

RBMS Workshops committee meeting 26 October 2023: Minutes

Present: Xena Becker, Lucretia Baskin, Matthew Beacom (minute taker)

Introduce ourselves to each other

We briefly introduced ourselves to each other: name, current position, experience as librarian and as member of RBMS, experience with Workshops Committee.

Discuss the scope of our responsibilities

We discussed the scope of our work as members of this committee. In the main, this was workshops at the 2024 RBMS Conference, and workshops unrelated to the annual conference. We decided that organizing and supporting the workshops at the 2024 RBMS Conference is the critical task for us overall, and especially during the critical periods-after proposals come in and are vetted, and during the conference workshops themselves. We set aside for now any work on the idea of supporting workshops outside of 2024 RBMS Conference. We'll return to that topic and other possible tasks, when the pressing work of supporting the 2024 RBMS Conference workshops is in a lull.

Decision: focus our attention for now on the tasks relating to supporting workshops at the 2024 RBMS Conference.

Review the timeline for selecting workshops for the 2024 RBMS Conference

We discussed that our busy times will be early in the new year 2024-mostly in January and some in February-and at the conference itself. Some key dates are:

The CFP went out in early October.

The proposals are due by 15 December 2023.

The anticipated deadline for acceptance/rejection is January 26, 2024.

The workshops will be on the Tuesday before the conference, June 25, 2024.

Review the Workshop Committee documents on the ALA Connect site.

We discussed (but did not look at during this meeting) the committee documents on the ALA Connect web site. These include past minutes and the evaluation rubric we'll use in January.

Discuss possible proposals, who to reach out to, whether to reach out to people or groups, etc.

We discussed whether or not we should only wait for proposals or also reach out to potential workshop organizers/presenters.

Matthew has already reached out to Chela Weber (OCLC) about the prospect of having a workshop on the total cost of stewardship. That topic is related to one of themes that the group working on the plenary sessions is developing or pursuing. Is there a workshop topic related to the other plenary theme, Justice? We noted that RBMS's Bibliographic Standards Committee often has developed and put on a workshop. We asked, Would it be useful to reach out to the current BSC leadership?

ACTION: We decided that we'd each consider what the theme of the Conference and the questions or issues raised in the CFP might suggest to us for possible workshop topics, and that we'd report back to each other in the near term.