

TSPC Conference Call Minutes
May 17, 2007
1:30 – 3:00 pm EDT

1. Attendance

Emmett Denny (FAMU); Linda Sobey (FAMU Law); Janice Donahue, Maria Berenbaum, David Clark, Deb Hoban, Helen Laurence (FAU); Mary Ann O'Daniel, Daniel Cromwell, Donna Alsbury, Josh Greben (FCLA); Catherine Gardner (FGCU); Sue Wartzok, Elaine Winske (FIU); Ruth Ziegler, Dongqing Xie (FSU); Pat Bingham-Harper (FSU Law); Jeannette Ward, Lyn Case, Kimberly Montgomery (UCF); Betsy Simpson, Priscilla Williams (UF); Cecilia Botero, Chair (UF-HSC); Jean Bostwick (UF-Law); Vicki Stanton, Ya'aqov Ziso, Linda Smith, Barbara Tuck (UNF); Susan Heron (USF); Allison Howard (USF Health); Dan North, Lynn Shay, Bob Sun, Esmer Brown (UWF)

There was no one present from NCF.

2. Review status of 856 field cleanup at each library

UF reported they are starting. FIU mentioned the inconsistency of indicators across records and referred to the spreadsheet report they had sent out. After discussion, Mary Ann O'Daniel asked that further issues be reported on the list. The group considered whether to have the second indicators in all 856 fields containing table of contents links converted to 2s for Endeca, and will discuss this further on the list. Mary Ann suggested that the libraries continue regularly scheduled further cleanups.

3. Report from Authorities Subcommittee on the status of the index review

Mary Ann would like each library to review their existing indexes in Aleph 15.5 and request changes for 18. There was also discussion about reviewing authorities indexes as they don't appear in the pulldown menus. Mary Ann will email indexing info to the TSPC and Authorities lists. The subcommittee will review both the core indexes and the authorities indexes and linked headings issues and will recommend back to the TSPC as to what the larger group should look at. Mary Ann said that everything must be decided before the first library is reindexed after the upgrade to v. 18. Mary Ann will also report on authorities issues to the Directors at their May 31 meeting, for example, showing how for the same record links work correctly in 18 that didn't work in NOTIS or 15.5. UNF raised some concerns about the nature of the report and sharing it with the TSPC, which the group felt could be dealt with on the list.

4. Endeca issues

Josh Greben reported that the problem of Item information not displaying in Endeca (on order / in process statuses), thus also the inability for patrons to place hold requests, reported by Dan North (UWF), has been fixed. Libraries are asked to test and report any problems to Josh.

There was a lengthy discussion of issues related to record deduping (which is based on the presence of OCLC record numbers) and building a central merged record in Endeca, and especially how to ensure that each institution's own records and holdings information will display in its own local OPAC and that the union catalog record will not be cluttered with repeated and contradictory statements gathered from all the individual records. Solutions are constrained by the specific architectures of Aleph and Endeca, e.g., the clean displays in a union catalog like Melvyl in California aren't possible. Serial records are a major problem for merging on account of different ways of cataloging title changes as well as different formats of the same title, differences in notes and references, different versions of the same OCLC record from catalog to catalog, different holdings and locations, etc. It is technically possible to have the Endeca union list records link to Aleph v. 18 local catalogs, but this would complicate matters for users and contradicts the rationale for using Endeca.

A promising solution eventually appeared possible: to simplify the merged record by limiting the fields that would actually display in the union catalog by designating certain fields as institution-specific so that those fields would only display in the local catalogs. Mary Ann asked that a list of the institution-specific fields be developed. Cecilia Botero (UF-HSC) and Vicki Stanton (UNF) suggested that a task force be created to investigate this and other issues and report back to the TSPC. The starting members are Ruth Ziegler (FSU), Ya'aqov Ziso (UNF), Susan Heron (USF), and Elaine Winske (FIU).

Dan North suggested that TSPC representatives should be added to the PSPC OPAC subcommittee, the central operational group, in view of the very complex Endeca / Aleph environment, so that both sides could work together for the best results. It was agreed that the task force members above would be the best persons to work with the OPAC subcommittee.

5. Next meeting

As our next scheduled date, May 31, coincides with the next CSUL meeting, the group decided to discuss our next meeting date on the list.

Submitted by Dan North, UWF