

Metadata Subcommittee

Minutes

December 12, 2007

Present on call:

Teresa Abaid (FAU)	Josh Greben (FCLA)	Peter Spyers-Duran (UCF)
Lu Ai (FCLA)	Brian Falato (USF)	Vicki Stanton (UNF)
Shelley Anderson (UNF)	Susan Heron (USF)	Jan Swart (UNF)
Maria Berenbaum (FAU)	Helen Laurence (FAU)	Astrid Terman (FCLA)
Jean Bostwick (UF-Law)	James Michael (USF)	Tom Tharrington (New College)
Lyn Case (UCF)	Kimberly Montgomery (UCF)	Barbara Tuck (UNF)
Gail Clement (FIU)	Mary Ann O'Daniel (FCLA)	Verna Urbanski (UNF)
Daniel Cromwell (FCLA)	Jean Phillips (FCLA)	Doug Walton (UNF)
Nancy Cunningham (USF)	Mohini Rohatgi (UNF)	Elaine Winske (FIU)
Emmett Denny (FAMU)	Lynn Shay (UWF)	Dongqing Xie (FSU)
Janice Donahue (FAU)	Betsy Simpson (UF)	Naomi Young (UF)
Catherine Gardiner (FGCU)	Linda Smith (UNF)	Ya' aqov Ziso (UNF)

The Metadata Subcommittee agreed to select Naomi Young as our choice for Vice-Chair 2008/Chair-elect 2009.

The rest of the conference call was devoted to a talk given by Josh Greben on how Endeca works. As seen by the list of attendees above, there were many guests who were interested in this topic. Thanks to Barbara Tuck, the call was recorded (see below).

Josh explained how FCLA-created programs extract data from Aleph and then merge it to create something that can be used by Endeca. He described the programs that are part of the Endeca package and what they do (Forge for data processing, Dgidx for indexing, and MDEX as a search engine). Then he discussed the WebApp written by FCLA programmers that uses the product of the Endeca programs to provide the public catalog interface that we see. In addition to using Endeca output, the WebApp has hooks into Aleph and other programs that allow the interface to display external data and provide services such as patron empowerment features.

During the presentation, listeners consulted the Endeca Overview sent out by Josh ahead of time. They also used their own computers to consult other documents available from the FCLA Endeca Project Blog and used their own live Endeca catalog interface to view examples.

Resources:

Audio of Josh's talk: <http://stream.unf.edu:8080/ramgen/n00009433/grebenonendeca.mp3>

Endeca Overview is attached and also available at: <http://wiki.fcla.edu:8000/FCLA-LMS>

Blog documents referenced during the talk are at: <https://sblogs.fcla.edu/index.php/endeca>

Further questions about Endeca may be addressed to Josh through the Metadata Subcommittee's listserv (SUSCAGER-L).