

Minutes

RBMS 2014 Preconference Program Planning Committee Agenda

ALA Midwinter Conference 2013, Seattle, WA

Saturday, January 26, 4:30-5:30

Westin Seattle Hotel – Elliott Bay

Attendees - Richenda Brim (Getty), co-chair; Athena Jackson (University of Miami), co-chair; Anne Bahde (Oregon State Univ.), Matthew Beacom (Beinecke), Meghan Constantinou (Grolier Club), Elizabeth DeBold (UNC-CH), Erika Dowell (Indiana Univ.), Emily Epstein (UC Denver Health Sciences), David Faulds (Emory), Ellen Ellickson (Yale), Hjordis Halvorsen (Newberry), Katie Henningsen (Univ. of Puget Sound), Kate Hutchens (Univ. of Michigan), Jessica Lacher-Feldman (Univ. of Alabama), Mary Lacy (Library of Congress), Aimee Lind (Getty), Juli McLoone (UTSA), Tory Ondrla (ACRL), Fernando Pena (Palmer School - LIU), Jessica Pigza (NYPL), Nina Schneider (Clark Library-UCLA), EC Schroeder (Beinecke) Heather Smedberg (UC San Diego), Christopher Smith (Yale), Shannon Supple (UCLA - Clark), Cherry Williams (Lilly Library).

1. Introductions - Committee members and visitors introduced themselves.

2. Appointment of Recorder

Richenda Brim volunteered to record the minutes

3. Report of Las Vegas trip and local arrangements

Fernando Pena and Tory Ondrla reported on the August site visit to Las Vegas, with co-chair Richenda Brim. The group met Local Arrangements Chair Su Kim Chung to tour four hotels. Ballys will be the preconference hotel and meeting venue. Rooms are \$149 per night and include WiFi. Ballys is an ALA contract hotel so this rate will be good for the duration of ALA, too. The meeting space is on the 26th floor of the hotel and the preconference will have exclusive use of the entire floor. The group toured UNLV meeting facilities but have opted for a hotel-based conference. However, options for tours at UNLV are still in the works.

The day wrapped with a visit to the Nevada State Museum, a potential reception site.

The UNLV local arrangements chair will report at ALA Annual in Chicago.

4. Discussion of theme

The working title for the preconference is 'Retrofit'. Inspired by the location, the co-chairs envision recreating the 1960 preconference that barely happened and are considering themes returning the focus to the artifact, book, and manuscript.

Possible plenary themes: archival research to recreate period movies, tv shows (e.g., Mad Men), casinos; gaming research and games in special collections; collecting the 1960s; architecture; space, including aerospace and library building projects; library solutions and services from the 1960s that still work; textiles, collections and conservation (Showgirls costumes)...

Possible speakers: David Levy, Hoyle expert and bibliographer; Alan Hess, architectural historian; Ricky Jay, magician and collector; someone from the Center for Land Use Interpretation.

5. Other programming ideas

Papers from new and emerging professionals, less than 5 years in the profession; discussion sessions, including regional groups; brown bag; posters; artist book or something similar but appropriate for the region.

Suggestions were made to overflow plenaries into sub themes for short papers and develop programming for subject specialists who will already be traveling to Las Vegas for ALA. In addition, we

might reach out to regional Native American communities.

6. Subcommittees

Five subcommittees were identified: plenaries, short papers, discussion groups, posters, marketing. More will be added, if necessary. The co-chairs will be tapping people for subcommittee work once they receive the official volunteer list.

Respectfully submitted,
Richenda Brim

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