Members: Mark Scharff (Chair), Joe Bartl (LC liaison), Anita Breckbill, Ann Churukian, Robert Freeborn, Terry Simpkins, Jeannette Thompson, Edith Tibbets

The Authorities Subcommittee continued to focus on maintenance of the Types of Composition document, using e-mail discussions and spending a bit of "face time" in Louisville to work on it. We are still weighing program ideas for Las Vegas, perhaps as part of a plenary session. Authorities was represented in the Bibliographic Control Committee's "metadata marathon" by Rebecca Dean (OCLC), who spoke on the promises and pitfalls of authority control in the various metadata schemes, particularly the Dublin Core, and who described a research project at OCLC focusing on deconstructing and reconstructing LC subject headings during "crosswalking" between MARC and Dublin Core.

The chair attended the Midwinter and Annual meetings of the American Library Association as a liaison to the LITA/ALCTS Authority Control in the Online Environment Interest Group (ACIG) and BCC liaison to the ALCTS-Media Resources Committee. At the Annual meeting, he was elected to the position of ad hoc chair, uniform titles, within ACIG.

The subcommittee bid adieu to Rebecca Dean, Mickey Koth, and Suzanne Mudge after the Louisville meeting, and welcomed Anita Breckbill, Robert Freeborn, and Edith Tibbets as new members. As the physical custodian of the Types document, Mickey continues involvement with subcommittee activities.

Submitted by Mark Scharff

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