York Public Library), Henry Raine (New York Historical Society), Jennifer Schaffner (OCLC Research), Nina Schneider (Clark Library-UCLA), Heather Smedberg (UC-San Diego), Marten Stromberg (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Cherry Williams (Indiana University)

**2. Review and finalize  
agenda (Peña)**                      Peña announced that Julia Gelfand, Liaison to the ACRL Board, would be arriving during the meeting and would give her report at that time.

No other adjustments were requested by attendees. The agenda was

approved.

*Secretary's note:* Information Exchange reports from January 26, 2014 are appended to the end of these minutes. A list of acronyms used follows the Information Exchange reports.

**3. Meeting protocol  
(Peña)**

Peña reminded attendees that the meeting is run informally according to Sturgis' *Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*; motions are not necessary; matters requiring a vote will be clearly stated prior to the vote by the Executive Committee members.

Peña also reminded attendees that it is not necessary to repeat reports made at the January 26, 2014 Information Exchange, but that discussion is encouraged if needed.

**4. Approval of minutes  
from ALA Annual  
2013  
(Peña)**

The minutes of the June 2013 Executive Committee meeting at ALA Midwinter in Chicago were approved.

**5. Consent Agenda  
(Peña)**

Peña explained that today's vote is to ratify that the Executive Committee's votes on these items took place virtually over ALA Connect since the 2013 ALA Annual Executive Committee meeting.

*5.1 Approved a motion  
to submit an RBMS  
endorsement of Rare  
Book School's 2013  
IMLS Grant for  
Scholarships*

The consent agenda was approved.

*5.2 Approved a final  
version of Descriptive  
Cataloging of Rare  
Materials (Graphics)*

**6. Reminders for  
committee chairs  
(Peña)**

Any problems with room assignments at ALA Annual, and any requested changes, should be reported to Peña.

*6.1 Meeting Schedule,  
Meeting room setups  
(Peña)*

Bahde as Secretary asked for Information Exchange reports as soon as possible and reminded chairs that draft or final minutes for ALA Midwinter meetings are due to ACRL by February 14, 2014.

6.2 *Information  
Exchange Reports  
(Bahde)*

**7. Updates from  
Executive Committee  
(Peña)**

None.

**8. Old Business**

*8.1 Updates from  
former members of  
Task Force on  
Metrics and  
Assessment  
(Dupont / Conway/  
Smedberg / Bahde)*

Christian Dupont, Martha Conway, Heather Smedberg, and Anne Bahde gave reports on their actions since being charged in August to pursue the recommendations of the Task Force on Metrics and Assessment.

Dupont reminded attendees that the Task Force identified several areas that RBMS should focus attention on to improve or create metrics where they have been lacking. These areas include: metrics for collection assessments, which would help in the description of what is in our collections; metrics for public services, including reference transactions, visits to the reading room, and circulation of materials; and standards for measuring the success and impact of instructional sessions in special collections and archives. At Annual 2013, the Task Force suggested making contact with SAA about the possibility of creating a joint task force or task forces to address these issues, or, if RBMS wanted to proceed with its own task force(s), to offer the outcome of that task force(s) to SAA for endorsement, as has been done with previous initiatives. and you and Heather for instructional sessions metrics?

Dupont and Conway worked with the incoming and outgoing chairs of the SAA Standards Committee over the fall to position SAA support for the collections assessment and public services areas. Conway focused on collections assessment metrics, and approached SAA's Manuscripts Repository Section, which agreed to submit a proposal for a new joint standard for collections assessment to the SAA Standards Committee. Dupont focused on public services metrics, and approached SAA's Reference, Access, and Outreach Section (RAO), which agreed to submit a proposal for a new joint standard for public services assessment. Dupont and Conway drafted documents that described the purpose, composition, and charges of the task forces that would develop the standards and worked with Manuscripts Repositories and RAO to have these reviewed by the SAA Standards Committee and placed on the SAA Council agenda. SAA Council approved both proposals at its meeting on Friday, January 24, 2014. SAA president-elect Kathleen Roe will be

responsible for appointing SAA members to the respective task forces. Bahde and Smedberg reported on actions they have taken since August on standards for measuring the success and impact of instructional sessions in special collections and archives. These include conversing with members of the ACRL Standards Committee, the ACRL Information Literacy Standards Revision Task Force, and SAA members interested in this area. Earlier in January, they began discussions with the Reference, Access, and Outreach Section of SAA and have been assured of their endorsement for another joint task force on primary source literacy guidelines. Bahde and Smedberg wish to draft a document for a joint task force for SAA to be considered at their Council meeting in May.

Discussion followed on how RBMS appoints members to such a joint task force, and whether the Section can appoint members or whether ACRL must appoint members. Peña will work with our liaison to the ACRL Standards Committee, Stephanie Sharpe, to determine how these appointments are made.

Peña asked whether Conway and Dupont have considered specific individuals for appointment; Dupont responded that they have not but that consideration should be given to appointing individuals who represent different types of institutions, collections, and expertise to ensure that all constituencies are represented in the work.

Jackson asked what the role of ARL will be in these initiatives. Dupont reported that Jackie Dooley and Lisa Carter had previously been working with ARL's Transforming Special Collections in the Digital Age Working Group on these issues. While some modifications were made to the annual ARL statistical survey as a result, ARL will not be defining or capturing detailed statistics on the special collections services or operations. Schaffner commented that ARL is looking to RBMS to formulate such metrics.

## 9. New Business

### *9.1 Discussion of recommendations by former members of Task Force on Metrics and Assessment*

Dowell and Nelsen commended the reporters on their progress in these areas.

Conway read the charge for the SAA-ACRL/RBMS Joint Task Force on the Development of Standardized Holdings Counts and Measures for Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries as it was submitted to the SAA Council:

“To fulfill its purpose as described above, the Task Force is specifically charged to:

- Develop a set of guidelines -- metrics, definitions, and best practices -- for quantifying holdings of archival repositories and special collections libraries, paying particular attention to both the wide range of types and formats of material typically held and the different ways in which collection material is managed and described.
- Ensure that the language and scope of the Guidelines are appropriate to archival repositories and special collections libraries in the United States, with due consideration given to aligning the Guidelines with terminology, definitions, and measures employed in other relevant national and international standards.
- Publicize and conduct public hearings, public comment periods, or both to ensure that members of the archives and library professions have adequate opportunities to become aware of and contribute to the development of the Guidelines.
- Follow procedures outlined in SAA’s *Procedures for Review and Approval of an SAA-Developed Standard* and ACRL’s *Procedures for Preparation of New Standards and Guidelines* to ensure that SAA Standards, ACRL Standards, and RBMS Exec can approve and adopt the Guidelines in a timely manner.”

Peña called for a vote to approve the charge as read by Conway.

**Action: Approved unanimously.**

Dupont read the charge for the proposed SAA-ACRL/RBMS Joint Task Force on the Development of Standardized Statistical Measures for the Public Services of Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries.

“To fulfill its mission as described above, the Task Force is specifically charged to:

- Develop and define appropriate statistical measures and performance metrics (i.e., the “Standard”) to govern the collection and analysis of statistical data for describing public services in archival repositories and special collections libraries as outlined in section I.
- Ensure that the language and scope of the Standard is appropriate to archival repositories and special collections libraries in the United States, with due consideration given to aligning the Standard with terminology, definitions, and measures employed

- in other relevant national and international standards.
- Publicize and conduct public hearings, public comment periods, or both to ensure that members of the archives and library professions have adequate opportunities to become aware of and contribute to the development of the Standard.
  - Follow all other guidelines outlined in SAA's *Procedures for Review and Approval of an SAA-Developed Standard* and ACRL's *Procedures for Preparation of New Standards and Guidelines* to ensure that SAA and ACRL standards and executive bodies approve and adopt the Standard in a timely manner."

Peña called for a vote to approve the charge as read by Dupont.

**Action: Approved unanimously.**

**Action:** Peña will confirm the process of appointing joint task force members with ACRL.

**Action:** Peña directed Bahde and Smedberg to continue to work with RAO over the next months to prepare a charge such as those prepared by Dupont and Conway.

*9.2 Discussion of ALA-SAA Joint Statement on Access Revision 2014 Review*

The ACRL Standards Committee reminded RBMS that this statement has come up for review and renewal in 2014.

Executive Committee agreed that the standard should be reviewed and revised if necessary.

Discussion followed on whether RBMS or ACRL works with the SAA Standards Committee for review. Peña will consult with the ACRL Standards Committee. Dupont cautioned that SAA Council will also be reviewing a primary source literacy joint task force and the EAD 3.0 revision and that the Executive Committee should be sensitive to their schedule.

## **10. Programs and Conferences**

*10.1 2014 Preconference Program Planning (Las Vegas) (Athena Jackson)*

Jackson reminded members that registration will open in mid-February. Tory Ondrla will be making sure RBMS members can stay on in the same room block or upgrade if desired during ALA. Members were asked to wait until registration opens to make hotel

arranegments.

*10.2 2014  
Preconference Local  
Arrangements (Las  
Vegas) (Athena  
Jackson)*

Jackson reminded members that there will be a special tour at UNLV during the Preconference, and that attending will be a way to thank our hardworking local arrangements team.

*10.3 2014 Annual  
Conference Program  
Planning (Las Vegas)  
(Jessica Pigza, Lois  
Fischer Black)*

No report.

*10.4 2015  
Preconference  
Program Planning  
(Oakland) (Danielle  
Culpepper / Laura  
Micham)*

No report.

*10.5 2015  
Preconference Local  
Arrangements  
(Oakland) (Jennifer  
Nelson)*

No report.

*10.6 2015 Annual  
Conference Program  
Planning (San  
Francisco) (Jason  
Kovari)*

No report.

*10.7 Conference  
Development  
Committee (Deborah J.  
Leslie)*

No report.

## **11. Task Forces**

*11.1 Task Force to  
Review Competencies  
for Special Collections  
Professionals (Jennifer  
McDonald / Cherry  
Williams)*

No report.

*11.2 Task Force to Review Guidelines on the Selection and Transfer of Materials from General Collections to Special Collections (Martha Conway)*

No report.

## **12. Publications & Communications**

*12.1 Publications and Communications Committee (Jason Kovari)*

Kovari reported that Publications and Communications Committee has drafted a statement concerning the reuse of content on [rbms.info](http://rbms.info) and RBMS social media presences. Supple suggested changing the wording regarding permission requests to be changed to inform the user that he/she is responsible for adhering to copyright and other applicable laws, making the full text of the statement read:

“For content posted on [rbms.info](http://rbms.info) and other domains (e.g.: [facebook.com](http://facebook.com)) by the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (RBMS), users are allowed to re-post and otherwise re-use this content under the CC BY license [<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>]. For material posted on [rbms.info](http://rbms.info) or other domains that have not been created by RBMS (e.g.: presentation slides from Preconferences), the user is responsible for adhering to copyright and other applicable laws.”

Kovari requested Executive Committee approval of this statement.

**Action: Approved.**

*12.2 News Editor (Ethan Henderson)*

No report.

*12.3 Web Team (Melanie Griffin)*

No report.

*12.4 RBM Editorial Board (Beth Whittaker)*

No report.



### 13. Standing Committees

No report.

#### *13.1 Archivist /Records Manager (Marten Stromberg)*

Stromberg reported that ALA is instituting an institutional repository instance at UIUC; when the file hierarchy is established, Stromberg will bring it to RBMS to ensure it is an adequate representation of the section's structure. Kovari mentioned that agendas and minutes are currently being stored on the RBMS website and indicated that this is not a long-term solution; he asked Stromberg about the possibility of Web Team having access to the system to send minutes and agendas straight to the institutional repository. Stromberg will look into this possibility and report.

#### *13.2 Bibliographic Standards Committee (Nina Schneider)*

Schneider indicated that there was a prior request for \$1250 to pay for an indexer for the Standard Citation Forms; however, an interactive database has been created that eliminates this need. Schneider expressed thanks to the Web Team for making this possible.

#### *13.3. Budget & Development Committee (Mary Lacy)*

Scholarships for Preconferences: Lacy reported that the committee is continually working on the model for funding scholarships to make sure that the contributions are continuing from RBMS membership. 15-20 scholarships are projected for next year, at a total cost of about \$15,000. Of this, \$5,000 will come from our profit share from 2013, plus \$4000 from contributions to the RBMS Scholarship fund via the ACRL Friends site and registration checkboxes. ACRL will be giving an additional \$1000 for scholarships.

Fundraising: Peña is pursuing a significant donation from the Delmas Foundation between \$4,000-\$5000, which may be requested in the future as well. If the funds received are less than \$5000, additional funds from the profit share will be used to make the required \$15,000.

Leab endowment: \$8000 more is required from RBMS; this can be raised by member contributions, as well as use section funds and profit share from preconferences. ACRL will match this \$8000 to get us to the mandatory \$50,000 for ACRL endowments required by ALA. The committee is charging two subcommittees to strategize for regular scholarship contributions and to strategize for raising the required Leab endowment funds. Jackson expressed desire to put left over scholarship funds towards the Leab endowment; Peña reminded the committee that profit share will likely be less next year.

Spending plans: Our profit share from RBMS 2013 was \$11,500,

which does not roll over. The fund for scholarships currently has \$5265, \$4000 of which will be given for scholarships this year; the other \$1265 can be used for next year's scholarships. Web Team has made a preliminary request for \$2000 to hire a webdesigner to redesign rbms.info and migrate it to a CMS, creating a system where committees can populate their own sections and searchability is improved. Lacy advised that a quote is needed for this work soon in order to use funds. Kovari will work with Web Team to progress this. To fund this, the committee will use \$1000 in section funds, and \$1000 from the 2013 profit share, rolling the remainder of unspent section funds to the Leab endowment. The Bibliographic Standards Committee has already been approved for \$450 from our section budget of \$1972 to pay for indexing of DCRM(G).

D'Agostino asked the committee whether there was consideration of scholarships for mid-career attendees rather than first-time attendees. Discussion followed, and Nelsen recommended that Budget and Development take up this question in the committee for future years.

*15.1 ACRL  
Board/Leadership  
Council (Julia Gelfand)*

Gelfand reported that ACRL is entering a new phase of planning, reflecting on accomplishments and strategizing on how to retain and attract membership. There will be exploration of organizational compressions within ALA. She indicated that the Board voted to freeze allocations to sections for the next three years while future plans are established. While ACRL usually experiences a spike in membership during a national conference year, this did not happen last year.

*15.2 ACRL Budget and  
Finance (Julia  
Gelfand)*

Gelfand stated that she believes the future of RBMS to be smooth and intact. She explained the situation behind the recent rejection of the section's Annual Conference program, indicating that there are simply fewer slots for more proposals, and that ALA can not accommodate them all. She commended RBMS on reformatting our request to instead fit a forum at ALA. She reminded the section that this may happen again, as we are essentially entering a competition each year. She encouraged RBMS to develop proposals to submit for the upcoming ACRL call for proposals for the 2015 conference, and to ensure that they meet the criteria of building on ACRL's strategic plan, reaching out to other parties, and mirroring ACRL's goals.

Schneider asked Gelfand about whether ACRL could approach ALA about the no-conflict time on ALA's schedule for Annual and Midwinter. Gelfand agreed to bring request this to the Board.

D'Agostino asked about the funding of programming choices at ALA Annual and whether entries individuals and sections are

weighted equally. Leslie asked whether there were statistics on attendance at sessions proposed by sections and by individuals. Gelfand will bring this request to the Board. Nelsen asked whether entries from individuals are held to the same standard for sections, as we have a committee to plan this program with a chair, members, and significant time put into the planning. Gelfand replied that all entries are judged by the same criteria. Jackson asked whether the forum format will be a guaranteed backup in the future should our request for a program again be denied. Gelfand replied that she hopes so.

Peña reiterated that the RBMS offering at ALA will be at 1:00-2:30 as usual, and will have the same physical format; however we will not get formal ACRL endorsement or funding, and the session will not be listed as an official program.

### **13. Standing Committees (cont.)**

*13.4 Diversity Committee (Katherine Chandler, Chellammal Vaidyanathan)*

No report.

*13.5 Exhibition Awards Committee (Cherry Williams)*

Williams asked Stromberg whether he can look into the archiving of electronic exhibits; he will do so.

*13.6 Membership & Professional Development Committee (Katie Henningsen)*

The Membership & Professional Development Committee is planning to conduct a membership survey after Midwinter 2015. We are currently reviewing the 1997 membership survey and plan to keep as close to this as possible. We will invite members of the Executive Committee and interested committee chairs to comment and suggest changes to the 1997 survey at the end of February. If committee chairs are interested in reviewing the 1997 survey or having a member of their committee review the survey, please let us know.

*13.7 Nominating Committee*

Schneider and Henningsen reported that the committee will be discussing the recent difficulties in recruitment for officers, and will be strategizing on ways to cultivate leadership within the section.

*13.8 Workshops*

McDonald reported the committee title and charge was updated at

*(Jennifer McDonald)* Annual 2013, but the comment and note on coordination given on the website have not been updated. The committee plans to draft updated versions by Annual 2014.

*13.9 Scholarships Committee (Amy Roberson)* No report.

*13.10 Security Committee (Lois Fischer Black)* No report.

*13.11 Seminars Committee (Jennifer Borderud / Heather Smedberg)* No report.

#### **14. Discussion groups**

*14.1 Collection Development (Marten Stromberg)* No report.

*14.2 Curators and Conservators (William LaMoy)* No report.

*14.3 Manuscripts and Other Formats (Erin Blake)* No report.

*14.4 Public Services (Julia Gardner)* No report.

*14.5 Technical Services (K. D Myers / Melissa Torres)* No report.

*14.6 Digital Special Collections Discussion Group (Jason Kovari)* No report.

#### **15. ACRL**

*15.1 ACRL Board,  
Leadership Council  
(Ann Campion Reilly)*

Reported by Julia Gelfand above.

*15.2 ACRL Budget and  
Finance (E.C. Schroeder)*

Reported by Julia Gelfand above.

**16. Closing business**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

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## Information Exchange

ALA Midwinter  
Philadelphia  
Sunday, January 26,  
2014, 4:30-6:00 pm  
Philadelphia Convention  
Center, Room 117

### Moderator:

**Athena Jackson**

RBMS Member-at-Large

### Secretary's Announcements

All who report at Information Exchange are asked to submit their reports to Anne Bahde (anne.bahde@oregonstate.edu) as soon as possible for inclusion in the Executive Committee minutes.

Chairs are also asked to submit draft or final minutes from ALA Midwinter 2014 by February 14, 2014.

## Programming

*2014 Preconference  
Program Planning  
Committee (Las Vegas)  
Athena Jackson*

The 2014 Preconference Program Planning Committee convened for the final time this morning in anticipation of what promises to be a fantastically locally arranged and creatively programmed event eager to inform and inspire attendees to consider the past in order to reflect on the future. Retrofit: Exploring Space, Place, and the Artifact in Special Collections will be held in Fabulous Las Vegas, at Bally's Hotel and Casino (on the Vegas strip) from Tuesday June 24-Friday June 27th.

The breadth and scope of perspectives that will be found on the dais of our plenaries will be punctuated and enhanced by supporting programming throughout the preconference. With a reception at the marvelous vista-filled Clark County museum, tours ranging from mobsters to neon to atomic testing, and an opportunity to visit our illustrious UNLV colleagues' shop will surely keep your energy levels at the proper Vegas extremes. And if your appetite isn't bookishly whetted enough: a lottery-styled special event for 7 lucky pre-March 31st registrants includes a midnight tour to David Copperfield's rare book collection (led by Mr. Copperfield himself). Registration and hotel accommodations can be found on our website and will be open in mid-February. So, register early, and get in on the action!

Learn more about the preconference at [www.preconference14.rbms.info](http://www.preconference14.rbms.info) and make your plans to attend RBMS LV in LV.

*2014 Annual  
Conference Program  
Planning (Las Vegas):  
Jessica Pigza and Lois  
Fischer Black*

The Committee met on Sunday, January 26, 2014, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, and we are pleased to invite all to attend the following RBMS program at ALA Annual in Las Vegas:  
Sin and Vice in Special Collections: Working with Provocative Primary Sources.  
The speakers and their topics will be: Historian David Schwartz on pre-20th century gambling and gaming, novelist Kelli Stanley on how special collections provide rich historical detail to her mysteries set in 1930s San Francisco, and manuscripts curator Thomas Lannon on the illicit content and changing nature of vice in the Timothy Leary papers.

*2015 Preconference  
(Oakland) Laura Micham  
/ Danielle Culpepper*

The 2015 Preconference program Planning committee met Sunday morning, January 26 from 10:30 until 11:30 in the Philadelphia conference center. 34 members and visitors engaged in a fast-pace and productive conversation. The 2015 preconference will take place in Oakland, CA with a day in Berkeley, CA from June 23-26, 2015. We will confer at the Oakland Marriott City Center as well as enjoying a day on the Berkeley campus, a perfect location to explore our theme: We intend for the preconference to look at the role of special collections libraries in the context of larger trends in the humanities and higher education with a focus on collaborative partnerships forged amongst archivists, librarians, researchers, and teaching faculty and considering libraries as laboratories for the humanities. Despite claims in the so-called crisis in or demise of the humanities, higher education in the liberal arts and sciences remains as sought after as ever, embracing and fostering technological innovation. As stewards of cultural heritage and guardians of the historical artifacts that lie at the center of humanistic research, special collections librarians can and should play an important role in shaping humanities teaching and research. The next steps of the committee include finalizing a title and forming subcommittees.

*2015 Preconference  
Local Arrangements  
(Oakland) (Jennifer  
Nelson)*

The 2015 Local Arrangements Committee members are (so far): Randal Brandt (UC Berkeley, co-Chair), Jennifer Nelson (UC Berkeley, co-Chair), Mattie Taormina (Stanford), Ann Myers (Stanford). UC Berkeley Library Admin is very supportive of the idea of hosting a day on UCB campus, and the local arrangements



co-Chairs are confident of adequate financial support from the Library. The co-Chairs have toured a few spaces for the plenary, but have not yet found adequate space. We will tour more spaces in February and March and will also visit locations for seminars and discussion sessions. Restaurant night will be held after the day on campus. Local Arrangements will book reservations at restaurants both in Berkeley and in Oakland, and are also hoping to be able to offer a Chez Panisse restaurant night option, but that has not been firmed up yet. Local Arrangements is still in the brainstorming phase of tour ideas. We would like to offer a combination of tour locations we know visitors who are not from here would like to see, but also tours of less well-known places that will give people an authentic Bay Area experience (such as the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, the African American Museum and Library in Oakland, and the Computer History Museum in Menlo Park). We are also thinking of some walking tours, for example a "Free Speech Movement" walking tour of the UC Berkeley campus, the Dashiell Hammett tour of San Francisco, and a tour of the Castro neighborhood, also in San Francisco.

*2015 Annual Conference  
Program Planning  
(Oakland) Jason Kovari*

The 2015 conference program planning committee met for its inaugural meeting on Sunday, 3-4pm. We discussed innovative and interactive formatting possibilities as well as themes. While this is still nascent, we are considering capitalizing on the Bay Area's rich and diverse history and population merged with the tech community and potential for special collections.

### **Committees & Task Forces**

*Archivist/Records  
Manager:  
Marten Stromberg*

RBMS is interested in preserving the history of the section so any documents from past conferences and meetings are welcome; we are especially interested in photographs. The ALA Archives has made significant progress on the development of a digital repository for ALA. It is called the ALA Institutional Repository and we will be able to set up preservation of the RBMS web site as well as other digital content in the near future. A full report on progress will be delivered at ALA Annual.

*Bibliographic Standards:  
Nina Schneider*

The Bibliographic Standards Committee had a busy Midwinter conference.

1. The DCRM/RDA Revision group met on Thursday at the Library Company of Philadelphia, on Friday afternoon and again on Sunday morning. They are working on principles and DCRM/RDA

alignment for all modules – both those that have been published (Books, Serials, and Graphics) and those that haven't (Music, Cartographic Materials, and Manuscripts). The group is focusing on Area 0 and on transcriptions. They are in dialogue with a representative from RDA Toolkit and will be distributing a survey to stake holders within the next few weeks.

2. The Controlled Vocabularies subcommittee met on Friday afternoon for an abbreviated session to discuss new terms and requested changes to current terms. They brought 5 terms to the Bib Standards meeting for consideration. The subcommittee also discussed the need to expedite revision to the thesauri and will likely change the current practice. Stay tuned for details.

3. The regular Saturday morning meeting of BSC included a report from the editor of DCRM (Cartographics). This team is finishing their work and hope to publish by the end of spring. DCRM (Music) is at the Library of Congress for final review. Outstanding issues include re-formatting for inclusion in Catalogers' Desktop, drafting a preface, and finalizing the cover images. DCRM (Manuscripts) acknowledges that they have received requested changes but were waiting to address them until after the public hearing...

4...which happened on Saturday evening at 7:30pm with 35 people attending. Discussion concentrated on Area 2 (edition statements), Area 1D (Material type) and Area 4 (place and date of publication). Topics included debates about intellectual creation vs. physical production and levels of prescription: how much is too much? Can anyone get enough?

5. Finally, there was a public hearing for the revised Standard Citation Forms on Sunday afternoon. Twenty-one people were able to discuss and provide feedback on the new online interactive database that is searchable by author, title, subject, and former citation. There will be a close reading in May and the editorial team asks that everyone visit [www.rbms.info/scfsandbox/](http://www.rbms.info/scfsandbox/) for questions and comments.

*Budget & Development:*  
*Mary Lacy*

The Budget and Development Committee met Saturday afternoon. We are in the midst of planning fundraising strategies for two initiatives, Preconference Scholarships, and building up the endowment that funds the Leab Awards for exhibitions. We will be proposing to Exec that scholarships be funded from member contributions, ACRL, profit share from the preconference, and are exploring getting a grant from the Delmas Foundation. There will be

a focus on fundraising for scholarships during the registration period for the preconference and the preconference itself, whether checkboxes during registration, going to the ACRL Friends site, or other mechanism. The ACRL Friends fund also offers the possibility of contributing to the Leab endowment, which we will be highlighting later in the year. There has been generous giving for scholarships thus far (we have over \$5000 in hand), and we want to make sure that the section continue to cultivate a culture of giving.

There have been several present and future requests for use of Section funds, for which we can either use our basic services budget of about \$1900 or a portion of the profit-share from our wildly successful 2013 Preconference (\$11,500 profit share). We will recommend to Exec that a redesign of the RBMS website be funded from these funds when a firm bid is submitted. Any surplus that needs to be spent by the end of the year can be rolled into the Leab endowment. The section will need to raise funds in the amount of \$8000 over the next 5 years for the endowment (which will be matched by ACRL) and we are fortunate that there is some flexibility in our finances in the next year.

*Conference  
Development: Deborah J.  
Leslie*

The Conference Development Committee is charged with adopting a long-range view of conference planning activities, including facilitating the work of conference and preconference program committees, and soliciting and developing proposals for preconference sites. About 25 of us met Sunday morning at 8:30.

You've already heard about the upcoming preconferences in Las Vegas and Oakland. We are actively soliciting proposals for the 2016 preconference. ALA will be in Orlando. Although there is tradition of holding the preconference immediately preceding the Annual Conference and in the conference city or a nearby one, neither condition is necessary. For example, the 2009 preconference was held in Charlottesville a month before the annual conference in Chicago.

Feel free to email me with questions, tentative expressions of interest, firm expressions of interest. Expressing interest does **not** lock you into an obligation. My email address is [djleslie@folger.edu](mailto:djleslie@folger.edu)

Upcoming ALA conference sites:

- 2016 (Orlando)
- 2017 (Chicago)
- 2018 (New Orleans)
- 2019 (Washington, DC)

- 2020 (Chicago)

*Diversity: Katharine C. Chandler and Chellammal Vaidyanathan*

We met at 8:30 AM on January 26th.

We discussed the possibility of having future virtual meetings for at least Midwinter conferences. There was discussion about outreach with with Web site, postcards, etc. and we are looking forward to rollout of new Web site options. The JCLC (Joint Conference of Librarians of Color) will happen this year (it only occurs once every two years) and we will be asking Exec and Budget for funds to send someone from our committee. The Diversity Toolkit has been updated by Chella, and members of the committee will continue to input ideas until May; historical documents will be uploaded to Web site. The 2014 seminar "Unveiling the Past: Hidden Diversity in the Archives and Special Collections" will happen in Las Vegas. There will Diversity Committee input on membership survey with Membership and Professional Development ongoing for next couple of months. Diversity is also co-hosting Brown Bag Lunch again this year in Las Vegas. New co-chairs will come on the committee on July 1.

*Exhibition Awards: Cherry Williams*

The Leab Committee completed another successful judging round for all categories. This year we had 31 print entries and 22 electronic; these entries included several from Canada in addition to the US. We are very pleased that we already have one print entry for the 2015 judging cycle. We will have three openings on the Committee to be filled this spring, including the position of Chair.

*Membership & Professional Development: Katie Henningsen*

The Membership & Professional Development Committee met at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. We discussed our ongoing projects, including the RBMS Membership Survey, tentatively slated for distribution in early 2015.

At the 2014 Las Vegas Preconference, the Membership & Professional Development Committee will again sponsor the Preconference Orientation, the New Members' Mixer--which is open to all--and the New Members' Brown Bag. In addition, the Membership & Professional Development Committee will sponsor a seminar on the changing roles and expectations in our profession.

As many are aware, we are modifying the format of the Preconference Orientation. The second half of the hour will be an

opportunity for attendees to meet and briefly speak with members of every RBMS committee. We hope that each committee will send a representative and plan their travel to arrive at the Preconference by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24. We will be reaching out to committee chairs to remind you of this.

Finally, we would like to thank all those that volunteered to serve as Buddies at this year's Midwinter Conference. For the first time in quite a while we had more people volunteering to be Buddies than we had requests for Buddies. Please consider volunteering to serve as a Buddy at the Preconference and ALA Annual.

*Nominating:  
Katie Henningsen*

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I am pleased to announce our slate for the 2014 RBMS elections. For Vice-Chair / Chair Elect:

Cherry Williams, Curator of Manuscripts, The Lilly Library, Indiana University  
John Pull, Team Leader for Web Operations, Congressional Research Service in Washington D.C.

For Member at Large:

Jessica Pigza, Rare Book Division, New York Public Library  
Beth Whittaker, Assistant Dean of Distinctive Collections, University of Kansas Libraries

Thank you to our candidates for their ongoing support and involvement with the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section.

*Publications &  
Communications  
Committee:  
Jason Kovari*

The Publications and Communications Committee met virtually in mid-January in place of our in-person midwinter meeting. The bulk of our meeting was spent in discussion of the editing of *Your Old Books* and drafting a statement concerning reuse of content posted on RBMS.info and in the RBMS social media presence.

*RBM:  
Beth Whittaker*

The journal continues to publish a diverse set of articles of interest to special collections librarians, archivists, and others. The first issue of 2014 will feature articles derived from the excellent 2013 preconference, edited by James P. Ascher.

Fall 2014 will bring us "Historical Medical Libraries: Value in the Digital Age," a special issue of RBM that will include five full-length essays, plus introductory and concluding essays, developed from papers given at the 225th anniversary of the Historical Medical

Library of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia. The authors come from Great Britain, Canada, and across the United States, and they range in expertise and position—from MDs to PhDs and MLISs, and from teaching to administrative roles. Together they will facilitate a holistic discussion about why and how historical medical libraries are still valuable cultural institutions, despite the increased reliance on digital resources. While some topics addressed will be unique to medical libraries, including how the rise in interdisciplinary Medical Humanities programs will shape their future objectives, other themes will resonate with special collections libraries more generally, including reflections on how the material book as artifact still factors into scholarship

Interest in serving on the editorial board has been high, but if you have a particular desire to serve, please contact me as soon as possible. The ACRL volunteer form is the first step to identify possible volunteers.

We remain committed to exploring the development of open access solutions and are watching the change in publication of ACRL's other journal, *College & Research Libraries*, with interest. In fact, due to institutional requirements of some of the authors whose work will be featured in the fall 2014 issue, we are exploring the possibility of having the entire issue be open upon publication.

The search for an editor-designate continues. I have been assured an appointment will be finalized by the end of February, and then the RBMS community can be confident we are transitioning to new editorial leadership by July 1, 2014.

*RBMS News:*  
*Jason Kovari for Ethan*  
*Henderson*

The RBMS News Editor reports that there has been a significant increase in the number of postings to the News Blog. Job postings, new collections, fellowships, and other newsworthy items. We welcome more submissions especially around acquisitions, scholarships, fellowships, and CFPs. The web team has been extraordinarily helpful in putting a "Contact the News Editor" link on the RBMS home page.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments.

*Scholarships:*  
*Amy Roberson*

No report.

*Security:*  
*Lois Fischer Black*

The January 2014 Midwinter meeting of the RBMS Security Committee began with the Chair's report. Lois Black announced that she was appointed Chair of the committee in September. She reported that Professor Nick Wilding has been presenting a lecture

on the Galileo forgeries in a variety of venues this year, and encouraged the community to hear his lecture. Committee members then reported on recent thefts from institutions, as well as the recovery of stolen items.

The committee resumed work on a number of ongoing projects, including the security survey and security audit. Work on the security survey will be tabled for the time being, as there is some sensitivity regarding a distributed survey that results in a published report. Plans to distribute the security audit are moving forward. The committee decided to publish the audit on the RBMS website, with links to the applicable sections of the RBMS Security Guidelines, as each query corresponds to a particular section. Attendees developed a list of listservs to which notice of the availability of the audit might be sent.

Collection inventory “best practices” are nearing completion, and will likely be published in library literature in the coming year. It is anticipated that this document will serve as an appendix to the security guidelines following their revision later this year.

Attention next turned to the ongoing state laws project. Committee members will research laws having to do with the theft of library materials in all fifty states, and will update the RBMS website to reflect any changes in legislation that might have occurred since the laws were last reviewed.

Finally, following over two and a half years of diligent reporting, Jenny Lowe will pass the torch for the committee’s “Incidents of Thefts” on to Audrey Pearson, who will work with Moira Fitzgerald to main the site. The feasibility of establishing a blog is also being investigated.

The committee continues to maintain its long-standing relationship with SAA and the ABAA, among other associations.

*Seminars: Jennifer  
Borderud / Heather  
Smedberg*

The committee will have openings, so we eagerly seek volunteers to join.

We have a slate of 9 excellent seminars for the 2014 Preconference, all the speakers are lined up and confirmed, and the descriptions are posted on the 2014 Preconference Website. Topics cover cataloging, instruction, assessment, processing priorities, professional publishing, the future of the profession, crowdsourcing, diversity in our collections, and managing sexually explicit materials.

We had a very useful discussion at our meeting, and began generating good ideas for the 2015 Preconference. We will put out

an official call for proposals this Spring, with a June 6 deadline for submissions.

*Task Force to Review  
Competencies for Special  
Collections  
Professionals: Jennifer  
MacDonald and Cherry  
Williams*

A group of 18 Task Force members and visitors met 6:00-7:30 Saturday evening in the Loews Hotel.

The Task Force has determined that the standard should be revised to address current needs, and will present a working paper to that effect by Annual 2014. Looking forward, we plan to have a draft of a revised competencies document by Midwinter 2015, and a final revised document by Annual 2015. Throughout the revision process, drafts will be circulated to the appropriate communities for comments. The Annual 2015 deadline reflects the term of the Task Force, which is slated to end at that same time. We have, however, been assured that if necessary, the deadline could be extended.

The Task Force and RBMS membership in general have strong feelings about individual pieces of the document, but the need to have such standards for administrative, educational, and professional development reasons (to name a few) was unanimously agreed upon by the Task Force. However, the document does need updating to account for more recent concerns, such as born digital materials and assessment (there are many others). Additionally, the document is at times too vague, and at others too specific, which creates confusion about its purpose and jeopardizes its utility. Over the next months, the Task Force will work on how to define more clearly the potential purposes and audiences of the document, and this will be a component of the working paper to be submitted at Annual 2014. After we work out our audience and purpose, we will revise the content of the competencies themselves in a way consistent with its purpose.

*Task Force to Review  
Guidelines on the  
Selection and Transfer of  
Materials from General  
Collections to  
Special Collections:  
Martha Conway*

We met on Sunday 26 January from 10:30 am – 11:30 am.

A number of factors are contributing to a high level of interest in the *Guidelines* on the part of our special collections and non-special collections colleagues.

We agreed after some discussion that we will not pursue an expedited review of the *Guidelines*. Although we do not anticipate making significant changes to the *Guidelines*, we have identified a number of issues that need to be incorporated into the revisions we will make. These include options other than “transfer to special collections” for protecting and providing access to unique, rare, and/or valuable material; acknowledging the roles that selectors,



curators, bibliographers, and others outside of special collections play in the decision-making process; and an increasing reliance on off-site storage and shared print repositories for maintaining print collections.

We are proceeding with the revision process and look forward to reporting on that at Annual.

*Web Team: Melanie Griffin*

The Web Team is composed of three web editors, multiple committee liaisons, and our web editors emeriti. The current web editors are Melanie Griffin (web editor, 2013-2014), Melissa Hubbard (senior web editor), and Elspeth Healey (assistant web editor). Our liaisons are Randal Brandt, James Capobianco, Alison Clemens, Laura French, Elspeth Healey, Francis Lapka, Allison Jai O'Dell, Valerie Prilop, Jen Talley, and Lynne M. Thomas. Our esteemed web editors emeriti are James Ascher, Christian Dupont, Jason Kovari, John Pull, Christopher Smith, and Shannon K. Supple.

Since the website statistics were last reported (15 June 2013) until 2 January 2014, rbms.info has had 59,161 visits, and 113,915 page views with an average of 1.93 pages per visit. Once again, a substantial percentage of the views were for "Your Old Books" (21,226 page views, 18.6%), followed by the main page (12,531 page views, 11.00%), Membership and Professional Development Committee's Educational Opportunities Directory (10,062 views, 8.83%), the Controlled Vocabularies (6,447 views, 5.66%), and the Seminars Procedures (2,163 views, 1.9%).

Projects on which the Web Team is currently engaged, in addition to ongoing website updates, include working towards migrating the website to a content management system, thesaurus design for the Controlled Vocabularies group using TemaTres headed by Jason, an online gallery for the Exhibition Awards Committee headed by myself, social media experiments on Twitter and Facebook headed by Lynne and Shannon, creating an online version of the Standard Citation Forms headed by Melissa, and Preconference documentation headed by Francis. Finally, Elspeth migrated our domain registration from NameSecure to DreamHost. Domain registration is offered at no additional charge as part of our web-hosting package from DreamHost.

All of this work could not be done without this outstanding and dedicated team.

*Workshops: Jennifer*

The Workshops Committee met virtually on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This

*Nelsen*

committee began in 2010 as Regional Workshops but proved unfeasible. We are now called Workshops, with the primary purpose of organizing workshops for RBMS Preconferences. However, we will also be looking into ways to present RBMS workshops in other venues, such as ACRL, and ALA Midwinter conferences.

For Preconference workshops we discussed the importance of having repeats of popular workshops with having, new, fresh topics. We would like to establish a practice of re-offering popular, oversubscribed preconference workshops, with no need for the presenters to resubmit proposals, and preferably to be held two or three years later, rather than two years in a row. Similarly, as new DCRM modules are published, we expect to have workshops for those, holding a place at future preconferences when we know a module is being published, also with no need to submit a proposal. For the remaining workshop spaces at preconferences, we intend to shift our timetable for submissions by about 6 months. Under our current schedule, we call for proposals in the late summer or early autumn for the following year's preconference – that is, we called for proposals in fall 2013 for the 2014 Preconference. We are going to shift this to align with Seminars, who call for proposals 13-15 months before a preconference, so they called in spring 2013 for the 2014 Preconference. We will coordinate with Seminars (and Preconference Planning Committees as needed) to ensure that when the call comes out, the distinction between workshop and seminar is clear, and we can communicate any proposals that seem fitting for the seminar format to that committee.

Workshops for the 2014 Preconference:

1. From Theory to Action: a Pragmatic Approach to Digital Preservation Tools and Strategies
2. Applying Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Graphics)
3. Designing an Effective Instruction Program

Workshops for the 2015 Preconference

1. Digital Exhibitions
2. DCRM Module (cartographic?)

Slated to be repeated in 2015 or 2016

Building Collections and Working with the Antiquarian Book Trade

## **Discussion Groups**

*Collection Development:  
Martin Stromberg*

Collection Development Discussion Group was not scheduled to meet this Midwinter, but will meet during ALA Annual in Las

Vegas this year. Although we did not meet, an online space for sharing deed of gift statements has been set up for those who are interested in viewing each other's documents to help guide the formation/improvement of such a document at their own institution.

*Curators & Conservators* REPORT OUTSTANDING  
*William LaMoy*

*Digital Special Collections*  
*Jason Kovari*

Digital Special Collections Discussion Group met on Saturday afternoon for a 1 hour discussion. Approximately 50 people attended (including a number of non-RBMS colleagues) with the starting point of including digital special collections materials in digital scholarship projects. The conversation evolved to discussion of instructional design, IP issues with student projects, collaborations, web archives description and much more.

*Manuscripts & Other Formats* (Erin Blake)

29 people met on Saturday afternoon; discussion focused on on three main areas.

1. Moving images and sound

- a. There isn't an accepted standard for preservation reformatting through digitization; help can come from the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center at the Library of Congress, Packard Campus, Culpeper, VA
- b. How do you find funding for digitization? Try asking the copyright holder: digitization means easier to use and re-use, so they can make money
- c. If your collection only has only two or three instances of an obsolete, obscure sound format it's hard to know how to store and preserve them, and certainly can't keep the equipment around to play them; would be nice if there were regional storage and delivery facilities we could send things to, for a small fee

2. Ephemera

- a. How to catalog? For example: make an EAD inventory, plus some item-level catalog records of things worth bringing out individually
- b. How to store and access insertions removed from books, aka "interfoliata"? Several institutions make a note in the catalog record and remove the material (e.g., to a collection of insertions with its own EAD

finding aid; to a series of folders stored by call number). University of Chicago: folder includes photocopy of title page of the book it came out of, so people using the ephemera collection know it's associated with a particular copy of a book, and can look up the book, without having to make item-level records for the ephemera

- c. Dealers' descriptions: some institutions leave them in the books; more or less everyone makes price information available on request, if not up front in the catalog

### 3. Archives and finding aids

- a. ArchivesSpace ("an open source software solution for archives management" from bringing together Archivists' Toolkit and Archon); early days, not much experience with it to share yet
- b. RAMP (Remixing Archival Metadata Project): web-based editing tool that can extract coded biographical and historical data from EAD finding aids to make authority records and formatted Wikipedia articles about a person, corporate body, or family described in a finding aid (none of us in the group were actually using RAMP, but lots of us are going to start playing with it)

*Public Services:*  
*Julia Gardner*

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*Technical Services: Ann  
K. D. Myers / Melissa  
Torres*

Melissa Torres and Ann Myers are very excited to be the new co-conveners of the Technical Services Discussion Group. We had 25 people Sunday morning for a lively discussion about collaboration and communication with other library departments such as public services, conservation, and acquisitions. People shared a lot of good ideas for projects and improvements to cross-communication, and ways to promote the importance of cataloging to other departments.

### **Liaisons to Other Groups**

*ACRL Budget &  
Finance: E.C. Schroeder*

Budget & Finance had three meetings at midwinter. Nothing major to report, the budget is in reasonable shape halfway through the year, with a slight decline in publication revenue. 2015 will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ACRL so a major push will be on to support

expanded scholarships for the 2015 ACRL conference in Portland, Oregon. The big long-term issue, which doesn't directly impact RBMS is the future of Choice magazine. I did provide an update on what RBMS is doing for increasing the principle of the Leab Fund.

Section funding will be frozen for the next three years until we better understand the impact of ALA's change in policy in allowing unlimited membership of sections within divisions. Before you were only allowed to sign up for two sections with your base ACRL dues. Section funding is driven by # of members and we want to see the impact of this policy change on section membership.

*ACRL Leadership  
Council: Fernando Peña*

REPORT OUTSTANDING

*American Printing  
History Association  
(APHA): William T.  
LaMoy*

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*Antiquarian Booksellers'  
Association of America  
(ABAA): E. C. Schroeder  
for Dan Slive*

I am pleased to report as the RBMS Liaison to the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America. Following the RBMS 2013 Preconference Booksellers' Showcase last June in Minneapolis, I was also able to attend the Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair in November.

The current members of the ABAA Liaison Committee to RBMS for 2012-2013 include: Vic Zoschak of Tavistock Books (Chair) and members Sarah Baldwin of E. Wharton & Company, Lorne Bair of Lorne Bair Rare Books, James Bryant of Carpe Diem Fine Books, Sheryl Jaeger of Eclectibles, and Jennifer Johnson of The Book Shop. Correspondence with the ABAA Liaison Committee included issues regarding the next Booksellers' Showcase at the RBMS 2014 Preconference in Las Vegas and the possibility for dealers to attend preconference sessions of interest to the trade. The chair of the ABAA Liaison Committee also requested information on the RBMS Scholarship Program as it might relate to a potential scholarship opportunity for a young member of the trade to attend a future preconference.

*Association for Library  
Collections and  
Technical Services /  
Preservation and*

Preservation Week 2014 will take place April 27 through May 3, please participate. Find out how at <http://www.ala.org/alcts/confevents/preswk>. PARS has been working on implementing preservation statistics

*Reformatting Section  
(ALCTS/PARS): Donia  
Conn*

with the change in ARL stats in 2007 discontinuing collecting preservation information. The first survey was sent out in 2013 to libraries, archives, and museums. In response to the lessons learned from year one, several changes have been implemented for 2014. This year the statistics will only be aimed at libraries to continue to improve collection of data. The data collected will be the same, but we hope the questions have gotten better. The data has also been organized into a spreadsheet form to assist in data collection throughout the year. There are many more changes and improvements that can be found on the [Preservation Statistics](#) website (currently a Google site but soon to be up on the ALA website).

*Association of Research  
Libraries (ARL) Special  
Collections Working  
Group: Athena Jackson  
for Jackie Dooley*

A few bullet points about what the ARL special collections working group has been up to recently:

- Cosponsoring with SAA a hefty schedule of Digital Archives Specialist courses at ARLs around the country over the coming year. Reduced prices for ARL library staff. A week-long sequence of courses selected from SAA's substantial DAS catalog that we feel are appropriate for ARLs. Watch publicity from both ARL and SAA for dates.
- Worked on the fall i2013 *Research Library Issues* titled "Mainstreaming special collections" that features case studies from six ARL libraries.
- Still discussing possible new approaches to metrics that would express the value of special collections (having ceased gathering data on things such as collection counts). Not clear whether this will go. Discussion issues include the definition of special collections and whether the traditional one is too narrow; e.g., should it encompass area studies?
- Cosponsoring with Harvard the next Radcliffe institute on the future of finding aids (3-4 April 2014).

*Bibliographical Society  
of America (BSA):*

No report.

*SAA/ALA/AAM Joint  
Committee on Archives,  
Libraries & Museums  
(CALM): Christian*

CALM met on Sunday morning with about a dozen ALA members and guests present with the SAA and AAM co-chairs and other guests joining us via conference call. As RBMS-CALM liaison, I reported on the joint standards initiatives that RBMS has been

*Y. Dupont*

exploring with SAA based on recommendations from the RBMS Metrics and Assessment Task Force, including collection and public services metrics and primary source information literary competency standards. I also shared information about the upcoming RBMS preconference, which will include several sessions of interest to archivists and museum professionals. NYU professor Howard Besser circulated a flyer with information about a workshop titled “Managing Local and Community-produced Born-digital Media Content” that will be held at ALA Annual.

For the AAM and ALA annual meetings, CALM has organized program session on 21<sup>st</sup>-century LAM education, focusing on the range of expectations and opportunities for new and seasoned professionals including certification, credentialing, badging, and portfolios. Panelists will include Maureen Sullivan, David Ferriero, Renee Hobbes, and Holly Withey.

ALA senior associate director Mary Ghikas reported that ALA will soon be launching a “Center for the Future of Libraries” initiative patterned on AAM’s “Center for the Future of Museums.” ALA’s goals are to increase research and advocacy pertaining to LAM issues. IMLS deputy director for library services Bob noted that IMLS is funding a second Heritage Health Index report with an expanded digital content section. The first Heritage Health Index report was published a decade ago.

*Maps and Geospatial  
Information Round Table  
(MAGIRT): Nancy  
Kandoian*

After several virtual committee meetings that preceded Midwinter, MAGIRT held some well-attended discussion group and interest group meetings in Philadelphia. These included the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Discussion Group, dealing this time with the [Open Geoportal](#) and [EVGeoCloud](#), and the MAGIRT/ALCTS CaMMS Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group, dealing with all sorts of cataloging-related issues. We also took a field trip to the business district of Chestnut Hill, where we visited the Philadelphia Print Shop, hosted by Don Cresswell, with a tour and lots of time for browsing.

MAGIRT's proposal for an Emerging Leaders project has been accepted by ALA. Four new librarians, 3 from public libraries and one from an academic library, will work on "MAGIRT Assessment and Outreach Capabilities."

At Annual in Las Vegas, there will be a Friday afternoon open-house reception co-sponsored by MAGIRT and RBMS, and hosted by Special Collections at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. On

Saturday afternoon, you are all invited to MAGIRT's program, "The Accidental Map Librarian."

Though not a MAGIRT activity per se, RBMS members may be interested to know that 3 MAGIRT members, Paige Andrew, Mary Larsgaard, and Susan Moore, have completed a manuscript concerning RDA and cartographic materials, and have submitted their work for publication to ALA Editions. MAGIRT members are looking forward to its publication later this year, as they are looking forward to the publication of DCRM(C).

For answers to various MAGIRT and general map- and geospatial-librarian questions, be sure to visit MAGIRT's LibGuides pages at <http://magirt.ala.libguides.com/index.php>.

*Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing (SHARP):*  
*Richenda L. Brim* No report.

*Society of American Archivists (SAA):*  
*Matthew L. Beacom* No report.

### **Other**

*California Rare Book School: Susan M. Allen* Greetings from California Rare Book School (CalRBS)! We are very happy to announce that the 2014 course schedule is now posted on the CalRBS Website ([www.calrbs.org](http://www.calrbs.org)) and applications are being accepted. CalRBS will be offering nine courses during Weeks 1 and 2 (August 4-15, 2014) in Los Angeles, and three courses during Week 3 (November 3-7, 2014) in San Francisco and Berkeley. (See the yellow handout.)

There are no deadlines for course applications, as each course remains open until it is full (maximum 12 students). However, there are scholarships funded by multiple sources that have two application deadlines. The first is June 15 for Weeks 1 and 2, and the second is August 15 for Week 3. See the CalRBS Website ([www.calrbs.org](http://www.calrbs.org)) for details and application forms.

Scholarships for mid-career librarians will be available once again in 2014. Apply by the scholarship application deadlines. These scholarships are made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of



Museum and Library Services. (See the blue handout.)

NEW Courses in 2014:

*Byzantine Illuminated Manuscripts* taught by Justine Andrews

*History, Identification, & Preservation of Motion Picture/Video Materials* taught by Snowden Becker

*History of the Book in East Asia* taught by Peter Zhou & Deborah Rudolph

*History of Typography* taught by Paul Shaw

See the CalRBS Website ([www.calrbs.org](http://www.calrbs.org)) for course descriptions and instructors' bios.

*Center for Bibliographic Studies and Research (CBSR): Brian Geiger*

No report.

*Diasporic Literary Archives Network: E.C. Schroeder*

The final two meetings of the Network will occur this year. March 25-26, members will meet at the Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago to discuss the politics of location. The final meeting will be hosted at the Beinecke, October 23-24, 2014 on the topic of Diaspora and possibilities for digitization. For more information see <http://www.diasporicarchives.com/>

*Government Documents Round Table (GODORT): Elizabeth A. Sudduth*

The following items were discussed at GODORT Steering.

- Discussed Senate Bill S. 1947 to change the name of Government Printing Office to the Government Publishing Office and thusly making the Public Printer's title Director of Government Publishing.
- GODORT and the Canadian Research Library Association's protests of the Canadian Government's cuts to Canadian agencies and libraries has had some success trying to halt the closing of Canadian Libraries although most the Canadian Fisheries Library was closed
- Proquest published a book by Andrea Svetson on the Serial Serial
- International Documents Task Force is talking about the digitization of IGO material
- Committee on Legislation's Federal Depository Task Force's survey on the future of the Federal Depository Program will be

available through February 15, 2014

*Grolier Club:  
Meghan Constantinou,*

Meghan Constantinou announced the Grolier Club's annual William H. Helfand Fellowship, offering awards up to \$3,000 for research in the Library's areas of strengths.

She also announced the following exhibitions:

**Current**

January 23-March 24, 2014. "Pop-ups from Prague: A Centennial Celebration of the Graphic Artistry of Vojtech Kubašta (1914-1992)." From the Collection of Ellen G. K. Rubin. (Second Floor Gallery.)

December 11 2013-February 7 2014. *Selling the Dwelling: The Books That Built America's Houses, 1775-2000.* Curated by Richard W. Cheek

**Forthcoming**

February 19-April 26, 2014. "The Dean of American Printers: Theodore Low De Vinne and the Art Preservative of All Arts." Curated by Irene Tichenor and Michael Koenig. (Ground Floor Gallery.)

May 14-August 2, 2014. "The Power of Words and Images in a World at War." Curated by Kenneth Rendell. (Ground Floor Gallery.)

*International Federation  
of Library Associations  
and Institutions (IFLA):  
E.C. Schroeder*

Next summer's annual conference will be held Aug. 16-22 in Lyon France. RBMS IFLA is organizing two sessions at the conference. The first is an all day session on the topic of "Teaching and Learning Rare Book and Cultural Heritage Librarianship". The second session entitled "Special Places for Special Collections" which will explore: Memorable library architecture and the application of integrated, attractive designs that reflect excellence and combine solutions for buildings, sites and interiors enables users to capture the spirit and function of a place and to attach a meaning or quality to a space and the importance of its collections. Submissions will be accepted for this second session through the end of January.

We would also like to invite everyone to a midterm session to be held April 1-2 in Washington D.C. and Baltimore. More information is available on the rbms/IFLA website at

<http://www.ifla.org/node/8333>. This meeting will include planning for next summer's all session on teaching special collections.

For those planning ahead the 2015 annual conference will be in Cape Town, South Africa, Aug. 15-21.

*Rare Book School:  
Danielle Culpepper*

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## Acronyms

<b>ABAA</b>	Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America
<b>ACRL</b>	Association of College and Research Libraries
<b>ALA</b>	American Library Association
<b>ALA OITP</b>	ALA Office for Information Technology Policy
<b>ALCTS/PARS</b>	ALA Association for Library Collections and Technical Services Preservation and Reformatting Section
<b>APHA</b>	American Printing History Association
<b>ARL</b>	Association of Research Libraries
<b>BSA</b>	Bibliographical Society of America
<b>BSC</b>	ACRL/RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee
<b>CALM</b>	Joint Committee on Archives, Libraries & Museums
<b>CalRBS</b>	California Rare Book School
<b>DCRM</b>	Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials
<b>DCRM(B)</b>	<i>Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Books)</i>
<b>DCRM(G)</b>	<i>Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Graphics)</i>
<b>DCRM(S)</b>	<i>Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Serials)</i>
<b>GODORT REGP</b>	ALA Government Documents Round Table Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee
<b>IFLA</b>	International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions
<b>LGBT</b>	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender
<b>MAGIRT</b>	ALA Maps and Geospatial Information Round Table
<b>OCLC</b>	Online Computer Library Center, Inc.
<b>RLG</b>	Research Libraries Group
<b>RBM</b>	<i>RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage</i>
<b>RBML</b>	<i>Rare Books &amp; Manuscripts Librarianship</i>
<b>RBMS</b>	ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section; also IFLA Rare Books and Manuscript Section
<b>RBMS-L</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts Section electronic discussion list
<b>RBS</b>	Rare Book School
<b>RDA</b>	<i>Resource Description &amp; Access</i>
<b>RUSA</b>	ALA Reference and User Services Association
<b>SAA</b>	Society of American Archivists
<b>SAC</b>	ACRL Standards and Accreditation Committee
<b>SHARP</b>	Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing