

American Library Association Annual Meeting 2019
RBMS Publications and Communications Committee Meeting
Saturday, June 22, 2019, 1:00-2:00pm
Washington Hilton, Washington D.C., Woodley

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Amy Chen (Iowa), Chair; Sara Trotta (Congregational Library); Audrey Pearson (Yale); Gioia Stevens (New York University); Jackie Parascandola (UPenn); Ikumi Crocoll (National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution); Jillian Sparks (St. Olaf); Brian Shetler (Drew); Leslie J. Winter (Texas A&M); Sarah Horowitz (Haverford); Kevin Butterfield (University of Richmond); Veronica Reyes-Escudero (University of Arizona); Heather Smedberg (UC San Diego); Anne Bahde (Oregon State)

Present via virtual attendance: Jennifer Sheehan (Grolier Club)

- I. Call to Order: Amy Chen
- II. Introductions and Selection of recorder (Sara Trotta)
- III. Approval of ALA Midwinter 2019 minutes
 - a. Approved
- IV. Reports from working groups and liaisons
 - a. Web Team (Gioia Stevens)

Pat Olson (not present) will be cycling off. Gioia rising Senior Web Editor. Alisa Beer rising Web Editor.

Recruiting for Assistant Web Editor

Stats have been consistent over time and can be found in the Web Team report

2 new multi-site installations: Web Resources for Catalogers and Teaching with Primary Resources

 - i. Update from Web Liaison (Sara Trotta)

Nothing to report
 - ii. Website/Server status update

Server problems persist. Considering moving more material to the ALA IR. Potential RBMS break with ALA may affect this, but as this move is still very theoretical would be a long term consideration. Not much in the ALA IR currently.
 - iii. Social Media Collaboration

More twitter engagement than facebook. M&PD committee has reached out directly to web team to collaborate
 - b. Documentarian (Kate Hutchens and Joel Minor)

Discussion tabled due to absence

[Joel Minor's notes: Minor took over head documentarian responsibilities from Hutchens. 4 attendees provided support: Jessica Blackwell, Elizabeth Cruces, Beth Farwell, and Greg Schmidt. All sessions minus one successfully recorded; that one had a malfunction but we may be able to obtain it from an attendee's cell recording. In a few weeks, Minor will pass on edited recordings to Web Team. Minor suggests getting decks alongside recordings to better illustrate the presentations. Ideally the decks and recordings would be synced, but that could be difficult. Minor will see if it is worth the effort. An RCA cord is missing but this absence has been reported to Kate and Minor will cover its replacement prior to RBMS 2020.]

c. News Editor (Audrey Pearson)

News blog continues to receive submissions. Discussion of removing jobs once filled. Concluded that leaving posts up as a record is important. Filled jobs may be able to be tagged.

Will be looking for a new volunteer at Midwinter as Audrey cycles off. Gioia Stevens volunteered to do this task if permitted by Committee Service Rules.

d. Listserv (Jillian Sparks)

Ikumi Crocoll will replace Jillian Sparks as moderator. Brian Shetler has volunteered for the assistant moderator position. The senior/assistant model has worked well.

Current subscription number: 1658

e. Other Committees

i. Instruction and Outreach (Heather Smedberg and Anne Bahde)

Would like to announce newsletters on the News Blog

Heather and Anne are open to feedback as they cycle off committee

V. Ongoing Business

a. Committee Action Plan

See document: We are on track

Add in efforts to support RBM

b. Member Bibliography (Audrey Pearson for Greg Seppi)

Looking for a new volunteer and how to get more content. No call went out this Spring so another call is needed. What to send? If it would go on your CV you can send it in. Looking to create a page with brief citations and one with longer citations (annotations?)

Teaching with Primary Sources collective (TPS) is working on a similar bibliography and has used a zotero plug-in which is updated automatically

VI. New Business

a. RBM

How can PubComm help solicit more content?

Robust discussion of what impediments there may be to submitting. Visibility of calls for submissions. Need for mentorship around the research, submission and peer-reviewed processes. Could the focus of each issue be narrowed? Publishing is difficult at independent institutions with fewer resources, opportunities to collaborate, no mandate. Changing requirements for tenure and promotion (expanded to include exhibitions, digital humanities projects, etc)

Suggestions include: Social media to publicize calls. Use committees or partner with library schools to foster new voices; Publish a conference reaction issue (previously ended to make room for new voices, rather than those who had just presented, were active in the section, etc); Recruit at poster sessions; Conference session or other material (on website?) on how to publish; Perform citation analysis

Job postings on News Blog provide a good source for research articles

Reach out to Richard Saunders, editor of RBM, with ideas

- VII. Announcements
None
- VIII. Adjournment