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BCC Authorities Subcommittee

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The Subcommittee's open meeting at the 1998 MLA meeting featured a paper by Deta Davis of the Library of Congress, who described the OCLC/LC Machine-derived Authority Records project.

The Subcommittee continues to maintain the Types of Composition document in its print and Web manifestations, and has developed a plan for regular updating. The long-awaited MLA policy statement on the value of authority control should be coming out of the subcommittee for BCC approval very soon. We continue to be partners in building the BCC Web site.

The Chair attended Midwinter and Annual Meetings of ALA, specifically as liaison to the ALCTS CCS Authority Control in the Online Environment Interest Group. He attended the program meeting, which focused on metadata and authority issues, and reported on BCC doings at the business meeting. The Chair also serves as the MLA liaison to the ALCTS Media Resources Committee (formerly ALCTS-A/V), and also accepted an appointment to that group's Standards Subcommittee.

No formal program has been planned for Los Angeles, but there will probably be lively discussion about the authority implications of the implementation of subfield |v for form-genre subdivisions and the removal of form-genre headings from 650 to 655.

Submitted by Mark Scharff, Chair

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