

Minutes

ASSOCIATION FOR LIBRARY COLLECTIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
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SERIALS SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes from the 2007 Annual Meeting in Washington D.C.

First meeting:
Sunday, June 24, 2007
10:34 am-12:00 pm
Madison Hotel, Hamilton Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emily McElroy	Chair
Daisy Waters	Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Jill Emery	Past Chair
Rachel Frick	Member-at-Large
Maggie Horn	Member-at-Large
Marla Chesler	Member-at-Large
Paul Moeller	Secretary

GUESTS/LIAISONS PRESENT:

Marilyn Geller	(Chair, Policy and Planning Committee)
Tina Shrader	(Chair, Continuing Resources Cataloging)
Virginia Taffurelli	(Chair, Committee on Holdings Information)
Gary Ives	(Chair, Acquisitions)
Connie Foster	(Representative to ALCTS Publications Committee)
Susan Davis	(Representative to ALCTS Budget & Finance Committee)
Karen Darling	(ALCTS Director at Large, Incoming Chair of the ALCTS Serials Section nominating Committee)
Felicity Dykas	(Chair, Committee on Holdings Information)
Virginia Taffurelli	(Chair, Education Committee)

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Saturday ALCTS Board Meeting

After introductions McElroy provided highlights of the Saturday ALCTS Board meeting:

- The I Love Libraries site is live (a site for the public on the ALA Web site)
- Vols. 1-43 of LRTS has been digitized. The volumes will be accessed through the ALCTS website.
- The ALCTS national conference went well. 180 members attended the Anniversary cruise
- Reminders: the President's Program is tomorrow morning and the Awards Ceremony and Reception is tomorrow afternoon
- The ALCTS 50th anniversary book is now on sale via the ALA Web site
- About 50 people attended the ALCTS open house on Friday evening
- A great lineup of speakers has been arranged for the ALCTS Midwinter Symposium
- The interaction of popular culture and copyright will be the theme of the President's Program next year
- Suggestions for possible election candidates should be sent to Karen Darling
- The ALCTS website is not being kept up-to-date due to the ALA Web site redesign. The new website won't be ready until the fall. Emily would like you to forward suggested changes Paul Moeller (paul.moeller@colorado.edu) He will maintain a master list of needed changes.
- The ALCTS Board would like to see more continuing education materials on the ALCTS Web site (webinars, podcasts...) as the Board hopes they may generate some revenue
- Tomorrow the ALCTS Board will discuss the strategic plan and the responsibility of Board members, chairs... Emily recommends we attend this session. Convention Center 209b
- The ALCTS Newsletter is now taking reports from other conferences. There is an August 1 deadline for reports to be turned into Paul/Emily/Daisy and the Newsletter. These are important as the reports are our way of reporting and they impact planning
- Executive Board has announced that advocacy and the website redesign will be emphasized in the coming year. The Emerging Leaders Program has been successful and will continue

- The Executive Board then discussed how to encourage involvement of public libraries in ALCTS activities. We should attempt to determine what their needs are (this goes for those working in small academic libraries as well). Would an online community help with this effort as they may be forced to choose between PLA and ALA? In our presentations and programs we should be sure to include examples and issues that are relevant to the public library point of view. We want to keep our members who work in public libraries interested and involved and find ways to encourage others to participate.

Update on the Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control

Maggie Horn, Tina Shrader, Meg Mering, and Cindy Hepfer are part of a CCS group responding to the reports of the Working Group (the Working Group meets next on July 9, for more info see: <http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/>). Horn reporting on her involvement with the group noted that much of the discussion to this point has focused on the academic library perspective. The Working Group is seeking broader participation for the next meeting. Horn also pointed out that many believe more information in the cataloging record and authority control is needed to ensure libraries place in the new environment and to get users to the data. No one wants to pay for these efforts however. Another point of discussion has been the need for a national library.

Marilyn Geller for Policy and Planning then discussed the proposed change in mission and name for the Serials Section.

Two changes to the revised mission statement that had been distributed before the meeting were presented by Geller. After discussion and some editing the motion to change the name of the Serials Section to the Continuing Resources Section, and the mission of the Section, was put to vote. The motion passed. Plans were made to publicize the change.

Bruce Johnson (ALCTS President) and Pamela Bluh (ALCTS President-Elect) report

Bruce Johnson reminded all present of the President's Program and the Monday Board meeting. He encouraged members of ALCTS to be proactive. As an organization ALCTS needs to be prepared to drive discussion and influence trends in ways we would like them to go. He noted that the Division had been considering Next Steps over the last year and he expects that a number of action items coming out of those discussions will be added to the strategic plan. He suggested we review the ALCTS Web site. He also thanked those present for the hard work they had put in over the last year and encouraged them to let him know if there was anything he or Pamela could do to facilitate the work of the Section.

Pamela Bluh noted she would like to raise the profile of the Sections in ANO and do some things that would regularly feature the Sections. Emily volunteered the Serials Section name change to the Continuing Resources Section to be an early feature of this effort. Pamela also said the planning database was set to be unveiled and it is our responsibility to populate that database.

Reports of Committee Chairs, Section Representatives to ALCTS Committees, and Discussion Groups

- **Susan Davis, Representative to ALCTS Budget & Finance Committee (oral and written)**

B&F met twice in Washington. The key agenda item at the first meeting was to review the subscription rate for international subscriptions to LRTS in light of a postal increase for international mail on July 15, 2007. There are about 100 international subscriptions and the actual impact of the rate increase was not known. B&F agreed to recommend an increase from \$85 to \$95 for calendar 2008 to the ALCTS Board. Cheryl reported at the Tuesday B&F meeting that the ALCTS Board approved the increase. B&F will make a comprehensive review of subscription rates at its 2008 Midwinter meeting.

Further on LRTS, Haverford College is digitizing the entire back file for the ALCTS website. Charles and Peggy Johnson are actively searching for online manuscript submission software because ALA is not moving very fast to secure this software for the entire organization to use.

The other agenda item was a review of the FY2007 budget. Charles noted that the 50th anniversary events budget will be in the red; mainly due to fewer attendees at the ALCTS conference and dinner cruise. Expenses appeared to be as expected; revenue was below projections. At Tuesday's meeting, Charles announced that the \$50 for 50 Campaign would continue until the end of the calendar year. So if you haven't made a donation, there is still time to help ALCTS meet its financial obligations. The non-50th anniversary budget is doing ok, but the overall ALCTS budget will again be in the red.

The main agenda items for the Tuesday meeting were the FY2008 budget and an update on ALCTS Planning from Nancy Gibbs.

B&F agreed to recommend that the ALCTS Board adopt the FY2008 budget prepared by Charles. Charles noted that ALA determined that the cost of living raise will be 3.5% in FY2008. He also noted that ALCTS staff received merit increases of 1%. Unfortunately ALCTS does not receive any extra funds to support the merit increases.

In-person continuing education workshops (those not associated with conference) seem to be waning in demand. ALCTS had to cancel 3 this past year that did not garner enough attendees to warrant holding the events. Online courses are more successful; although the Fundamentals of Acquisitions course may have reached its apex. ALCTS hopes to have 2 new online courses ready in FY08. Charles is looking into other ways to improve CE

revenue. One possibility is to contract out Julie Reese's time to assist a co-sponsor with various aspects of an event. The other is for sections to turn programs into online courses or webinars. The ALCTS office can help set up a webinar. B&F suggested that a forum about current options for online offering be held at the 2008 Midwinter meeting.

Nancy Gibbs reviewed the new strategic planning database that was previewed at the ALCTS Board meeting on Monday. She pointed out the report functions that will likely be very useful to B&F in its future work. The database is scheduled to go "live" at the end of July.

Miscellaneous items reported are that ALA memberships are up and that ALCTS will have several books released in the next few months. Reminder for all members—ALCTS awards are supported through annual donations by the sponsors. ALCTS has a very small endowment that generates at best a few hundred dollars of income per year.

- **Gary Ives, Acquisitions (oral and written)**

Over 300 folks attended our program on Saturday. Feedback has been excellent. We are working on the program for next year. The provisional title is, "Jumping the Fence: merging print and electronic serials workflows."

A number of issues arose in the course of Saturday's meeting. First and foremost, Gary Ives reported on the progress of upcoming afternoon program—Making the E-Resource Infrastructure Work: Effective Metadata Exchange & Exposure. Gary indicated that everything was well in hand, and his sole request was that a couple of committee members should make themselves available to collect the evaluation forms.

We also learned that everything is on track for our co-sponsorship with the Serials Section/Education Committee of a pre-conference devoted to Electronic Journals 101. Anna Creech, Janet Hulm and Jill Mason have been in contact with the Chair of the Education Committee, Virginia Taffurelli. All the documentation for the pre-conference is in place, and should be well advanced and articulated come Mid-Winter in Philadelphia.

The Serials Acquisitions Glossary once again raised its hoary head. Everyone agreed that posting the glossary as a web accessible PDF file had not caught anyone's imagination. Not a single entry had been proposed to supplement the Glossary. At the suggestion of ALCTS the glossary was migrated to a wiki platform. Finishing touches were recently added and it was posted at:

http://wikis.ala.org/seracqglossary/index.php/Main_Page

It is also hosted at the principal ALA wiki site:

<http://wikis.ala.org>

Despite the progress we all agreed that it would take substantial input from both the Committee and interested parties to revive the glossary. Various measures were discussed—broadcasting the wiki on listservs, initiating a survey, corralling library school students, etc.—in giving some momentum to the wiki version of the glossary. One thing that is clear is that it is very easy to submit materials to the glossary on the wiki platform. June Schmidt volunteered to serve as an editor and overseer of the wiki.

The final element of Saturday's discussion was whether or not to suggest a program for next annual in Anaheim. There had been some initial reluctance for the committee to take on any extra responsibilities owing to the co-sponsorship of the pre-conference. However, the parties involved indicated the latter would not be much of a burden, and therefore we should feel free to submit a program proposal. Several ideas were discussed, but the one that gained the most favor was proposed by Anna. Her notion was to focus on practical day-to-day problem solving skills and techniques in dealing with electronic journals and continuing resources in general. She arrived at a tentative title—Jumping the Fence: Merging Print and Electronic Serial Workflows. Gary asked Anna if she was willing to serve as Program Chair for Anaheim, and she assented.

The Monday meeting was a brief affair. Anna, Gary, Jill and Jim were in attendance. Gary reported on the evaluations from Saturday afternoon's program. Although the evaluations were somewhat low in number, they were notable for their high marks and were almost universally laudatory. However, all of us remarked that the outstanding attendance—standing-room-only with well over 300 present—and the high buzz factor following the presentations clearly indicated the program's success. All those present were optimistic that the Anaheim program would build on the success of the DC program.

- **Felicity Dykas, Committee on Holdings Information** (oral and written)

Report of Business

1. Revised name of committee and charge. These were tentatively approved at Midwinter, pending revision. Revisions were made and the charge is now:

To address and study matters related to holdings information, with special attention to standards, use, and functionality in the exchange and use of holdings information in and among systems. The committee's interests include the application of holdings information wherever it appears, including in local catalogs, group catalogs, and union catalogs. The committee will collaborate with ALA committees with related interests.

2. Identified other ALA groups with related charges with which we will want to interact. These groups deal with various aspects of holdings. One purpose this committee will serve is in bringing together all aspects of holdings information. The Committee on

Holdings Information began its cooperative venture by successfully recruiting a liaison from the RUSA STARS ILL committee.

Other groups of interest:

Primary:

- LITA/ALCTS Machine-Readable Bibliographic Information Committee (MARBI)
- ALCTS/LITA Electronic Resources Management Interest Group
- ALCTS/LITA Formats Discussion Group (or MARC Formats Interest Group)
- SS Committee to Study Serials Standards
- RUSA STARS

Secondary:

- LITA/ALCTS CCS Authority Control Interest Group
- SS Continuing Resources Cataloging Committee
- CMDS Administration of Collection Development
- Publication Pattern Discussion Group

Email discussion lists of interest

- OCLC UL
- SERIALST
- ILL
- ILLIAD, etc.

3. Discussed and identified ideas for an ALA program:

- Z39.50 and how to set it up
- Coding in the MARC Format for Holdings Data
- Impact of RDA on holdings information

4. Discussed and identified questions that the committee might address as an ALA program or in educational and training documents:

- What is the impact of holdings for ejournals being in 856 and not in holdings records?
- How can a library convert from non-MARC to the MARC21 Format for Holdings Data?
- What are the various places in which holdings information is found? What is the impact on users when holdings information is found in a variety of places?
- Which MARC fields are key for various functions? What are the functional uses of different pieces of holdings information? (Some functions we identified include: ordering, collection development, statistics, ILL, library users, circulation.)

5. Heard reports from the OCLC UL group and the RUSA STARS ILL committee.

6. Discussed relevant standards recently released or revised)

- ISO TC46 standard (ISO Holdings Schema) (at ballot)
- ONIX for Serials Coverage Statement (Draft release 0.9 (June 2007))

- ONIX for Serials: Serials Online Holdings (Release 1.1 (draft June 2007))

Strategic Plan Updates

The current committee is getting off to a new start with its new name and charge. The current direction of the committee will support the following goals:

Goal Area 1. ALCTS provides leadership in the management of information

The committee is identifying trends and major issues in holdings information, and is exploring possible programs that the committee might sponsor or co-sponsor. One impetus for revising the committee charge was the need for expert direction in providing information on the value of holdings information. Educational and training information may be developed and posted on the ALA committee website.

Goal Area 2. ALCTS defines best practices and develops and promotes national and international standards

The committee reviewed ISO TC46 (ISO Holdings Schema) which was up for ballot. It has identified other standards of interest and will be integrating information about these in programs and educational and training information.

Goal Area 3. ALCTS provides and facilitates continuing education and fosters life-long learning

The committee sees a need for informing library personnel about the value of holdings information and the current standards for holdings information. Holdings information in OPACs and union catalogs can be much richer than was available just a few years ago.

Goal Area 4. ALCTS collaborates with organizations with similar or complementary interests

The committee sought and had a liaison from RUSA STARS ILL appointed to the committee. It has identified additional committees with which interaction will be mutually beneficial and will pursue relationships with those committees

- **Virginia Taffurelli, Education Committee** (oral and written)

Core Competencies for Serialists:

Due to the very short turn-around time to develop this document, it was not as complete as it could be. After discussion, we decided to update it and resubmit it to the Executive Committee for publication.

Pre-Conference Program proposal for Annual 2008: Electronic Serials 101:

Planning for this preconference is under way. A Planning Committee consists of members from both the Education and Acquisitions committees. Susan

Davis and Virginia Taffurelli are the co-chairs. Susan will present the Preconference Proposal to the Program Planning Committee on Tues. June 26th.

The following two syllabi were finalized and will be submitted to the Executive Committee for publication:

Syllabus for Serials Preservation and Archiving

Syllabus for Serials Collection Management (Print & Electronic):

Proposed change in name of Serials Section to Continuing Resources Section.

We reviewed the rationale for the name change and the new mission statements and suggested some possible changes in the wording.

Review the SS Education Committee website:

Suggestions for updating the committee website include adding minutes from our meetings, links to the syllabi and other documents created by our committee, as well as lists of programs sponsored and cosponsored. It is hoped that a more robust website would encourage more volunteers to work on this committee.

Review of Serials Section mission statement in relation to the ALCTS Strategic Plan 2006-2011.

We did not have much time to discuss this and will include it in our agenda for Midwinter 2008.

Program proposals for ALA Annual 2009:

We will consider developing Syllabus for Serials Preservation and Archiving into a program for Annual 2009. Since electronic resources are covered so fully in other venues, we would like to focus on print serials as the “forgotten format.”

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Moeller

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8:05 am-9:28 am
Washington Convention Center, room 209c

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Anne Mitchell	(Chair, Research & Publications)
Connie Foster	(Representative to ALCTS Publications Committee)
Carolynne Myall	(Representative to ALCTS Planning Committee/LRTS)
Karen Darling	(Incoming Chair of nominating Committee)
Betsy Redman	(Incoming liaison to ALCTS Education Committee)

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Chair's Report

Emily presented highlights of the Board meeting:

- The change in name of the Serials Section to the Continuing Resources Section was discussed with the Board. Emily will send the rationale for the name change

to Organization and Bylaws who will sign off on it and pass it on to the ALCTS Board. The Board will then vote on the motion. Looks like the process could be done by July 9th.

- ALA was awarded three IMLS grants
- Revenues are up 9%
- 27,606 registered for this conference (this is a good number)
- ALA has given more funding to APA
- \$25,000 of the recent dues increase has gone to privacy and some went into fixing the Web site.
- The international subscription rate for LRTS will be increased due to higher mailing costs
- Leadership within the organization was a point of emphasis of the Board meeting. Topics discussed included responsibilities of chairs and Emily will put together a list of chair responsibilities to pass on to standing and incoming chairs to ensure they understand expectations.

Reports of Committee Chairs and Section Representatives to ALCTS Committees

- **Marilyn Geller, Policy and Planning Committee** (oral and written)

At Saturday's meeting, the committee made a final review of the name change proposal to be taken to the section executive meeting on Sunday. We received an update on the Strategic Planning Database and agreed to propose to SS Exec that the committee chair or one designated member of the originating committee for the proposal should be the one to input their item; in addition, the chair of P&P Committee should be notified to ensure that the entry is made. We spent the remainder of the time discussing our agenda for the coming year and beginning to work on it. We generated a list of characteristics of Interest Groups vs. Discussion Groups which we will use to help section groups decide what they want to be. We discussed the pros and cons of asking committees to think about their status as committees or groups and agreed to bring the discussion to the executive meeting and ask for direction and guidance.

At Monday's meeting, the committee worked on an announcement to be used in spreading the word about the section name change. We also developed a list of lists to send this announcement to. We agreed on our schedule of tasks for the coming year. The committee will review the Letter to Committee/Group chairs that discusses the Strategic Plan and identifies pros and cons of various kinds of groups and committees.

We will send this letter to Chairs and Liaisons and ask them to discuss and include on their midwinter agenda. At Midwinter, we will distribute ourselves among committees at All Section Committee meeting on Saturday morning with the goal of getting groups to look at how they fit into the strategic plan, and what kind of entity fits their needs best. We will meet briefly at end to identify progress for the Board meeting; we will have a 2nd meeting on Monday morning at 8am to report back and discuss Board reaction.

At the Section Executive meeting on Tuesday, the Board suggested that members of Policy and Planning ask all groups and committees to review their designation and either justify it or choose a better fit for their activities.

- **Carolynne Myall, ALCTS Planning Committee** (oral and written)

After Midwinter Meeting 2007, I reported that the ALCTS Planning Committee had reviewed the new strategic planning database, made suggestions to improve it (e.g. dates formatted yyyy/mo/da), planned to test it soon, and then expected to begin implementing the database prior to this Annual Conference.

Unfortunately, we were not able to move that quickly. Two members of the Planning Committee who had been involved in developing the current strategic plan and the new database did some test-inputting; they forwarded further suggestions; ultimately, the chair of Planning was informed that some changes would be made and some wouldn't. However, when ALCTS staffer Christine Taylor visited one of the Planning Committee's meetings at Annual Conference, she said we *could* make a few more changes. In a *Groundhog's Day* moment, we dug up our list of suggestions from Midwinter and re-submitted them. It looks like most will be implemented, and the database should be available soon. Members of the Planning Committee are writing brief instructions to help contributors to the database and to promote consistency in inputting.

The Planning Committee hopes that we will be able to start populating the database soon. Section chairs, section and division planning committee members, committee chairs, IG and DG chairs, and others will be able to input items into the database. In fact, anyone with an ALA member authorization will be able to input items into the database. Access will not be restricted.

I suggest that, in general, the CR group originating or sponsoring a strategic item should input the item into the database. The first time out, though, it might be a good idea for me to try inputting a few initial items and then report to others through our listserv. While we should *not* input ongoing routine responsibilities of our committees and groups, we should include specific programs, publications, initiatives to collaborate with other organizations, research projects, outreach and public relations endeavors, etc., in the database. I hope that CR members will be conscientious in populating and updating the database, in order to provide each other as well as others in ALCTS with an accurate view of our expected activities. Once the database is available, I will check reports in ANO and do some contacting to make sure we are all participating.

Members of the Planning Committee are meeting with ALCTS committees, interest groups, and discussion groups to promote use of the database, as well as to encourage groups to incorporate planning into their regular business.

- **Carolynne Myall , ALCTS *LRTS* Editorial Board** (oral and written)

From June 2006 through May 2007, *LRTS* received 35 manuscripts of articles on a range of library technical services topics, particularly in the areas of cataloging and collection development. The acceptance rate for these submissions was 31.4% (though if some papers are accepted pending a second review, the rate will rise). While only 3 of the submissions were categorized by *LRTS* editor Peggy Johnson as pertaining to serials, some articles in cataloging and collection development addressed subjects of interest to members of our section as well.

None of the 35 submissions was categorized as pertaining primarily to acquisitions. Many members of the Continuing Resources Section perform and/or study acquisition of serial publications; since the editor of *LRTS* is particularly interested in publishing papers addressing new directions in acquisitions, I urge CR Section members to consider research and writing about topics in this specialty. (See the editorial in v. 51, no. 2, for some suggested topics.)

Norm Medeiros, a member of the *LRTS* Editorial Board, and other staff at Haverford College Library have digitized volumes 1-43 of *LRTS* for future availability on the ALCTS server. The Board is now exploring metadata options, including article-level DOIs and searchable OCR.

In May 2007, Peggy Johnson used Survey Monkey to conduct an informal survey of 95 *LRTS* authors about the process of manuscript submission, review, and publication. She received 53 responses. In general, responses indicated satisfaction with the process, though there were some complaints about stylistic revisions and length of time from submission to publication. Some authors suggested adopting an electronic submissions process. Part of the publication delay, however, is due to the editor's wish to work with authors to produce publishable papers, rather than rejecting many initial submissions outright. The revise-and-resubmit approach tends to produce a queue of articles waiting for issue space; but I think that most members of our section, as well as most Board members, approve of it.

Peggy plans to implement an online manuscript management system, an idea supported by survey results. She believes that it will speed the acceptance process, though it won't eliminate delays entailed in revision and multiple reviews.

- **Cindy Hepfer, ALCTS Program Committee** (written)

The ALCTS Program Committee met for eight hours at ALA Annual. One program and one preconference sponsored by the ALCTS Serials Section were reviewed by committee members.

The preconference, which received conditional approval, is Electronic Serials 101, co-chaired by Virginia Taffurelli and Susan Davis. The SS Education Committee originated the idea for the preconference which is tentatively entitled "Electronic Serials 101: What I Wished I'd Known Before I Got in Over My Head."

The program, chaired by Gary Ives and coming out of the Serials Section Acquisitions Committee, has a working title of "Jumping the Fence." The intent of the program will be to address "best practices" for serials, both print and electronic. It will specifically cover available tools and possible convergences of print and electronic workflows. The program received approval, given Gary's excellent track record developing sell-out programs.

The Committee to Study Serials Standards did an update session at ALA Annual. Swets has committed to financial sponsorship for the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Standards Update Forums which should continue to be presented at each annual conference (and could be presented at Midwinter as well, if the Committee would care to make those arrangements).

It has been my privilege to be the Serials Section liaison to the ALCTS Program Committee for the past four years. The incoming liaison is Joyce McDonough. When I first met Joyce some 20 years ago, she was already knowledgeable about the ALCTS program planning process. She attended all eight hours of the Program Committee meeting at Annual, and I am confident that she will be an excellent resource for SS members who are engaged in program planning. I urge any committee that is even remotely considering a program to get in touch with her.

- **Tina Shrader, Continuing Resources Cataloging** (oral and written)

Update forum:

Attendance: Approximately 125 people

Reports on CONSER, LC/ISSN, and CC:DA were shared by the committee's liaisons with those organizations, Les Hawkins, Regina Reynolds, and Kevin Randall, respectively. The rest of the time was spent on a panel discussion amongst three cataloging experts, Diane Boehr of NLM, Helen Heinrich of California State University, Northridge, and David Bade of the University of Chicago. Each of the panelists spoke briefly to address three questions posed by the committee:

1. Serials cataloging practice within libraries has traditionally focused on title level access. What are some ways that the bibliographic information created and maintained by libraries for serial titles can be more effectively merged with the article-level information in A&I databases to provide access to article level

- description (and links to full text), print holdings information for the library, and title level description in a more unified way? Should this kind of unified access be the result of display systems alone, or do libraries need to change their cataloging/metadata practice to accommodate the needs of other communities in order to make this happen? What might the implications of those changes be?
2. Libraries have long engaged in cooperative cataloging for title-level serials access, and in the last few decades, libraries have increasingly used vendors to enhance or extend the information about serials contained in library catalogs. Examples of this include using Serials Solutions MARC records to track online journal holdings or using open URL resolvers to provide information about print holdings as well as links to electronic content where appropriate. In many cases, using vendor or publisher supplied data represents a departure from the library's traditional practice for cataloging continuing resources, such as when a library accepts separate records for e-resources from vendors when they would normally employ a single-record approach when doing the cataloging in-house or the potential use of ONIX data to create local holdings records for online journals. Should continuing resources cataloging standards change to accommodate greater use of non-library created data? What can libraries do to increase our flexibility and allow us to use vendor data in more effective ways?
 3. The CONSER Standard Record represents one attempt to both streamline cataloging processes for serials, reduce redundancy in the work of catalogers, and create less cluttered, easier to read public display records. What do you see as the long-term impact of the CONSER Standard Record? How do you see serials cataloging standards evolving over the next 5-10 years, and what role do you think the CONSER Standard Record will play in that evolution?

Following the addresses of the panelists, a lively discussion amongst the panelists and the audience ensued. The questions posed have no easy answers, and each of the panelists presented differing viewpoints, as did many of the audience members. The conversation provided a good forum for exploring possible directions for continuing resources cataloging in the future.

This educational session is associated with:

- ALCTS Strategic Plan Objective 2.1 'Sponsor programs and open forums to encourage collaboration and discussion of practices and problems.
- **Connie Foster, ALCTS Publications Committee** (oral and written)

Back issues of *LRTS*, a scanning project led by Norm Medeiros, are currently in PDF and will not be posted until the new ALA content management system is fully functional. The ALCTS site followed all guidelines for transferring data, yet it is one of the most complex ones and is not mapping well. Future plans include converting to HTML and adding abstracts and Tables of Contents.

A reminder: authors of proposals for publications, whether web-based or print, are responsible for moving their submissions forward and tracking signatures. While the chair or another committee member could assist the author(s), the author needs to stay vigilant during the process. With the new delegation of authority initiative from ALCTS Board, the Publications Committee has final signoff on publications, so the Board does not have to approve.

ANO will be adding new features to the newsletter, such as a calendar of events, conference reports (not necessarily ALA), and instructions to authors, deadlines and copyright information.

- **Anne Mitchell, Research & Publications**

Guidelines for Managing Microforms in the Digital Age is underway, but the deadline has been pushed back to January 2008. ALCTS Publications will be requesting regular status reports to ensure that this publication maintains continuous progress toward its scheduled completion.

The committee reviewed two syllabus proposals from the Education Committee and approved both.

Connie Foster was unable to deliver her report from the ALCTS Publications Committee in person, but she sent an update email shortly before the conference. Items of interest to the Serials Section Publications Committee included ALCTS' interest in wiki technology and the issue of marketing information about available resources.

In advance of Midwinter 2008, the committee plans to:

- Develop a focused proposal for a wiki, including the intended scope and potential issues related to rapid online publication. Beth Bernhardt and Anne Mitchell will draft the proposal and circulate it within the committee for comment before it goes forward to the board.
- Assign members to communicate with designated groups on a regular basis to encourage new publications. Committee members agreed that without clearly articulated liaison responsibilities it would be difficult to build and maintain such relationships.

Sion Romaine is the incoming committee chair; Anne Mitchell will remain on the committee as a regular member.

- **Kevin Randall, CCS Cataloging Committee: Description and Access**

CC:DA met on Friday afternoon, June 22; Saturday afternoon, June 23; and Monday morning, June 25, 2007. The agenda is at:

<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/agen0706.html>

JSC/RDA

In Spring 2007, John Attig was appointed to replace Jennifer Bowen as ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee.

Notes on Attig's report to CC:DA:

Miscellaneous:

JSC changed its name to "Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA." Representation for the National Library of Australia was added.

In response to a request to comment on the compatibility of the CONSER Standard Record guidelines with RDA, JSC decided on a policy not to respond to such requests, because the content of RDA is still tentative. However, JSC does plan to discuss the issues raised in the CONSER documents at their Oct. 2007 meeting.

A Data Model meeting was held in April at the British Library. It was agreed that JSC and the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) would work together on developing an RDA element vocabulary and RDA/DC application profile. This has implications for the business model of RDA, since portions of RDA may end up being in public domain. JSC is still committed to finishing RDA on schedule (early- to mid-2009).

Specific rule developments:

Numbering for serials will be considered as four separate elements: beginning enumeration; beginning chronology; ending enumeration; ending chronology.

Alternative title will now be a separate element sub-type, not part of Title proper. (It does not yet seem clear how the word linking the title proper and the alternative title (e.g., "or") will fit into the element structure.)

A decision has been reached on the terminology to be used when certain publication information is unknown: "not identified" (e.g., "Place not identified" vs. the AACR2 "S.I.")

Names of books of the Bible will be entered directly under "Bible". Aggregate works will still be entered under the specific Testament or Apocrypha. "Old Testament" and "New Testament" will not be abbreviated.

The term "Required" in the rules is intended to include the concept "Required if applicable", so the latter phrase will not be used. (Discussion at CC:DA showed that this is a controversial matter, and some wonder if too many elements are being termed "Required" when they may sometimes not be applicable.)

Choice of primary access point has been moved from Part A, Chapter 7 (as in the June 2006 draft) to Part B, Chapter 13. Strong justification is needed for any significant changes to the effects of the rules on choice and form of heading.

JSC is leaning toward an LC proposal to enter all treaties under title; ALA had expressed preference for choosing one of the parties as primary access point

for bilateral treaties. (CC:DA discussed the matter again and will formulate another response to JSC.)

An RFP went out for developers of the online version of RDA. The three top vendors will present demos in July. The target release date for online RDA is spring 2009. A survey about the print version showed that there was still significant need for a print product; however, the owners of RDA do not want development of the print version to hamper the ideal functionality of the online version.

The latest draft of Chapters 6-7 were released less than a week before the CC:DA meeting, so most members have not had a chance to read through it carefully. It was emphasized that Chapter 6 does *not* have anything to do with selection of primary access point. (Confusion over this point seems to be common, and might indicate a need for some rewording or reorganization of material in the draft.) Deadlines for review of Chapters 6-7: public comments are due by Aug. 6; CC:DA comments are due by Aug. 12.

CC:DA will form a task force to create an organized list of specialized cataloging materials, which may end up being a separate document from RDA, perhaps residing on a wiki.

CCS has charged a task force on the implementation of RDA. Programming will be prepared for 2008 Midwinter and Annual, and a 2009 preconference.

Task Force to Maintain the CC:DA Publication “Differences Between, Changes Within”

The last list of corrections was turned in to the ALCTS office at the beginning of June. The task force is waiting for the final proof, and it is hoped that no more corrections will be required and the complete second edition of *Differences Between* will be published in July. ALCTS will be making this edition available as a PDF download, available free to anyone (not only ALCTS members). A recommendation of the task force to have such books self-published by CC:DA was determined not to be possible.

MARBI

Everett Allgood, MARBI Representative to CC:DA, reported on the MARBI meetings (his preliminary report, including links to MARBI documents, is at: <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/marbi0706.html>). Of particular interest were the following:

Proposal no. 2007-05: Definition of 022 subfields for recording the linking ISSN (ISSN-L) in the MARC 21 Bibliographic, Authority, and Holdings Formats. This proposal was approved unanimously.

Proposal no. 2007-06: Changes for the German and Austrian conversion to MARC 21. All of the changes were approved except for 2007-06/4 (regarding normalization of numbers and names in the MARC 21 Bibliographic format). It was considered that this proposal addressed a specific need for one community that could be addressed in another way, and would be difficult to extend to other communities.

Other Issues

A public version of the CC:DA email discussion list will be created, with a target date of July 23, 2007. This will be a separate, read-only list consisting of posts forwarded from the “official” list.

CC:DA had been asked to respond to some draft Library of Congress Rule Interpretations, and the appropriateness of that procedure was questioned. After discussion, it was confirmed that it was appropriate for CC:DA to respond to draft LCRIs.

The report from the ALCTS Task Force on Non-English Access had some recommendations involving CC:DA: 1) Charge CC:AAM and CC:DA to work with the Program for Cooperative Cataloging to review and update the Core level supplement on “Guidelines for Multiple Character Sets”; 2) As RDA is developed, CC:DA and CC:AAM consider and comment on any impact the new rules will have on cataloging non-English materials.

The CC:DA Task Force to Review the Statement of International Cataloging Principles gave its interim report. The task force identified issues in regard to scope, choice of access points, forms of uniform titles, language and script, and indispensable access points. The principles are still in draft form, and the process appears to be on target for the final Principles being released by the end of 2008.

CC:DA will appoint a new webmaster, to replace John Attig (who has been appointed as ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee). The webmaster will be a non-voting position.

Resolutions were introduced and passed, commending Glenn Patton (OCLC Liaison to CC:DA), Jennifer Bowen (former ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee), and Mary Larsgaard (past chair of CC:DA).

Other activities of Liaison since ALA Midwinter 2007

The CRCC Task Force for Reviewing RDA Documents discussed the latest draft of Chapter 3, and chair Kevin Randall submitted the task force’s final comments to CC:DA in May.

- **Doug Kiker (incoming chair of Serials Standards) on behalf of Michael Norman (chair), Serials Standards**

Serials Standards Update Forum 2007 was held on Sunday June 24, 2007, 10:30am-12:00pm.

Speakers all from NISO groups:

- Oliver Pesch (Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative / SUSHI)
- Nathan Robertson (License Expression Working Group)
- Karla Hahn (Shared E-Resource Understanding / SERU)

Audience = approx. 50 people present. Speakers were all excellent, with informative PowerPoint presentations detailing their topics and the progress that is being made in each NISO sponsored groups. Presentations and question + answer discussion filled ninety minutes. Not much time to spare.

Sponsorship of Forum & Standardized / Institutionalized with ALCTS -- Serials Standards Update Forum is now a standard annual presentation that has a sponsor. Cindy Hepfer, the Serials Standards ALCTS liaison was instrumental in securing a commitment from Swets Information Services for 3-4 years.

Serials Standards Committee inactivity – other than planning of the Serials Standards Update Forum the committee has lacked activity in the past year.

Directions for the coming year:

Logistics of Serials Standards Update Forum -- Committee will be discussing the logistics of putting on the forum as an annual program. What the sponsorship entailed, and the timeframes / deadlines that are involved. The discussion will emphasize that the timing is important. There is a balancing act between determining timely topics, finding speakers, and staying on the program planning cycle for the year.

Frequency of forum – In light of Swets' sponsorship and also the nature of an ALCTS forum requiring less planning, the committee will be looking into the feasibility of holding the forum at ALA midwinter meetings as well as ALA annual. Thoughts are that this frequency might help committee members stay active and on top of breaking issues regarding standards throughout the year. The committee will be investigating if there will still be time to hold a forum in Philadelphia for the upcoming mid-winter meeting. Committee will inquire about the possibility remaining of holding a midwinter forum in Philadelphia in January 2008. Possible topics and speakers are already identified.

Serials Standards Online Bibliography – the committee brought up the topic of the Serials Standards Online Bibliography subcommittee. This is a past project that has not had much activity in the past few years. Members agree that the project has a lot of potential as a helpful resource and reference guide to serials standards issues, yet will need much attention to revamp and overhaul. The committee will communicate via email about how to update and coordinate participants.

Committee communication -- members will focus on ways to better communicate between ALA meetings and throughout the year. Committee needs to do a better job with their charge of commenting and responding to calls for input on proposed standards. There should be a better effort on the committee's part in arranging an official response when requested. Each member doesn't necessarily need to submit their own response, but there should be an online discussion and agreement among the committee with one collective / integrated response given on their behalf.

Serials Standards committee will try to form liaisons or forge liaison relationships with other standards committees. This might be a helpful way to expand our base of activity within ALCTS.

Karen Darling, Incoming Chair of nominating Committee (oral)

Karen issued a reminder to forward to her names of people who you think would be good candidates for the positions of vice chair/chair elect and member at large for the Continuing Resources Section. The nominating committee has only until the first part of August to gather names of people to be nominated. This may seem very early, but the timeline for all the nominations is rather tight since we have to have a completed slate to submit to the ALCTS Board at Midwinter. Thanks in advance for any names you can suggest.

Selden Durgom Lamoureux, Chair College and Research Libraries Discussion Group (written)

The DG met and the outgoing chair, Selden Durgom Lamoureux, introduced the incoming chair, Cecilia Genereux and incoming Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Britta Santamauro. This was followed by the panel discussion "Doing Less to Do More: incorporating outsourced MARCs and brief bibs for serials discovery."

Panel members were: Rebecca Kemp, Serials Supervisor Librarian at UNC Wilmington; Paul Moeller, Serials Cataloger and Bibliographer for Religious Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder; and Cecilia Genereux, Serials and Electronic Resources Coordinator at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Panel members described their experiences implementing outsourced MARC and other bibliographic records into existing ILS systems, and provided tips on what to look for, what questions to ask, and what to expect.

Many members of the audience were from institutions in various stages of implementing outsourced and/or brief bibs, and there was an active and enthusiastic interaction between panelists and audience members throughout the presentation.

Despite both the anticipated and entirely surprising issues and problems that arise in the course of implementation, Paul Moeller's final question posed to the discussion group

participants: “For those who have implemented outsourced MARCs, would you go back?” received the unanimous and enthusiastic response “No!”

Respectfully submitted
Paul Moeller, Secretary