

TSPC Conference Call Minutes
May 22, 2008
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Attendees

Barbara Tuck, Vicki Stanton, Jeff Bowen (UNF); Linda Sobey (FAMU-Law); Emmett Denny (FAMU); Lynn Shay, Dan North (UFW); Catherine Gardiner (FGCU); Ellen Bishop, Daniel Cromwell, Josh Greben, Michele Newberry, Mary Ann O’Daniel, Jean Phillips (FCLA); Susan Heron (USF); Helen Laurence, Janice Donahue, Maria Berenbaum, Deb Hoban (FAU), Betsy Simpson, Priscilla Williams (UF); Cecilia Botero (UF-Health); Jeannette Ward (UCF); Sue Wartzok (FIU); Pat Bingham-Harper (FSU-Law); Libby Fairley, Michael Luesebrink, Charles McElroy (FSU).

Minutes of the April 24, 2008 call were approved.

Announcements

Susan Heron (USF) announced that USF will begin using WorldCat Local sometime over the summer before the fall semester begins.

Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

OPAC Liaisons:

Betsy reported that the OPAC Liaisons meeting scheduled for May 22, 2008 was cancelled. She mentioned the FCLA announcement that Mango/Endeca would be refreshing more often and daily updates are being discussed. Josh followed with more details regarding the update schedule. Updates are being done five days a week; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with a 35 hour latency. (Josh posted more details to LIBOPAC-L@LISTS.UFL.EDU on May 29)

There was discussion on the OPAC Sub-committee regarding DVDs coded as laser discs. This has been noted at UF, UNF, and FIU (others?). Elaine has emailed TSPC. This coincides with coordinated data cleanup and merged records; all locations need to participate or cleanup won’t be complete. Josh explained that cleanup could be facilitated by configuring Mango/Endeca so that the most recently corrected 007 triggers a new base record. There was general group agreement to make this change.

Betsy mentioned the problem of initial article in the 246 and mis-tagged 440s and subfield t in 7xx and asked if we should we have a list of these ongoing issues on the TSPC swiki (this was discussed further in the Action Plan).

The coding and subsequent display of book or map icon for atlases was mentioned. Josh is working on a programmatic change where maps format records with 008/25 e (for atlases) get a book icon instead of a map icon.

There was general agreement that adding a 655 2nd indicator 0 "Online Databases" to database records is a good idea. Only USF and UF indicated they catalog databases regularly; FIU and FSU catalog them as requested.

Authorities Subcom:

Priscilla mentioned the Authorities Subcommittee report to SULIG at FLA regarding progress on authority file indexing being reviewed on the Development server, the development and enhancement of new and existing Aleph authority reports and the purchase of a new LC authority file. Mary Ann gave further updates on Phase I (enhancements) and Phase II (new) of the reports development process. The most interest seemed to be in the development of new reports, Phase II, which is now under way. Feedback from the Authorities Subcommittee has been good. Mary Ann set up a wish list for Authorities Reports on the TSPC swiki.

Metadata Subcom:

Emmett was unable to attend FLA and there were no verbal reports delivered there. A written report was submitted from January up to the date of FLA (May 6-8). On May 14 a conference call took place; life history metadata was discussed with the possibility of being restored. FCLA gave an update on DLU01 and Digitool. Emmett had Digitool training and FAMU is set up and ready to implement the digital process.

Action Plan Discussions

Single bib (objective 1.2): Several reported back from their directors regarding the single bib issue.

FAMU (Emmett) The director (Lauren Sapp) is emphatically for the shared bib record; costs savings, less confusing for users, a simplified record is more beneficial to all.

UF (Betsy) The dean (Judy Russell) is a strong proponent of the shared bib; would make the upgrade process go faster since there would only be one Aleph instance to maintain and this model is being used at other institutions.

UCF (Jeannette) The director is in favor of one bib. Barry Baker has a cataloging background and believes the benefits outweigh the drawbacks.

FIU (Sue) In favor (Laura Probst). Unmediated ILL; FCLA maintenance workload; would facilitate state-wide approval plan; would enhance search and discovery.

FGCU (Catherine) Kathy Miller is in favor of one bib. One instance of Aleph to be maintained by FCLA (no more three upgrades and/or migrations); reductions in Cataloging.

New College not present but Tom Tharrington e-mailed TS-PLAN that his dean (Joan Pelland) is not in favor of the single bib.

UWF (Dan) no report

UNF (Jeff) no report

FAU (Janice) Director not in favor (William Miller). The amount of work to accomplish this task was a concern, especially with the currently state budget concerns; the amount of staffing levels for each institution could be a big issue.

FSU (Charles) no report

General single bib record discussion: Vicki also mentioned the amount of work it will take to accomplish the single bib plan; several agreed with this concern. A general sense of urgency for the project was noted; Betsy commented that the action plan, which was approved by CSUL, stipulates that TSPC will examine the issues and report recommendations by the end of 2009. Janice added that her dean does not know where the sense of urgency is being generated and is going to put the issue on the agenda for the next Director's meeting. Michele and Susan mentioned starting the process forward, then going back to do clean up on existing records. A list of pros and cons for the state-wide project has already been circulated. Regarding the USF WorldCat Local, Jean wondered how the lack of local tags would affect the discussion. Betsy said there is some WorldCat Local interest by UF due to an ASERL initiative but not a great amount; Jeannette said there is no interest at UCF. A special task force was formed to investigate; members include Cecilia, Susan, Jean, and Amy.

Centralized Marcive e-doc loads (objective 1.3)

Mary Ann reported this process is based on all e-born records being loaded into one shared Aleph database then piped into Mango/Endeca; the records will only show in Mango/Endeca. These records would then become a part of every SUL catalog.

GenLoad upgrade – progress report (objective 1.4)

Mary Ann reported that the top three enhancements are being worked on and will send a report within the next week or two.

Reports (objective 3.1)

Jeannette has received very few requests for reports. Dan asked if we wanted to table this discussion for a while, as the topic has been given to TAG to investigate for the SUS. Jean reported that FCLA is investigating an open-source tool called BIRT (Business Intelligence and Reporting Tools), which possibly both FCLA and the individual SULs could use to generate reports beyond what Aleph can provide. If BIRT is successful, the libraries might then not have to purchase a report writer such as ARC 2.0. The TSPC agreed to hold until we have further information from FCLA.

Coordinated Data Clean-up (objective 3.2)

Betsy suggested we start to add projects to the Swiki; Sue added separating into "one-time" and "ongoing". FCLA mentioned the possibility of making changes through the use of macros.

Indexing Improvement (objective 3.4)

Mary Ann has sent information to the TSPC list regarding current local and resource authority file direct indexes. The indexes are available for review on the Dev18 server. See the TSPC swiki, <http://swiki.fcla.edu:8000/TSPC/86>, for the Dev18 clients. The comment deadline is June 11.

Other Objectives:

Remote storage came up but it was generally decided this is still of more interest to the Collection Management area; a TSPC discussion can wait until a later date.

New Business:

Donor names: After some discussion it was agreed that 796/797, with a second indicator 3, would be the clearly defined field to be used for donor information. This will allow for a dedicated donor facet without anything else being pulled in. OPAC liaisons will present this plan to the OPAC Subcommittee.

The next call is scheduled for June 19 at 2:00 pm Eastern; it was moved up a week due to the ALA schedule (June 26-July 2). Pat Bingham-Harper of FSU Law will host the call and take minutes.