

**CAGER Subcommittee  
Quarterly Report  
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CAGER recently discussed issues of related interest brought forward at the CONSER/BIBCO Operations Committee meeting. The Operations Committee of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging unanimously passed a resolution condemning the unilateral nature of the Library of Congress series decisions, and the timing of its implementation. The PCC will not change its series treatment policy, but will investigate simplification of series practice and documentation.

A different ongoing issue that is closer to resolution is that of catalog records for digital serial reproductions. In the past, reproduction records, such as those created for PALMM projects, were subject to deletion as duplicates. In order to cooperate with the Digital Library Federation's Registry of Digital Masters, CONSER has agreed to develop a way to express reproduction information on the CONSER record. A task group will produce two examples; one in which the reproduction information is encoded on the print record, and one in which that information is encoded on the electronic journal record.

We also explored the idea of a metadata summit, as proposed by TSPC. CAGER agrees that there is potentially much to be gained in discussing general metadata issues with the DDAC. Lines of communication are not always clear and it can make it difficult for us to work together. We don't understand each other's workflows or systems of work or tools. Here on the cataloging side of things, many of us are interested in the evolving standards and systems, but we don't know where to start in learning more. As an example, I recently forwarded a message from Priscilla Caplan to the Digitization mailing list regarding the switch from Dublin Core/MXF metadata to MODS/METS metadata. One of the most active members of our group said, "I'm sure I would find this important if I knew what it meant."

Even in the more traditional MARC environment, we are re-viewing the structure and function of our records. There are new models and techniques being attempted, and information each community (CAGER and DDAC) can give the other, as well as satisfying professional curiosity. Possible topics include: union catalogs, digital collections, and digital collection management software that should be discussed in a cross-departmental, cross-institutional setting.

Dan North, TSPC chair, and Naomi Young, CAGER chair, will participate in the DDAC June 2 conference call to discuss the summit.

Respectfully submitted  
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