

TSPC Conference Call Minutes  
June 19, 2008

Attendees:

Dan North, Chair, (UWF); Emmett Denny (FAMU); Janice Donahue, Helen Laurence, Deb Hoban, Maria Berenbaum (FAU); Mary Ann O'Daniel, Ellen Bishop, Jean Phillips, Daniel Cromwell, Michelle Newberry (FCLA); Catherine Gardiner (FGCU); Sue Wartzok (FIU); Amy Weiss, Ruth Ziegler, Elizabeth Fairley (FSU); Pat Bingham-Harper (FSU-LAW); Tom Tharrington (NCF); Jeanne Piascik (UCF); Betsy Simpson, Priscilla Williams (UF-Smathers); Cecilia Botero (UF-HSC); Jeff Bowen, Barbara Tuck, Vicki Stanton (UNF); Susan Heron (USF); Allison Howard (USF-Shimberg HSC); Bob Sun, Shari Johnson (UWF).

Meeting was called to order by Dan North at 2:03 p.m.

Minutes of the May 22, 2008 conference call were approved.  
The agenda was approved.

Tom Tharrington (NCF) will host and take minutes at our next call, July 17, 2008 at 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Announcements:

Jean (FCLA) -- All FCLA services are presently down; the problem has been fixed, and ALEPH will be coming back up presently.

Sue (FIU) -- David Lawson, a new serials cataloger, has been hired by FIU.

Jean (FCLA) – FCLA representatives to the recent CSUL meeting returned to Gainesville energized, and ready to research several topics this summer before the next CSUL meeting in September. They will be looking at ALEPH version 19, and issues involving the proposed move to the shared bibliographic record model, and unmediated borrowing.

Report on the June 12-13 CSUL meeting and discussion of the single bib record issue:

Appreciation was expressed to Dan for forwarding Helen Wigerma's detailed recap of the meeting (e-mail sent 6/18).

Amy (FSU) – There was much enthusiasm at CSUL for the single bib catalog model. They would like to see a feasibility report from the TSPC quickly. They see the following as very positive: the shared storage initiative, unmediated borrowing, Marcive loading of e-documents, efficient & cost-effective (possibly outsourced) authority work. There was, however, no discussion of how to accomplish this. The TSPC report must impart to the directors (in a clear & concise manner) that the move to the single bib catalog can't be done quickly, and they must be made to appreciate the difficulties and expense involved.

Discussion of the report: The Task Force needs to report on how the single bib catalog would actually work. It needs to be balanced, giving both pros and cons. It needs to reflect what resources it will take to get the job done: what technical issues need to be solved. How difficult. Costs. Questions of logistics and staffing – an analysis of what needs to be done at each library. Time frame. (Mary Ann (FCLA) -- estimates 18 months after the charge to

proceed and focus resources on the project.) It was stressed that the quality of the report must not be compromised because of the September deadline.

How do we move forward? Cecelia (UF-HSC) – First step is for TSPC members to review the proposed format of the report (sent by e-mail 5/16) and approve or suggest changes. The Task Force will continue to meet once a week and will start sending drafts to the TSPC. All TSPC members are asked to commit to giving input.

It was also asked that TSPC members that may be attending Eluna or ALA this summer question colleagues who may have experience with the shared bib concept. Their policies and procedures may be helpful even if they are using a system other than ALEPH. It would also be helpful to look at some working examples, e.g. Maryland, CCLA. Amy (FSU) – suggested a look at the merged catalog of the University of California.

Meeting: After the report has been written, the TSPC proposes a face-to-face meeting with all parties involved, including representation from the PSPC, Circulation, Acquisitions, Documents. The logistics of the implementation of the shared bib catalog will involve negotiation with all departments, not solely cataloging.

Questions:

What is the difference between a single bib and a merged bib catalog? Single -- the first bib record downloaded will be used by all; Merged – each library retains individual bib records in its local view (what we have now).

What happens to local practice? There will no longer be local forms of names or local subject headings. Some local information may be stored on holdings records. FCLA needs to go over each field to see what would be over-written and what could be saved.

How will authority work be affected? There are advantages to the single bib catalog—global headings changes avoiding duplication of work at individual libraries, the possibility of outsourcing work.

Will we need to send out the entire database for the initial authorities update? Mary Ann (FCLA) – No, this can now be accomplished by parallel indexing.

Will the individual libraries' hierarchies of Sub-locations and Collections be preserved? Yes, the hierarchies will be separate. The bib record is the only part to be shared.

What about serials? They are very complicated with lots of issues, including the inclusion of multi-formats on one catalog record, and the different treatment serials have received in different libraries. The TSPC is referred to the analysis of the special concerns of serials by Naomi Young (sent by e-mail 6/18).

Problems with OCLC number matching to merge records? What about the possible past practice of the adaptation of an OCLC record to fit an item not a perfect match? Is there a way to preview the results of the merge before it happens? Could there be thousands of bad matches?

Jean (FCLA) – A merge has already happened with Mango. Now that we've done it we need to find ways to improve it. Mary Ann (FCLA) – it may be possible to work with different merge algorithms; we could look into having a reclamation project done by OCLC; we can continue with projects to clean up holdings before the next merge.

A final thought – Dan (UWF) – It might be useful to see models of screens throughout the processes of ordering, cataloging, unmediated borrowing, etc. with the single bib catalog. A possible Webinar for the future?

Indexing review:

Mary Ann (FCLA) – A schedule for the reindexing project with tentative deadlines has been sent to the list, beginning with FCLA's submitting of the proposal for new bib word indexes to the TSPC and the Authorities Subcommittee on 6/25/08, to the reindexing of the first library beginning on 9/15/08. The project of reindexing all 11 libraries is scheduled to be completed by 12/31/08. DEV 18 UPD Y testing will also begin 9/15/08.

FCLA asks for the TSPC's questions and input. Changes for the ISSN and ISBN indexes may be seen on the SWIKI. FCLA asks that the TSPC sign off on its proposals to ensure that everyone's on the same page.

Dan (UWF) – the TSPC will finalize its decisions on the proposed indexes during the next conference call.

Updates on other TSPC Action Plan items:

There has been improved access to new and revised content information in the ILS available to users in Mango, but our goal is still daily updating of information.

We are waiting for information from the OPAC Committee and the PSPC on the feasibility of Marcive dataloads for e-government document records. There is a possibility of loading these records directly into Mango.

Updates to GenLoad are still being tested. Further updates may be deferred until the reindexing project has been completed.

Progress has been made in the efforts to improve reporting functionalities on ALEPH data. A report on BIRT will be released soon. Will BIRT be integrated with ALEPH services? CCLA has many ALEPH reports available. We are hoping to borrow code from them, but the first step is to analyze what these reports actually can tell us. This isn't always readily apparent from the report title.

The Metadata Subcommittee is working with DISC on metadata structure.

Subcommittee and liaison reports:

Authorities: The committee is taking three weeks to test direct indexes; it continues to work with FCLA in converting the information generated by NOTIS reports to ALEPH reports.

Metadata: At their last meeting the committee talked about the progress of the migration of visual collections; there is a collective effort with DISC on metadata structure; there has been discussion of the PALMM site move from the WebLuis interface.

OPAC liaison: the committee has reviewed a spread sheet of FCLA projects and priority ranked them, no.1 being a call number browse index, and no. 2 being location mapping; There has been a decision to remove query-level article filtering and rely only on indicators; a clean-up project list has been created.

New business:

Dan (UWF) -- A full report on the January OPAC summit was never completed. It will not be, because of the many developments since that time.

Dan (UWF) – Would it be useful for the TSPC to request that CSUL issue a detailed recap of their meetings? Dan will send an e-mail to Bill Miller about this, and asks that all TSPC members speak to our Deans.

Next Conference call: July 17, 2008 at 2:00 pm. Tom Tharrington (NCF) will host and take minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m. by Dan North

Minutes submitted by:

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