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MLA Liaison Report to BCC from ALA Midwinter Meeting
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OLAC/CAPC Meeting

Reports and discussions:

- Announcements: Kelly Chambers has stepped down from CAPC. Walter Walker will fill the vacant position.
- MARBI Report (C. Gerhart): Cathy briefly discussed various proposals that would be discussed at the upcoming MARBI meeting. For details on the discussion papers and proposals, see the Midwinter report from the MARC Formats Subcommittee.
- CC:DA Report (Martha Yee for G. de Groat): The JSC will have a meeting in March to discuss RDA; keep checking the web site for the current RDA schedule.
- Form/genre headings (Janis Young, LC): Janis reported that MBRS began implementing LC genre/form heading for moving images and radio programs on Jan. 1, 2009. MIGFG and RADFG will no longer be used. Beginning Feb. 1, 2009, all SACO members will be authorized to contribute proposals for new and revised genre/form headings. There is a special form available on the SACO website. Five new genre/form projects have been authorized: cartography, law, literature, music and religion. The project for cartographic material genre/form headings is getting underway. LC has developed a web site for genre/form headings: [http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genreformgeneral.html](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genreformgeneral.html). For further details on form/genre headings, see the Midwinter report from the Subject Access Subcommittee.
- DVD Guide Revision and Update Task Force (C. Walden): The document was completed in December and can be found on the CAPC web site.
- Video Language Coding Best Practices Task Force (K. McGrath): The group has submitted a proposal to LC and is awaiting a response.
- Playaways Best Practices Task Force (H. Frank): The report was posted last fall. The group is currently looking at how playaways fit with RDA.
- Moving Image Work-Level Records Task Force (K. McGrath): The group has posted a draft to the web site. One section still in process.
- Audiovisual Materials Glossary Update Task Force (H. Frank): The group will start with electronic materials and hopes to get started next month.

ACIG (LITA/ALCTS Authority Control in the Online Environment Interest Group)

Reports and updates were provided by Library of Congress, Library and Archives Canada and OCLC. In addition, there were various reports from various working groups and subcommittees. The PowerPoint presentations and other documents can be found at the ALA wiki: [http://wikis.ala.org/midwinter2009/index.php/Interest_Groups](http://wikis.ala.org/midwinter2009/index.php/Interest_Groups).

RDA/MARC Working Group forum: John Espley (VTLS, Inc.)

RDA/MARC working group was established in March 2008. John briefly discussed the following proposals:

- Briefly discussed Proposal 2009-01/1: New data elements in the MARC 21 Authority Format
- Proposal 2009-01/1: Dates: 046 Special coded dates
- Proposal 2009-01-1: Places: 621 Associated place
- Proposal 2009-01-1: Address: 622 Address
- Proposal 2009-01-1: Associated Language: 628 Associated Language
- Proposal 2009-01-1: Activities: 623 Field of activity; 624 Affiliation; 625 Occupation
Changing MARC Authority Format: Jimmie Lundgren (Smathers Library, University of Florida)

Jimmie discussed the need to add a geographic coordinates field for places to the MARC authority record.

Library and Archives Canada update: Bill Leonard (Information Standards Specialist)

Bill discussed authority records on AMICUS.

Library of Congress update: Janis Young (Policy and Standards Division)

- Field 034 for geographic coordinates coming to name authorities in 2009
- OCLC has completed the pre-population of non-Latin characters in cross-reference headings in LC/NACO authority file
- LC, NLM, and NAL plan to test RDA before making a decision regarding implementation
- On Dec. 11, 2008 the National Library of Sweden became the latest partner in the Virtual International Authority File. A beta version will be available in 2009.
- Approximately 35,000 subject heading validation records have been created. The validation records are not printed in the “Red Books”, but are available through MARC distribution Service and Classification Web. The project was halted in mid-2008 due to a programming glitch and will begin again when the problem is resolved.
- LCSH SKOS: In 2008 an experimental prototype was launched to make LCSH freely available on the Internet through SKOS format. The prototype will be replaced with an official LC site in the future. LC is committed to providing LCSH freely on the Internet, with the goal of encouraging experimentation and use, reuse, and interoperability of LCSH.
- Genre/form headings projects for moving images and radio programs are almost complete. LC catalogers began implementing headings in new cataloging as of Jan. 1, 09.
- In Nov. LC management approved five new genre/form headings projects: cartography, law, literature, music and religion. For general information about the projects: [http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genreformgeneral.html](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genreformgeneral.html)

SAC-Form/Genre Implementation Subcommittee forum: Philip Young (Catalog Librarian, VA Tech)

Philip spoke about the activities of the Subcommittee on Genre/Form Implementation.

OCLC update: Robert Bremer

OCLC provided a Word document regarding projects related to authority control. The project to add non-Latin scripts to authority records is complete. The project to remove ending periods in authority records is still under way. The project to add 781s to geographic name authority records will resume in the spring following completion of the terminal periods project. OCLC completed the first phase of the project to control more headings in WorldCat. A total of about 25.5 million new personal name headings were controlled during the first phase. Future projects are under discussion.

OCLC Next Generation Catalog demonstration: Renee Register

Discussed the need for libraries to become more involved with metadata.

ACIG Business Meeting
Agenda included:

- Assessment of the open session. The group might need to consider finding a different time slot.
- The charter is due to renew. M. Mastraccio, ACIG chair and A. McNeely, vice-chair will complete the paperwork.
- Discussed 2009 ALA Annual program. Possible program topic: The future is now: going global with authority control. There will be elections for chair, secretary, member-at-large for series, names, and subjects.

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