

CAGER Conference Call – Meeting Notes – Sept. 6, 2005

Present: Naomi Young, UF (acting chair); Jim Michael, USF; Sue Wartzok, FIU; Mary Ann O'Daniel, FCLA; Angela Randtke, UNF; Helen Laurence, FAU; Kim Montgomery, UCF
Absent: Carolyn Goolsby (FSU) had messaged earlier that she would be unable to attend due to a family medical matter.

The members reviewed the notes from the August meeting and approved them for posting to the Web site with one correction. In the 4th paragraph, last line “WSK (Staff keyword)” should be “WSN (Staff notes)”

There followed a brief sharing of information on how to search URL's in Connexion.

The subject of the nature of the relationship between the ECC and CAGER was discussed. Jim Michael was designated as a liaison, and as such was to be added to the groups discussion list. At the advice of the ECC chair, he was not added, fearing an extreme amount of email unrelated to the common interests of CAGER and ECC. Instead the chair agreed to inform Jim of any new resources that were “hawked” with the availability of vendor-supplied bibliographic records. The quality of these records was discussed and the idea was suggested that perhaps there was a need for some sort of a standards document for vendor-supplied tape-loadable bibliographic records that would address matters of completeness, format, name and subject authority control, and complications with tape-loading. The members considered the possibility that some standards document already existed that had been created at a national level, and decided to investigate that first.

Discussion then turned to the continuing development of the Guidelines documents for Electronic journals and Online databases. The members do not wish to get too detailed in these guidelines, since there are already guidelines that have been developed on a national level that do much the same thing (e.g., CONSER Module 31). There was discussion of the decision flow detailed in Cataloging Service Bulletin no. 108, for determining the type of cataloging to be applied to resources by the Library of Congress. This contains additional guidance that SUL's can follow without the committee having to re-state the principles.

The topic of the Committee's “charge” was raised. The point was made that the Committee has never had a “formal” charge but has operated over the years on the ideas presented in a memorandum. This memorandum is posted on the Committee's website as its charge. The idea was raised that perhaps the TSPC would wish to re-state and clarify the Committee's charge in a written form that could be used for guidance in the future. If the TSPC turns it back to the Committee to write up a “draft” charge for their approval, then that will be the agenda for the October Conference Call.

There was also a brief discussion of the development of rules for aggregator neutral records for integrating resources (online databases) .

Naomi will be conducting a NEFLIN workshop on FRBR on Nov. 15 in Gainesville.

The next conference call will be deferred until Oct. 11th at 2:00 pm.

The November conference call will be held on the 15th at 2:00 pm, and there will be no conference call in December.