RBMS Conference Development Committee ALA Midwinter Meeting * Sunday 22 January 2012

8:00 am - 10:00 am * Sheraton Dallas, Lone Star Ballroom C2

Members Present: Deborah J. Leslie (chair), Martha O'Hara Conway (recording), Pat Bozeman, Danielle Culpepper, Mike Kelly, Mary Lacy, Edward Oetting, Maggie Ragnow, Henry Raine

Others Present: Lois Fischer Black, Pat Bozeman, Erika Dowell, Jane Gillis, Tory Ondrla, Jennifer Schaffner, Nina Schneider, Aislinn Sotelo

1. Welcome and introductions

Deborah welcomed the group and we introduced ourselves.

2. Approval of agenda

We approved the agenda

3. Approval of minutes: 2011 Annual meeting

One typo and one point of clarification (regarding surplus funds raised for the 2011 preconference) were noted. We approved the corrected minutes.

4. Preconferences

4.1 2012 San Diego (ALA in Anaheim)

Nina reported the following: The name of the preconference is "Futures." There will be three plenaries (Use, Discovery, Object), ten seminars, and three workshops. The booksellers showcase will be all day Wednesday. We'll have more breaks during the day, and offer guided tours, so that attendees will be able to spend more time interacting with the booksellers. Registration will be \$280, the preconference website will be up in mid-February, and we are on track regarding fundraising.

Danielle let us know that some of the speakers have or may have concerns about the cost of travel to/from the preconference and are inquiring about the possibility of Skype (for making their presentation) or asking someone to do the presentation in their stead.

4.2 2013 Minneapolis (ALA in Chicago)

The theme for the preconference is performance, both as "the act of performing a ceremony, play, piece of music, etc." and as "the execution or accomplishment of work, acts, feats, etc." The preconference will end earlier than usual to accommodate those who have to travel to Chicago for ALA annual. Registration will be \$280. Maggie reported on a variety of possibilities for tours and that the reception will take place at the Mill City Museum.

4.3 2014 TBD (ALA in Las Vegas)

We discussed the three proposals that have been received to date for the 2014 preconference:

- Lisa Browar and Beth Whittaker proposing a Kansas City MO and Lawrence KS preconference
- Maggie Kopp and Bob Maxwell proposing a Salt Lake City UT preconference
- > Su Kim Chung and Peter Michel proposing a Las Vegas NV preconference

Those present expressed the following:

The costs associated with bussing participants between Kansas City and Lawrence might be prohibitive. The convenience of having the preconference in the same city as ALA Annual is compelling, although it was pointed out that only about 25% of preconference attendees go on to ALA Annual.

Additional information ought to be included in the "call for proposals," including some specifics regarding meeting space/room requirements and examples of "in kind" contributions that the host institution is expected to provide.

We discussed the timing of the preconference site selection process (call for proposals, discussion, follow-up, decision) and agreed our immediate "next step" regarding the 2014 preconference is to identify follow-up questions for the proposers (Deborah will do this).

5. Conference programs

5.1 2012 Anaheim

Mike reminded us that the conference program topic is the current and future state of bibliography. Speakers are David Whitesell, David Vander Meulen, and James P. Ascher.

5.2 2013 Chicago

Erika let us know that the program is tentatively titled "History on Fire" and will address catastrophic losses of historical records, library collections, etc. and the impact of these on scholarship

6. Old Business

6.1 Preconference Manual Revisions

Erika reported that these are almost done. We agreed that we'll add the Preconference "Request for Proposals" (with changes) as an appendix and that the timing of the site selection process ought to be: issue RFP in fall, discuss proposals at Midwinter, follow up and flesh out in spring, and vote/decide at Annual.

6.2 Regional Workshops Committee

Jane reported that we couldn't get a host institution in Washington DC for the fall workshop. Plans are underway for an April workshop (E.C. Schroder and Daniel Slive, "Building Collections: Acquiring Materials and Working with the Antiquarian Book Trade") to coincide with the New York Antiquarian Book Fair. Our experience with this two-year regional workshops "pilot" suggests that the model is not sustainable if the workshops are to be sponsored by ACRL. We are recommending that the name and the charge of the Regional Workshops Committee be changed and that the new committee be charged with planning workshops in general -- online, regional/traveling, and preconference.

6.3 Policy and procedure for audio-visual recording of preconference events

Mike Kelly will appoint a task force that will be charged with developing policies and procedures regarding audio and video recording of RBMS Preconference programs. Conference Development Committee members interested in participating on this task force should indicate their interest to Deborah.

7. New Business

Deborah asked us to consider making preconference evaluations more widely available, especially to those who are planning a preconference. We agreed that we'd make summary data available on the Conference Development Committee website and share redacted comments on a "need to know" basis by way of ALA Connect.

Deborah also asked us if we think we need to meet in person at ALA Midwinter. There was general agreement that we do (need to meet at Midwinter).