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The Task Force is charged to advise and support the work of the Music Thesaurus Project (MTP). The Form/Genre Working Group was formed to assist the director of Music Thesaurus Project, Harriette Hemmasi, in identifying and researching form/genre terms in LC music headings for inclusion in the music thesaurus. The groups held two joint meetings in New York. During the business meeting the Working Group discussed details of their project to identify form/genre terms extracted from Music Subject Headings Compiled from Library of Congress Subject Headings. Members had divided this list among themselves and created worksheets for each heading. During the meeting they presented problems they had encountered, such as trying to determine bound terms, qualifiers, and headings that consist of medium of performance. Some very definite possibilities for practical application of this project were mentioned by Harriette Hemmasi. It was decided that the Working Group could complete its work in the coming year and then be discharged, whereupon the next phase of the Music Thesaurus Project would then be begun.

The open meeting drew a large and interested audience. Ms. Hemmasi related an outline of the group’s charge and an update on the work of the group to date.

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