

ACRL/RBMS Conference Development Committee
ALA Annual Conference – San Francisco
Sunday, June 28, 2015 – 8:30-10:00am
Hilton San Francisco Union Square, Continental 5

Minutes approved 10 January 2016

Present: Henry Raine, New-York Historical Society (Chair); Heather Smedberg, U. California San Diego; Jennifer Borderud, Baylor U.; Martha Conway, U. of Michigan; Beth Kilmarx, Binghamton U.; Anna Chen, U. of Illinois; Melissa Hubbard, Case Western Reserve U.; John Overholt, Harvard U.; Margaret Gamm, U. of Iowa; Margot Conahan, Association of Collection and Research Libraries; Elizabeth Joffrion, Western Washington U.; Athena Jackson, U. of Michigan; David Faulds, U. California Berkeley; Elspeth Healey, U. of Kansas; Katie Henningsen, U. of Puget Sound; Fernando Peña, Palmer School of Library and Information Science, Long Island U.; Cherry Williams, Indiana U.; Jennifer MacDonald, U. of Delaware; Arvid Nelsen, U. of Minnesota; Lois Fischer Black, Lehigh U.; Lara Micham, Duke U.; Danielle Culpepper, Rare Book School; Will Hansen, Newberry Library; Randal Brandt, U. California Berkeley; Richenda Brim, Stanford U.; Shannon Supple, U. California Berkeley

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes from meeting at 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting, Chicago
The minutes were approved with some minor corrections.
4. 2015 RBMS Conference Oakland final report
(Brandt/Culpepper/Micham/MacDonald/Borderud/Smedberg)
 - The group congratulated program co-chairs Laura Micham and Danielle Culpepper as well as local arrangements chair, Randal Brandt on an excellent conference. The conference had record attendance (553 attendees), which created a strain for programming and local arrangements.
 - Participant-driven sessions that required advanced sign-up were a new element. They went well, but some people did not know about the sign-up requirement.
 - Arvid Nelsen reported that the Membership & Professional Development Committee deserves thanks for coordinating several events and programs that make a positive impact on the conference experience for first-time attendees in particular.
5. Future RBMS Conferences
 - 5.1 2016 RBMS Conference Coral Gables (Dekydtpotter)
 - The conference theme is "Collaboration, Outreach, and Diversity"

- Plenaries will follow the discussant model used at RBMS 2015.
- Attendance will probably be capped at 350 due to space limitations at the hotel, though we may be able to accommodate up to 400.
- The hotel rate is \$169 including the resort fee, and free wifi is also included.
- The Bookseller Showcase will be adjacent to the conference venue
- Three workshops will be offered: “Applying Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic)” -- Randal Brandt, Todd Fell, Nancy Kandoian; “Digital Humanities is What You Do with it: Going beyond Digitization in Special Collections” -- Suzan Alteri, Laurie Taylor, Chelsea Dinsmore, Rebecca Jefferson, Daniel Reboussin, Richard Freeman; “Building Collections” -- Daniel Slive, E.C. Schroeder.
- The program subcommittees are all fully established.

5.2 2017 RBMS Conference Iowa City (Overholt)

- The 2017 Conference will be co-chaired by Juli McCloone and Melissa Hubbard. The theme is "Tell Me a Story," and programming will focus on storytelling as a metaphor for the work of special collections.
- The use of an open call for proposals to select conference chairs was very successful and Overholt encourages RBMS to write an open process into policy.

5.3 2018 RBMS Conference

- ALA will be in New Orleans in 2018. There are no proposals for RBMS 2018 yet. Henry Raine will do some targeted outreach to RBMS members in the New Orleans area to generate interest in hosting the conference. He will also put out a call for proposals in the late summer/early fall.

6. 2015 ALA Annual Conference Program final report (Supple for Kovari)

- The program, "Curating Activism in LGBT History" was fully co-sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Round Table
- 80 people attended, and audience participation was excellent.

7. Future ALA Annual Conference Programs

7.1 2016 ALA Annual Conference Program Orlando (Hansen)

- The theme will be documenting the Black Lives Matter movement.

7.2 2017 ALA Annual Conference Program Chicago (Overholt)

- Overholt has not yet received any proposals for this program

8. Old business

8.1 Conference Planning Manual revisions

- Martha Conway reported on the current state of the online conference planning documents, described an ideal situation that would ensure greater consistency among online documents, and made a series of recommendations

to move from the current to the ideal state. The committee voted to authorize Conway to proceed with her recommended plan.

9. No new business

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa A. Hubbard