Report on the CC:DA Meeting at ALA Mid-Winter, January 2020

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CHAIR REPORT

There were four active task forces in CC:DA operating from June 2019–January 2020.

- CC:DA 3R Task Force. (RDA Toolkit Restructure & Redesign Project) Provides feedback to NARDAC (North American RDA Committee) on RDA content and text.
- Virtual Participation Task Force. Work is on hold because ALA is restructuring both the ALCTS (Association for Library Collections and Technical Services) group and the format of the mid-winter meetings. A mid-year meeting may be forced to be virtual, but many decisions by ALA have to be made first.
- CC:DA Procedures Review Task Force. Formed July 26, 2019. Charged with revising CC:DA procedures. Four procedures were found that need changes. Discussion will be via blog posts.

NARDAC REPORT

Investigating the suitability of using RDA unconstrained elements (illustrator, writer of foreword, etc.) for display labels. RDA switchover to the Beta Site as official RDA site is set for December 15, 2020. The original toolkit will still be available. RSC (RDA Steering Committee) is working to remove the western bias from RDA.

PCC REPORT

- The PCC Guidelines for Minimally Punctuated MARC Bibliographic Records is effective. Documentation is available via the PCC website.
- SCS (Standing Committee on Standards) submitted revisions to DCM Z1 for 672 field (Title Related to the Entity) in the MARC Authority format.
- The NACO training manual is being evaluated for updating and revision.

Read the full PCC Report.

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LC REPORT

- Descriptive Cataloging Manual. Minor updates were made to the Descriptive Cataloging Manual addressing the 008/33 section on provisional coding for government bodies in Hong Kong and Macau, recording subtitles in a 670, as well as updating links or references to the use of the 024 in authority records.
- Name authority changes. The authorized access point for Kiev, Ukraine has been changed to Kyîv (Ukrainian), which is based on the ALA/LC Romanization Table for Ukrainian. Both France and Norway reorganized their regions impacting the ADM1 level names in NARs.
- Pilot project for Copy Cataloging following minimal punctuation guidelines. LC will not follow the minimal punctuation alternatives. However, a pilot project will study the impact of accepting copy cataloging that follows the guidelines on cataloging workflows.
- MARC 21 formats. A MARC/RDA Working Group was formed to identify changes needed in the MARC format to accommodate the new version of RDA.

Read the full Library of Congress Report.

PROPOSAL ON CHANGING PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSED NEW OR REVISED ROMANIZATION TABLES

This proposal addresses a new review process for the Romanization tables. LC staff, ALA staff, and staff from other stakeholders will participate in the reviewing process. They hope to have this body in place by the end of February.

Read the full proposal.

3R TASK FORCE REPORT

There is a proposal to change the wording to distinguish a corporate body from the place where it worships in order to remove the Christian/Western focus. The current version is “corporate body is a local place of worship” and the proposed change is “corporate body that is a congregation that uses a place of worship.”

ALA PUBLISHING REPORT

A “mini release” of the Toolkit will occur in April or May. The release will have improved submenus and a new guidance page. December 15 is the scheduled date to switch over from beta. The original toolkit will still be available for at least a year after the release of the new RDA. A new online workshop series will begin this spring.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR CATALOGERS REPORT

The report is being prepared by CAMMS (ALCTS: Cataloging and Metadata Management Section). CC:DA will form a task force to provide feedback on the draft code of ethics.

UPCOMING WORK

- Provide feedback to NARDAC on RDA.
- Form task force with CC:AM concerning the Romanization tables.
- CC:DA procedures discussion will be via blog posts.
- Next meeting at ALA Annual in Chicago, June 27 and 29, 2020. [Editor’s Note: Since the preparation of this report, ALA Annual has been canceled in support of COVID-19 containment measures.]