

Catalogers Group
Minutes
June 12, 2003

Present: Sharon Benamou, Valerie Bross, Beth Feinberg, Joan LoPear, Janice Matthiesen, Luiz Mendes, Caroline Miller, Jeff Morehead, Nancy Norris, Paul Priebe, Louise Ratliff (recorder), John Riemer

Reports were given on the PCC meetings held on May 1-2, 2003 in Washington, D.C.

1. Report on CONSER Operations Committee meeting (Valerie Bross)

The 2003 PCC/CONSER meeting focused on 4 issues.

- ? Aggregator Neutral Record: details of description; whether & how to create uniform titles for it; what should be chosen for the source of description.
- ? Recommendations of the Task Group on Journals in Aggregator Databases, which is now in the process of testing their strategy using Lexis-Nexis records.
- ? CONSER membership, how to expand coverage, and whether to modify the requirements for participation.
- ? Updates from people & groups: Regina Reynolds on ISSN, Lucy Barron on LC activities, Steve Shadle on Publication Patterns; and (at the combined PCC meeting) Robert Bremer & Ed Glazier regarding OCLC/RLIN, Michael Charbonneau on Linking Fields, and Renette Davis on PURLs.

The complete minutes from this meeting have been posted to:
<http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/conop2003.html>

By far, the greatest segment of time was devoted to the Aggregator Neutral record. Up to now, CONSER policy has been to enter a separate record in OCLC for each copy of an e-journal. But the proliferation of records representing the same e-journal has become problematical for many reasons, including searching, ejournal description, and record maintenance. The Aggregator Neutral record is a strategy for reducing the number of OCLC records for the same ejournal by describing content and omitting supplier-related details.

The Aggregator Neutral record will be implemented July 1, 2003. Guidelines for use are posted to:
<http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/agg-neutral-recs.html>

2. Report on BIBCO Operations Committee meeting (Caroline Miller)

May 1

The day started out with some excitement. At 8:30 when we were supposed to start entering the building for coffee and schmoozing there was an emergency drill. The entire staff of the Madison Building was standing in front along with their emergency kits including hoods and huge flashlights. After waiting for the elevators to get turned on again, we were able to get into the building to start our meeting at the set 9:00 time.

Ana Cristán announced that LC will finally be posting the BIBCO Coordinator position within the next couple of weeks, before ALA. Ana has been in the Interim Team Leader and BIBCO Coordinator position since the beginning of BIBCO, about 7 years ago. The original plan was to post the position to the public, like they are planning to do for the CONSER position when Jean Hirons retires later in June. However, due to budgetary constraints the decision was made to post the position internally at LC. They will be posting separate positions for the BIBCO Coordinator and for the Head of the COOP Team.

Judy Kuhagen kicked off the official part of the meeting with a report from the April 23-25, 2003 meeting of the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR (see handout). She actually used the word "AACR3" and gave us the projected release date of 2006. FRBR terminology will be used. Ch. 23-26 will be put into a "Part 3" on authority control.

The 2004 revisions will include a reorganization of rule 21.2 (the major/minor change rule) into a new order.

A major topic of discussion at JSC was multipart monographs. This has been a topic not adequately dealt with in the rules up until now. There will be a new LCRI for a definition of what is "first" i.e., the lowest number, not the earliest date of publication. There was a proposal at JSC to add a portion to part one acknowledging the seriality of multipart. That proposal will get moved to next year because the UK has a different definition of multipart.

LC got assigned the task to work on a new "Part 3" of AACR2, on authority control. This material will mainly come from existing NACO materials. It makes sense to separate description from access fields.

The 2004 rule revisions won't be implemented until September 2004.

LC won't implement BibLvl: 1 (integrating resource records) until OCLC does. Cynthia Whitacre of OCLC said that since they were now pouring all their energy into migrating to the Oracle system, they have BibLvl: 1 on the back burner. That won't happen for at least another 2 years. RLIN already has it in place. PoCo will be deciding on the distribution of IR records along the lines of CONSER distribution – which implies a commitment to maintenance.

Alice Jacobs and Diane Boehr discussed the progress on the IR Manual. This will be released as part of the BIBCO Participants Manual and possibly part of the BIBCO Training Manual. Judy K. said that she will change the RI in 1.0 so that if you can't tell whether the resource is a monograph or an IR, the default will now be an IR. There was a discussion on FF coding of frequency and regularity. It was decided that frequency will always be coded but that it would be optional to code for regularity. Another topic of discussion at the BIBCO meeting was order of notes. With regard to the order of notes, it was decided that AACR2 order was preferred but that tag order was optional since CONSER catalogers use tag order and would be involved in record maintenance. Since then a draft LCRI was written and is posted for comment on the CPSO web site.

David Banush (chair of the Standing Committee on Training) discussed the committee's work on the draft table "Identification and Authentication of BIBCO Records." Of most interest regarding

that topic it was revealed that if you see a DLC record with ELvl 8 and 5 and 042 PCC then LC plans to catalog it as core. Program office records (lcode) are only upgraded to full, not to core. David unveiled a rough outline for a new BIBCO Training Manual which was last revised in 1999. The idea was for a modular format with general training and specific training in the various formats based on the needs of the institution.

There was discussion of doing a workshop at ALA Midwinter in San Diego about the AACR2 2002 revisions. LC is planning to have a train-the-series-trainer session at LC, hopefully in October. Meanwhile, Ana will work on a FAQ on series to be posted to the BIBCO site. This FAQ will cover the changes in the AACR2 2002 revisions.

Barbara Tillett gave a presentation entitled: "FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records)—Getting Ready." There were PPT slides (handout distributed in meeting). There is a new IFLA study group called FRANAR to work on "Group 2 Entities" – name authorities for personal and corporate names. There were many questions on how FRBR can be applied to cataloging rules. Barbara Tillett reiterated that FRBR is a conceptual model, not a cataloging code. She also mentioned that AACR3 will be a "FRBRization" of the rules. The changes won't be nearly as dramatic as the move to AACR2.

Jimmie Lundgren reported on the TG on SACO program development. One idea that came up in the group was using the utilities to generate SACO proposals like we do for NARs (using macros).

Jean Hirons had prepared a giant card for Ron Watson in honor of his retirement. Everyone at both the BIBCO and CONSER meetings got a chance to sign it.

Dinner was at Phillips Flagship Restaurant to honor Jean Hirons on the occasion of her retirement.

May 2

Ana announced that the SCCTP IR course has been submitted to CDS and will be available soon. (UCLA will be offering an in-house training using this course on July 8th and 9th)

The first half of the day was spent discussing proposed BIBCO projects – getting BIBCO libraries involved in the e-CIP program along the same lines as Canada. One idea that came up was that each institution should catalog for its own university press. We wouldn't be able to get a copy of the book though – LC needs to keep it. The bottom line is that LC wants to have some help with certain types of CIPs. The CIP program is only for U.S. imprints.

Carolyn Sturtevant presented the results of a BIBCO cost study to satisfy the goal in the PCC Strategic/Tactical plan. Background for the study was based on the NACO impact study done in FY2002 which looked at program costs per NACO library, comparing between training a new institutional member and the cost of maintaining an existing member in continuing successive years, and the cost per NACO record. A similar study was conducted for BIBCO records. The highest cost per record was \$82.40 (new inst.) and the lowest cost was \$0.04. Compared to the \$110 is costs for LC to create a record, this was pretty good.

Ana Cristán – outcome of strategic plan to set up a survey of what BIBCO libraries are doing re e-resources. What types of e-resources to you want to see cataloged? There is now a task group to develop and implement this survey for PoCo.

Joint meeting

Discussion of Spanish language records (040 \$b spa) – request to OCLC to keep those records of the National Library of Mexico and other Mexican libraries who have full records, complete with the notes in Spanish. Keep parallel records as Canada does, instead of replacing Spanish with English. OCLC Members Council was to meet 3rd week of May.

Robert Bremer (OCLC) – transfer to Oracle platform “sometime in the summer.” Working on indexing problems which should help in getting rid of normalization differences. Future plans to make linking fields clickable based on presence of OCLC# - no date for this yet.

Ed Glazier (RLG) – Implemented BLVI: I Also working on technical infrastructure. Database migration to a new cataloging client. New browser based system for client. Telnet will go away. Data will be stored and exported in Unicode. They will retain the clustered database but will have single file for all material types.

Judy K. Implementation date of 2003 updates aiming for Sept. 1. Nothing major.

There is now a separate PCC listserv devoted to IR cataloging. Please see Caroline if you want further details on subscribing.

Everett Allgood discussed FRBR and FRANAR.

The official summary of the meeting is located at:
<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/bibco/opco03.html>

3. Discussion

Riemer asked for our opinions about the order of notes. During the discussion it was noted that there is no real logic to many of them. There are different conventions used for different formats of materials (codified in the different chapters of AACR2). Miller questioned why MARC and AACR were not harmonized at the time AACR2 was written. Mendes suggested that we either follow the spirit of the rules in AACR2, or put the notes in MARC tag order. Other observations were that the order of notes differs in each OPAC and among institutions, and that users do not look very far down in the record, nor do they scroll down for more information. Miller noted that this discussion was held only in the context of BIBCO; she would have preferred a joint BIBCO-CONSER discussion of the issues. The CPSO/Coop Team would appreciate comments on the draft LCRI as stated on the CPSO public Web site: "Please send comments on the following proposed LCRI to the CPSO email account at cpsoc@loc.gov by June 13, 2003." This is in reference to the draft LCRI 1.7B, order of notes.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for July 3.