

TSPC Authorities Subcommittee Meeting
Elluminate Session
August 15, 2012
2:00-3:30 p.m.

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In attendance:

Charles Gordon (USF—Moderator)
Priscilla Williams (UF—Moderator)
Jeanne Piascik (UCF)
Malka Schyndal (FAU)
Mary Ann O'Daniel (FLVC)
Sarah Norris (NCF)
Susan Massey (UNF—Minutes)
Zhonghua Du (FIU)

Subcommittee business:

Next TSPC Meeting: Thursday, September 13, 2-4 pm

Minutes for July 5, 2012 were approved.

Next Subcommittee meeting: Thursday, September 6, 2012; 2-3:30 p.m.

Next minutes taker: Colleen Valente (UWF)

FLVC Report (Mary Ann O'Daniel)

FLVC is working on reorganization so response time to address RTs may be slow and participation in subcommittee meetings may be limited. Information about the reorganization of FLVC is available on their website. They are beginning to work on centralized loads. The Shared Bib wiki is also being reorganized so it is now about production and not project planning. There is a link to an ARROW Report Upgrade Status spreadsheet showing which conversions are done and those that are not. There are still other reports ahead of the authorities Arrow reports in priority.

New Business:

RDA Updates (Mary Ann)

Should the phase one authority records programmatically changed in LCNAF whose only change is the addition of the 667 note to say the heading is not RDA-compliant be loaded in LCA10? Mary Ann would rather not add these because processes are running slower in the merged database and indexing would slow down.

Changes for Phase 1 & 2 of the PCC plan to update LCAF headings are described at: [http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/pdf/lcnaf_rdapphase.pdf pages 2 & 7](http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/pdf/lcnaf_rdapphase.pdf_pages_2_7). NACO catalogers are asked to evaluate records with 667 notes and perform certain actions in them.

The group agreed that headings for RDA records should be checked in the OCLC Connexion LCAF and the 667 records do not need to be loaded in LCA10. There are gaps anyway in LCA10 loads so SULs should not depend upon them for fully up to date records.

FLVC's plans to deal with RDA heading changes next spring during Phase 2: Mary Ann will look at turning on Aleph Update "Yes" which will automatically change old forms of headings in bib records to the new forms in the newly loaded LCA10 records. The Update function was abandoned by the SULs earlier due to incorrect heading flips but became more robust in Aleph Version 18. She will do some testing in preparation for Phase 2. She will also look at report functions so we could look at flipped headings in case there were errors.

Dave Whisenant stated that turning on Aleph Update "Yes" can slow down indexing for large loads. Mary Ann said that the system is still working on updating the indexing on a million records and it is just taking some time.

Controlling Headings Guidelines (Susan Massey)

As chair of the Metadata Subcommittee, Susan wanted to know if the Authorities Subcommittee needed to edit the current guidelines regarding the section on controlling headings, since we now have a similar functionality from within SB Aleph (we can link out to the LCA10 record). Based on earlier discussions about gaps in the LCA10 records, the guidelines were edited as follows:

3.3.1 Controlling headings

The State University Libraries encourage authority control of 1xx, 6xx, 7xx and 8xx headings at the point of cataloging. For libraries using OCLC Connexion software, this entails using the "control headings" function to automatically correct any LC controllable headings before exporting the record to Aleph. **Whenever possible, when adding holdings to an existing Aleph bibliographic record, SULs should compare headings in the record to the OCLC master record and correct any errors in headings.** Authority control at the point of cataloging may not be possible for batch loaded records, records downloaded by acquisitions staff that are already in Aleph when reviewed by catalogers, and headings without LC authority records that cannot be controlled in Connexion Client. In these cases, authority cleanup will need to be completed later using reports from Aleph.

Old Business:

Status of white paper on authority control: Zhonghua created a google doc to work in at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pM7GDsW2_SJnAZv_BHn3dvhR2o7Vc-6ETHbQviiBX0/edit

The subcommittee had previously assigned the bullet points of the white paper charge as follows:

Susan Massey will work on bullet points #1 (value of authority work) and #4 (future environment). Jeanne Piascik will work on #2 (existing procedures). Priscilla Williams will work on #5 (options for authority control in a shared environment). Bullet points #3 (issues for authority work in the Shared Bib environment), #6 (pros and cons of authority work in the Shared Bib environment), and #7 (recommendations for discussions with CCLA and FCS) will wait until after the Shared Bib transition.”

Malka agreed to work with Priscilla on section 5. The group decided that #7 cannot be addressed because it is an ongoing issue now that FLVC is reorganized and there is no shared LMS environment now. Sections 3 and 6 were addressed in the initial document submitted to TSPC about procedures.

Subcommittee members should have rough drafts of their sections completed by the September meeting for discussion and refinement by the deadline for submission of October 31, 2012.

Authority maintenance volunteers in shared bib

Priscilla stated that FSU can no longer volunteer to do authority maintenance in Shared Bib. That leaves UF and FIU to do all the work. Mary Ann stated that Sarah Cohen at the Music Library at FSU may still be able to participate for music headings. Susan suggested that an impact on SULs be determined from UF’s normal workflow multiplied for the larger database and Priscilla said she would include that information in the white paper.

FLVC’s implementation of editing series authority records in LCA10

Mary Ann stated that she would like to limit the number of people editing LCA10. SULs should come up with a list of people who would have the ability to do that and FLVC could look at permissions issues possibly in September.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.