

TSPC Authorities Subcommittee Elluminate Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2011
10:36 a.m. – 11:36 a.m.

In Attendance:

FCLA: Daniel Cromwell, Mary Ann O'Daniel (FCLA liaison), Jean Phillips
FIU: Elaine Winske, (Minute taker)
FSU: Ruth Ziegler
UCF: Jeanne Piascik
UF: Priscilla Williams (Co-chair)
UNF: Susan Massey
USF: Charles Gordon (Co-chair), Allison Howard (Moderator)
UWF: Colleen Valente

Minutes for the March 1, 2011 meeting were approved.

Announcements:

Next TSPC meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2011,
Next Authorities Subcommittee meeting: Monday, May 2, 10:30-12:00 p.m.

Minute taker for next meeting: to be determined

Subcommittee update: Florida NACO Funnel: Priscilla reported the new librarian, Barbara Hildebrand, at Southern College in Lakeland is interested in continuing to participate in the Florida NACO Funnel. Barbara has had NACO training and will be meeting with Priscilla later today.

FCLA update:

- UBBorrow soft launch: Going well, but FCLA and the libraries are still quite busy with refining parameters for identifying items and availability, refining workflows, working out printing issues, etc.
- Single Bib: Pilot project participants are beginning to look at acquisitions issues.
- Authorities: In preparation for merging local authority files for the Single Bib pilot project, Mary Ann has created a tag chart for authority data that can be used to document the migration of fields and the merging of data in a shared local authority file. To facilitate field tag clean up, Donna Alsbury has created two ARROW reports for authority data field tags--one retrieves a list of all tags used with counts of their use while the other provides a list of the local authority file system number for records containing a specific field tag. Catching up with name authority updates is taking a little longer than anticipated due to ongoing UBBorrow activities, but is expected to be current by the end of April.

Legislative update:

- Jean reported on the release of MANGO as a discovery tool. It serves as a vendor neutral interface that allows a choice of a mega-index used on the back end. The mega-index permits searching of all library materials—such as

journal articles, book chapters, and digital collections. She mentioned display issues such as relevance, the blending of new data into existing facets, and additional facets. She also brought up Susan's prior question about the impact of all this additional data on authority control saying it was a good question—what role does authority control have in this new environment?

- Jean gave an update on legislative issues concerning discovery tools and the future of FCLA. Susan commented that all this uncertainty made planning difficult. Jean said in the mean time FCLA would continue to keep doing what they do to the best of their ability.

There was some general discussion about authority control ending with Elaine mentioning an LC pilot project reported at ALA Midwinter that outlined a preliminary step in the process of converting/transforming LCSH to a Web based ontology that would preserve the power of its syndetic structure of references. Susan suggested we establish a place where we could share information—citations or links to interesting reading. It was agreed that this was a good idea. Via the chat box Elaine mentioned an article by Corey Harper and Barbara Tillett, "Library of Congress controlled vocabularies and their application to the Semantic Web", which she will also send to the listserve.

New Business: The updating of the Subcommittee roster provided a good opportunity to review our current meeting time—the first Tuesday of the month from 10:30-12:00—for scheduling conflicts. Mary Ann will create a doodle poll for these times: first Monday, 10:30-12:00; first Thursday, 2:00-3:30 p.m.; and the current time first Tuesday, 10:30-12:00. Our next meeting was scheduled for the first Monday, May 2, 10:30-12:00

Old Business: Charles coordinated emails requesting Subcommittee members info and voting status. He distributed a preliminary list prior to our meeting. Charles will add the missing FAU information and will include the names of the three institutions without Subcommittee representation. It was agreed the roster would be forwarded to TSPC with our next report. The Subcommittee felt it would be desirable to have representation from each institution but recognized the non-participants subscribed to the list serve, were from smaller schools, and two of the three were on TSPC.

Old topics:

The scancode.dat table that drives the Search field headings function remains tabled.

The topic of local author files was covered by Mary Ann in the FCLA update.