1. Welcome and announcements

2. Review of draft BSC minutes, November 18, 2019, virtual meeting

3. Standard Citation Forms Linked Data Working Group: report

4. Program Planning Group: report

Members present: Francis Lapka, Yale Center for British Art (chair); Liz Adams, Duke University; Katelyn Borbely, ProQuest; Amy Brown, Boston College, Burns Library; Valerie Buck, Brigham Young University; Brenna Bychowski, Beinecke Library, Yale University (Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group co-editor); Kalan Knudson Davis, University of Minnesota Libraries; Matthew Ducmanas, Temple University; Alison Greenlee, Wayne State University; Jessica Grzegorski, Newberry Library; Elizabeth Hobart, Pennsylvania State University; Linda Isaac, Houghton Library, Harvard; Jason Kovari, Cornell University; Rafael Linares, La Casa del Libro; Michelle Mascaro, University of California San Diego; Philippe Mongeau, Rare Book School; Honor Moody, Harvard Library (CC:DA liaison); Kate Moriarty, Saint Louis University (secretary); Iris O’Brien, British Library; Jessie Sherwood, Robbins Collection, University of California Berkeley; Brittney Washington, Harry Ransom Center.

Visitors: Abigail Connick, Smith College; Ellen Cordes, Lewis Walpole Library; Zoe Dobbs, Beinecke Library, Yale University; Emily Epstein, University of Colorado Strauss Health Sciences Library; Rebecca Giguere, American Antiquarian Society; Matt Haugen, Columbia University Libraries; Sarah Hoover, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Amy Jordan, American Antiquarian Society; Maggie Long, Wesleyan University; Jennifer MacDonald, University of Delaware Library; Danijela Matković, Beinecke Library, Yale University; Martha McTear, University of California Santa Barbara; Ann Myers, Stanford University; Maria Oldal, Morgan Library & Museum; Audrey Pearson, Beinecke Library, Yale University; Manon Théroux, Library of Congress (Library of Congress liaison); Amy Tims, American Antiquarian Society.

Members absent: Deborah J. Leslie, Folger Shakespeare Library; Lauren Reno, Duke University Libraries (Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group co-editor); Brian Stearns, University of Alberta.

1. Welcome and announcements

The chair welcomed attendees and asked for a volunteer to monitor chat participation. Jason Kovari volunteered. The RBMS RDA Editorial Group had productive meetings at ALA Midwinter, and we can expect to hear more soon on their progress. The chair pointed out that this is the time of year to volunteer for the committee, and reminded those members in the second year of their first term that they will need to complete the ACRL volunteer form to renew for a second term. Others are also welcome to apply for membership via the volunteer form.
The chair expects we will have two more meetings before the ALA Annual conference. He thanked Jessica Grzegorski and Kate Moriarty for their work in updating the Bibliographic Standards Committee’s (BSC) Working Papers, Reports & Discussion Topics page to incorporate documents from BSC virtual meetings. Previously, the documents were housed only on a shared committee Google drive.

The chair also announced that the RBMS Executive Committee voted to approve Examples to accompany Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Serials). He thanked the editorial team for their work and noted that the community will be informed when access is made to the resource. The chair announced that BSC voted to approve revisions of OCLC’s Merging duplicate books records: A field-by-field comparison, and congratulated the revision group. The next steps fall to OCLC. The revision group will next turn its attention to Merging duplicate continuing resource records: A field-by-field comparison.

2. Review of draft BSC minutes, November 18, 2019, virtual meeting

The secretary described a clarification made in the AMREMM-DCRM(MSS) Review Group section of the first draft of the 2019 November 18 virtual meeting draft minutes. There were no other comments. The chair will open a poll to vote on the second draft via ALA Connect. [N.B. The draft minutes were approved (yes: 21, no: 0) via an ALA Connect poll February 5-13, 2020.]

3. Standard Citation Forms Linked Data Working Group: report

Standard Citation Forms Linked Data Working Group (SCF LD WG) co-chairs Amy Brown and Brittney Washington, summarized and led a discussion of the Standard Citation Forms Linked Data Working Group report on evaluating the role of the Standard Citation Forms (SCF) resource in a linked-data environment. Taking into account the current metadata and linked-data environment as well as RBMS capacity, the group submitted three recommendations: 1) add persistent, dereferenceable URIs from id.loc.gov to SCF records; 2) expand the scope and working principles of SCF to include the addition of id.loc.gov URIs; 3) reconvene the SCF LD WG as linked data developments transpire.

Extensive discussion revealed an acknowledgement of the constantly changing linked-data landscape and that SCF linked-data functionality will be an iterative process for the foreseeable future. A suggestion was made to monitor OCLC’s recently announced Entity Management Infrastructure project. In general, there was support and appreciation for the SCF LD WG recommendations. The next step is for the Standard Citation Forms editorial group to meet to discuss the SCF LD WG recommendations, possibly followed by a meeting between the two groups. The BSC chair thanked the members of SCF LD WG (Amy Brown, Brittney Washington, Liz Adams, Valerie Buck, Jason Kovari, Brian Stearns) and will be in touch with the co-chairs regarding whether they consider their charge fulfilled or wish to tackle additional issues.

4. Program Planning Group: report
Brenna Bychowski facilitated a discussion of the Program Planning Group report. The BSC Program Planning Group (PPG) is in its second year of coordinating technical-services-related program proposals for RBMS conferences.

RBMS 2020 Submissions

Five proposals were submitted for the 2020 RBMS conference, three of which were accepted. The “Cataloging Artists’ Books” workshop, “LD4P2 and Rare Materials” seminar, and the “Mitigating Pejorative Terminology in Descriptive Standards” paper/panel were accepted. The “Culturally Competent Catalog Description” paper/panel was not accepted and may be resubmitted another year. The “My Favorite Mistake: Technical Services Edition” participant-driven session was not accepted, possibly due to the hybrid nature of its format. It has been resubmitted for the People’s Choice category.

One of the factors affecting acceptance was the sheer number of proposals this year. The chair of the Seminars Committee also encourages more technical services librarians to join conference programming committees.

Potential Topics for RBMS 2021

See the Program Planning Group report for the full list and details of potential topics. The theme for RBMS 2021 is “Working with Change: Labour, Leadership, and Legacy.”

Newly suggested topics

1. “A Little Goes a Long Way:” There were questions regarding the content and format (e.g. one presenter discussing several tools or several lightning talks on one tool?) as well as appreciation for the usefulness of hearing what others are achieving with tools.
2. RDA, DCRM and book-seller cataloging: Suggestions included a discussion session between catalogers and vendors, and addressing the utility of standards and systems that would promote easy reuse of vendor data in rare material cataloging.
3. Local practice documentation: There was widespread support for this topic. In addition to the issues raised in the topic’s description, there were suggestions to address the use of documentation in data consistency, in advocating for the need for rare materials catalogers (due to the complexities in shared and local-practice standards), in making things better for the next cataloger, and in preparing for a linked-data future. It was observed that the topic fits the conference theme of change, labour, leadership, and legacy.
4. DCRM2 seminar: There was universal support for this topic.
5. General description of individual illustrations in manuscripts: A suggestion touched on cataloger workload and possibly recruiting subject specialists (faculty, graduate students) to provide illustration descriptions to the cataloger.

Approved but not submitted topics from last year

1. Managing in technical services (seminar): We lacked a volunteer to write the proposal last year but there is interest in pursuing it as a submission this year.
2. Topics of conversation between catalogers and non-catalogers (participant-driven session): The proposal has been written but was not submitted last year because of the guideline to limit
participants to one proposal. There continues to be interest in the proposal and agreement to include it in this year’s submissions.

*Topics discussed last year, but not approved to be proposals*
Three past topics - backlogs, outsourcing, and retrospective conversion - would all fit into next year’s conference theme. There was a suggestion to repackage them to address working with vendors on meeting the needs of special collections material.

*Format-Specific Workshops*
In following up on last year’s suggestion to sponsor a rotating selection of workshops on cataloging special formats, three workshops were suggested

1. *Examples to accompany Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Serials)*
2. Cataloging comic books
3. Cataloging objects (prompted by OLAC’s recent publication of [Best Practices for Cataloging Objects Using RDA and MARC21](#))

There was also a suggestion to include a question on the survey to solicit additional formats of interest.

PPG will synthesize today’s discussion and send a survey to BSC on level of interest in the topics considered. The group will then formulate its official suggestions for a BSC vote, after which group members will work with proposers in drafting and submitting their proposals.

The BSC chair thanked PPG for their work and for a promising slate of topics for 2021. Attendees were also reminded to vote in the upcoming People’s Choice poll for the 2020 RBMS conference.

The meeting closed at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted February 13, 2020 by Kate Moriarty, RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee secretary.