

TSPC Authorities Subcommittee Elluminate Meeting
July 5, 2012
2:00-3:30 p.m.

Approved Minutes

In attendance:

FAU: Malka Schyndel
FIU: Sue Wartzok, Zhonghua Du
FLVC: Mary Ann O'Daniel, Dave Whisenant
FSU: Sarah Cohen
NCF: Sarah Norris
UF: Priscilla Williams (moderator)
USF: Charles Gordon (moderator)

Minutes

The minutes of June 7, 2012 were approved as written.

Next Subcommittee meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2012; 2-3:30 p.m.

Minutes-taker for next meeting: Susan Massey (UNF)

Subcommittee updates:

FLVC:

- Mary Ann O'Daniel

Mary Ann welcomed Dave Whisenant.

Regarding the status of the authority linking project in LCA10, there are approximately 7.6 million headings that are still marked as new in the index. This is taking a bit longer to complete due to a problem with the word indexing (incomplete retrieval for some terms), but it should probably be done by next week.

Also next week, Lynda Preston will begin loading the weekly updates, which will give new versions of the records to look at.

The ARROW authority reports for single bib are not available yet; not sure when they'll be made available.

Lynda will be capturing the before and after views of the records which can be posted to a data warehouse, when that will be available to update.

Mary Ann mentioned that she is planning an Elluminate session about working with authorities in the SharedBib environment. The session is tentatively set for next week on Thursday.

Priscilla asked when the weekly update reports will start. Mary Ann said FLVC will restart them when the ARROW reports will be made available again.

Sue Wartzok asked whether it'd be a good idea for the three libraries (UF, FS, FIU) that have volunteered to assist with sharing authority control maintenance to hold a conference call in the near future. Mary Ann agreed. Sue will provide Mary Ann with the names and emails of all participants and Mary Ann will send out a Doodle Poll.

Sue also asked about FLVC staff email addresses. Mary Ann and Dave Whisenant said the addresses are the same but will change in the future.

New topic:

- Authority-checked headings

Sue led the discussion which brought up several issues and concerns. Sue thought that it would be helpful if there were some way of knowing where authority work needs to be done, perhaps by adding notes/macros to bib records. She explained that this would help to avoid duplication of effort. Sue also pointed out that student workers, at FIU, export "unevaluated" records into ALEPH. Priscilla's concern was with vendor records that are batch loaded into the shared database. Mary Ann said that we are presently able to determine which headings are linked to LCA10 (by reading the index and, within the bib record, by pressing F3 on the headings) and FLVC might be able to come up with some ideas for automating the process so that libraries will not have to add notes to "unevaluated" records. Charles mentioned that his department does not have the manpower to add notes/macros to records. Mary Ann recommended that the Authorities Subcommittee wait-and-see how the new SharedBib environment plays out over the next few months and Priscilla suggested we continue this discussion via our email discussion list.

Old topic:

- White paper on authority control [White Paper on Authority Control in a Shared Bib Environment]

Charles and Priscilla confirmed that the TSPC voted to extend the Authorities Subcommittee's white paper submission date to October 31. Priscilla thanked Malka for volunteering to work with her on identifying potential vendors for authority control.

- RDA in NACO training

Priscilla reported that she attended the NACO RDA preconference during the ALA 2012 annual conference. She has compared the preconference materials with the materials used in their online training course that some of us in the SUL will be doing in the coming months, and found that the same instructional materials is being covered.

Sue asked whether Mirtha Hernandez needs to participate in the Funnel training since she contributes authority records for series. Priscilla responded that series work is not part of the training yet. Priscilla also mentioned that the NACO Funnel training is separate from the RDA online training and she will keep SUL Funnel members informed about the upcoming training (taking place towards the end of the year).

Priscilla thought that it'd be a good idea if SUL institutional members planning on taking the NACO RDA online training participate around the same time because we could ask each other questions and talk about the material.

Priscilla reminded everyone that after completing the NACO training, a period of review (by a NACO reviewer) will follow before the trainee contributes authority records to LC. Priscilla also mentioned that she is always available to help.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malka Schyndel