

TSPC Authorities Subcommittee Elluminate Meeting

August 10, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Minutes

In Attendance:

FCLA: Daniel Cromwell, Mary Ann O'Daniel

FGCU: Catherine Gardiner

FIU: Elaine Winske, Co-chair

NCF: Tom Tharrington

UF: Priscilla Williams, Co-chair

UNF: Susan Massey (Minutes)

USF: Charles Gordon

USF (Health) Allison Howard

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Minutes: In the future, the responsibility to take minutes will rotate alphabetically among attending institutions. Susan Massey volunteered to take minutes for this meeting. Elaine Winske of FIU will take minutes at the next meeting.

Minutes for the April 13, 2010 meeting were approved with minor edits.

440 Clean-up: Cleanup of obsolete 440 series fields was briefly discussed. Mary Ann noted that the field will continue to index and display okay in the catalog along with 830 fields. Charles suggested this clean-up should be a low priority right now, as users can still obtain access through the field. Elaine mentioned that FIU has about 230,000 obsolete 440 fields in their catalog and described using a sort on indicators to create record sets and check for indexing issues that might enable some global clean-up. The committee agreed that this issue is not a priority at this time and will be revisited later.

502 Clean-up: The committee discussed the consistency of formatted versus unformatted thesis notes in the catalog. Mary Ann explained that according to MARC 21, both forms co-exist as accepted standards. Charles suggested that SULs might be consistent from this point forward in using the formatted 502, but not be concerned with retrospective clean-up. Priscilla asked if there should be a proposal or resolution presented to the next TSPC meeting. Charles noted that the Statewide MARC Bibliographic Task Force might be the entity to address this topic and incorporate it into their guidelines. **Action item:** Elaine will forward the question about consistent use of formatted 502 fields to TSPC on behalf of the Authorities Subcommittee to send to the Task Force.

Subject edits in Mango base record: Elaine asked about resolving issues with subject headings edits not displaying in the Mango base record. Mary Ann explained that edits which normalize to the existing heading (those with minor

punctuation, case, and subfield differences) will not update or add to the Mango base record. Only significant changes are appended to the union record in Mango. Elaine's project involves changing \$x to \$v, so this normalizes. However, if all SULs make the same change, it will be reflected in Mango. Susan and Priscilla noted that not all institutions are currently involved in authority work or have the staff to do the updates. **Action item:** Elaine will send out her list of form subdivisions that need subfield delimiter corrections, along with a summary of the process she uses for clean-up. The committee will discuss at the next meeting how to proceed with the authority work so these corrections display properly in the Mango union catalog.

Aleph Version 20 upgrade: Mary Ann showed the release notes for Aleph Version 20 and noted the enhanced authority control capabilities of the correct heading function. CSUL will make the decision whether the upgrade is a priority. **Action item:** Elaine will draft a resolution to TSPC in favor of the Aleph Version 20 upgrade and circulate it on the authorities listserv for discussion.

Scancode.dat demo: Elaine demonstrated the capabilities of the F3 function key lookup in the Aleph Cataloging module. While in the Records Tab, this function searches on a highlighted field and enables a browse list or full record view in another window that can be used to shelflist or compare records without switching to the Search Tab. Demo examples included: a search on a call number to shelflist and a search on 130 uniform title in the LCA10 authority file. Mary Ann explained that only certain fields are searchable, and these must be set up in a library's scancode.dat table. Elaine suggested some additions to the tables such as 776, 780, and 785 fields. **Action item:** Mary Ann will send out a spreadsheet of what is in each SUL's 01 and 10 scancode.dat table. Priscilla will request a follow-up discussion on the authorities listserv to see what fields might be added in a standard table for all SULs. **Action item:** Allison will send out this meeting recording as soon as available so members not in attendance can view the demo.

Merged local authority files: Mary Ann explained that Phase I of the single bib pilot project involved bibliographic record merging, placing holdings in a single holdings file, and relinking item records in a new numbering system. Phase II will involve merging local authority files. In preparation, FCLA needs some information from the SULs about their local authority files:

- What kinds of authority records do you have in your local file (Name, Series, Title, Subjects)?
- Why was the record placed in the local file (e.g. no record in LCA10 file)?
- If the local record duplicates an LCA10 record, how is it unique (e.g. local series practice variant)?

Action item: Priscilla will assist Mary Ann in formulating an e-mail with questions about the use of the local authority files to send to the authorities listserv for discussion and feedback.

LCA10 as the local authority file: Mary Ann explained that discussions about using LCA10 to record local authority practice became too complex, and so will be revisited in a year or two. FCLA is looking at merging local authority files for the single bib project.

Next meeting date: The date for the September TSPC meeting was unknown at this time. The next Authorities Subcommittee Meeting will be set when more information is available. **Action item:** Elaine will find out when TSPC meets in September and set the Authorities Subcommittee meeting date in advance of the TSPC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Summary of action items:

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6. Allison will send out the Authorities Subcommittee Elluminate meeting recording as soon as available so members not in attendance can view the F3 demo.
7. Elaine will find out when TSPC meets next and set the Authorities Subcommittee meeting date in advance of the TSPC meeting.