

Catalogers Group  
November 21, 2002  
2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Administrative Conference Room  
Minutes

Present: Caroline Miller, Louise Ratliff, Jeff Morehead, Renée McBride, Joan LoPear, Gia Aivazian, Janice Matthiesen, Laura Horwitz, Kathy Brill, John Riemer, Paul Priebe, Luiz Mendes, Sharon Benamou, Rita Stumps (recorder)

I. Impressions of the 3 UL candidates

Discussion centered around the following general questions:

- What comments do you have?
- What appeals to you about your top-choice person?
- What changes do you hope to see in or coming from the UL office, regardless of which candidate gets chosen?

People were encouraged to send individual responses to Rene Dennis by Nov 22, per instructions in an email from the search committee.

II. The idea of reviewing/discussing contents of recently published *Cataloging Service Bulletins*

John's comments:

It is hard to get around to reading the CSBs that we receive.

If we all took the time read them cover to cover, we might get different things out of it.

For some segments, like the LCRI, it is hard to figure out what the change is or what the significance is, if any.

Yet, as contributors to PCC, knowledge of the latest changes is assumed, and it needs to be reflected in our original cataloging records.

It might help if one person took the lead, studied the CSB issue in some detail, and summarized it to the rest of the group.

Ways to keep it from just being a one-person recitation:

- Person responsible for the presentation is on the look-out for items warranting discussion along lines of "which option should we follow here?"
- People with connections to BIBCO/CONSER could help by sharing any knowledge they have about why the changes were made, what LC was trying to achieve.
- If the rest of us read at least some of the CSB before the meeting, then there would be opportunities to *discuss* what we think of it, implications we see, etc.

Group discussion comments:

Joan L.: Discussing the CSBs is problematic, because we don't receive them consistently.

Rita: We have received issue 98, but are still waiting for issue 96, which is still on back order.

Gia: In the past, catalogers used to meet to discuss the CSBs.

Jeff: Is there anywhere we can go and read why certain decisions were made, specifically regarding changes in/issuing of new subject headings?

Caroline: Certain cataloging communities are asked for feedback by LC for headings in their areas of specialty before subject headings are issued/changed (for ex., Association of Jewish Libraries for Holocaust headings). Also, at one of the 3 Subject Analysis Committee meetings of ALA conferences an LC rep (Lynn El-Hoshy) will recap recent major changes in subject policy. Annual reports of the LC Cataloging Directorate can be found on its home page (<http://www.loc.gov/catdir>); news of other subject-related changes appears on the CPSO page (<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/>)

Louise: Suggested looking at OLAC (<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/cts/olac>) for news of other types of changes included in the CSBs.

In general, the group decided that discussing the CSBs was a good idea, so John will lead the first discussion at the next meeting, of issue 97.

### III. Announcements

--Next meeting, and final meeting for the year 2002, will be Dec. 5.

--Departmental holiday party will be 12-2 on Dec. 19; John will send out an email announcement to the Department.