

ACRL/RBMS Budget and Development Committee, Annual 2017, Chicago, IL

Saturday, June 24, 2017, 1:00-2:30 pm, Hilton Chicago, Conference Room 4A

Members: Mary Lacy, Library of Congress (Chair); Mark Greenberg, Western Washington; Erika Dowell, Indiana; John Overholt, Harvard; Athena Jackson, Penn State; Jeffrey Marshall, Vermont; Cherry Williams, California-Riverside; Blynne Olivieri, West Georgia; Danielle Culpepper, Rare Book School

Guests: Katie Henningsen, Duke; Tim Johnson, Minnesota; Martha Conway, Michigan; Patrick Olson, Michigan State; Alex Johnston, Delaware; Edwin Schroeder, Yale

1. Introductions, review of agenda, and approval of minutes

Agenda and minutes approved without changes. Overholt volunteered to serve as recorder.

2. Leab Award Fund Report

The Leab endowment principal is \$50,169. From September 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017, the endowment earned \$1,084. There were \$183 in bank charges and \$60 in postage charges, which leaves a balance of \$841 in the spending account. The endowment has reached the ACRL-required threshold of \$50,000, but we will shoot for \$3000-5000 over to ensure against the possibility of future market losses. Expenses were well below income this year, and the Leab Committee may wish to propose new uses for the funds to enhance the experience for award recipients.

3. RBMS Conference Budget Reports

Iowa City (2017) fundraising totaled \$79,600. No final numbers are available yet, but we project a positive balance. Strong booksellers' showcase. 496 total attendance. New Orleans (2018) is expected to have strong attendance because it will be held in same city as ALA Annual.

4. RBMS Conference Scholarships Update

Member donations to the Scholarship Fund have been strong, including \$4400 the first half of year. After 2017 disbursements, \$11,200 remains in the fund. The total scholarship payout for this conference was \$22,165, divided among a grant from the Delmas foundation, the 2016 Conference profit share, and the scholarship fund.

Scholarships Chair Johnson is eager to continue to work on outreach. Many potential applicants were rejected out of hand because they were either not RBMS member or had been to the conference before. The Executive Committee will consider including RBMS membership in the scholarship award or allowing applicants to join after receiving a scholarship rather than before. The Scholarship Committee will make efforts to get

followup and feedback from recipients.

5. Proposals for Use of Section Funds

Olson reported on the Web Team's investigation into new hosting for the RBMS web site. Performance remains problematic after an upgrade in hosting capabilities with our existing host Dreamhost. For more stable and responsive hosting, the Web Team recommends a more expensive fully-managed hosting plan with Flywheel, at a cost of \$720 per year. This would require reducing our storage footprint from 26GB to 20. Further savings could be achieved, but only with a more dramatic reduction in storage.

Other options might include contracting a WordPress developer to see if there are fixable problems with site infrastructure that could improve performance, offloading some larger files like conference recordings to ALA, and seeking section members or vendors who might be able to donate hosting services.

The Web Team will continue to monitor the performance of the site and work on reducing the storage footprint, and report further at Midwinter.

Lacy reminded attendees that reimbursement requests must be received by the end of July.

6. ACRL Budget & Finance Update

Schroeder is rotating off this committee, and would like to see an RBMS member replace him.

7. Other

Lacy is finishing term as chair, Olivieri will take over as chair July 1. Lacy will hand off information about potential volunteers for the fundraising subcommittee. Incoming Section Chair Jackson will work with committee chairs on a vision statement that can serve as the narrative to drive long-term fundraising efforts.