

Minutes of the CAGER Conference Call
11 October 2005

Present: Naomi Young, UF (Chair); Helen Laurence, FAU; Jim Michael, USF; Kim Montgomery, UCF; Mary Ann O'Daniel, FCLA; Angela Randtke, UNF; Sue Wartzok, FIU

The notes of the previous meeting were corrected, and approved as corrected. Corrected minutes will be submitted to FCLA for posting.

Mary Ann began with a discussion of how records cataloged in the QF partition of NOTIS may be migrated into Aleph. FCLA had originally hoped that "Aleph magic" and new developments would facilitate a shared library with merged records similar to the QF partition. Alternatively, access through Metalib seemed to be a possibility. Public services staff found a single point of access to local catalog records and QF collection records to be preferable. (Jim Michael agreed that the Metalib access to New College library holdings has been less than ideal at USF.)

No complete loading of QF records in the Phase One and Phase Two Libraries has yet been completed, although some experimentation is being done at UF by Erich Kesse and other staff with a subset of QF records. During this interim period before total SUL migration to Aleph is completed, each institution should decide whether to include QF records in its individual catalogs. Once FCLA and UF have worked out the GenLoad parameters, including match points for overlay, FCLA hopes to make weekly updates available for each library to load as desired. These records load with a collection of PALMM; sublibrary can be determined by each institution.

It may also be possible to use the citation server at FCLA to store and update QF records. From FCLA's viewpoint there are some technical advantages to loading QF onto FCLA's citation server. In order to do that, another client would need to be developed for editing in the citation server (think of a Catalyst-type application.) After complete migration, it is possible that the citation server would still be the best way to edit locally-created digital resource records. It may be possible to create QF as a separate database with a unique OWN code within Aleph, but even then, the citation server and its associated client may be preferable for importing and editing records. CAGER reps should discuss the citation server option with their institutions to get a sense of whether having to edit records in a separate interface is acceptable.

The remainder of the meeting dealt with reviewing our original charge and discussing options for a new charge. We decided that a broad and flexible charge, with a separate document giving short- and medium-term goals, would give CAGER the maximum flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances without sacrificing a clear focus. Sue suggested the Authorities Subcommittee charge language as a model. Naomi will distribute a draft charge to the CAGER list in time for discussion and revision so that the charge can be submitted to the TSPC in time for the Joint Meeting.

Our next conference call will be Nov. 15, at 2 pm.