Members: Margaret Kaus (Chair since March 2005), Marlena Frackowski (Chair to March 2005), Richard Burbank, Brad Eden, Candice Feldt, Jean Harden, Michi Hoban, Ralph Papakhian, Nancy Sack, Robert Sherrane, David Sommerfield (LC Representative).

The business meeting of the BCC Authorities Subcommittee was held on Feb. 17, 2005 in Vancouver, BC, and the open meeting was held as part of a joint Authorities/MARC Subcommittee meeting the next day.

The agenda for the business meeting included highlight of ALA meetings in Orlando (summer 04) and Boston (midwinter 05) presented by past chair Marlena Frackowski and a discussion of Ralph Papakhian’s proposal for “Utilization of field 680 by NACO Participants.”

The Authorities section of the Open Meeting on February 18, 2004, past Chair Marlena Frackowski reported on liaison activities to Authority Control in the Online Environment Interest Group (ACIG) and Media Resources Committee meetings in Orlando and Boston.

Since the MLA Annual Conference in Vancouver, the Subcommittee has had further discussions on the proposal for “Utilization of field 680 by NACO Participants.” In lieu of Library of Congress’s “Proposal for the Addition of Dates to Existing Personal Name Headings,” the subcommittee decided to go no further with the 680 proposal until LC has made a decision on “Proposal for the Addition of Dates to Existing Personal Name Headings.” If LC approves the proposal, the current 680 proposal may not be needed, or, may require different wording.

The highlights from the Chair’s liaison report from ALA Annual in Chicago (June 2005) include the Authority Control in the Online Environment Interest Group (ACIG) has petitioned to become an ALCTS interest group as well as a LITA interest group. If accepted, ACIG will be able to sponsor programs as an ALCTS group (not just as a LITA group). The working title for the proposed program for ALA Annual 2006 “Questioning authorities: expanded and non-traditional approaches to authority control.”

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