

MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee

July 14, 2006

10:00 a.m.

Attending: Jim Dutton, Fran Stumpf (MCO); Jean Rose, Carol Bennett (Archway); Jean Pace (Arthur); Denise Pakala, Kathy Nystrom (Bridges); Steve Wynn (LANCE); Diane Hunter, Kathleen Schweitzberger (MERLIN); Natasha Grando (Missouri River Regional Library); Joy Flanders (Quest); Anna Zaidman, Margaret Smith (St. Louis University); Donna Bacon (Springfield-Green County Library); Phyllis Holzenberg, Gwen Gilpin (Swan); Andrew McGarrell (Towers); Pat Logsdon, Mark Scharff (Washington University); Susan Beyer (WILO)

**1. Minutes:** The minutes from the meeting on Mar. 10, 2006, were approved as corrected.

**2. Introduction of MCDAC representatives:** Including new (or returning) reps from Arthur, Bridges, Quest, SWAN, and WashU.

**3. Election of MCDAC chair:** Stephen Wynn (LANCE) was elected by acclamation.

**4. MOBIUS Update:** Jim announced that MCO's new Executive Director, Beth Fisher, will begin Aug. 1, but she's already given out some advance assignments. He also reported that the post-MOBIUS conference training sessions (Create lists, MLNC's session on serial holdings, Kathleen Schweitzberger's session on authority work) were very popular. Fran Stumpf and Jim Dutton have volunteered to be the chair/vice chair of the TS SIG of MLA. They're looking for a recorder for the group and mentioned trying to organize a presentation on some TS topic on the Tuesday afternoon of MLA (10/3) and a business meeting on the morning of 10/6. Between 5 and 7 cluster servers will be upgraded this summer—a requirement before Release 2006 is installed.

**5. IUG Enhancements Voting:** The deadline is July 21. Denise Pakala spoke in favor of C1 (character map/diacritic enhancement). Stephen Wynn and Jim Dutton noted that a partial diacritic "fix" can be downloaded to individual computers from CSDirect, under downloads and fonts. Jim will send specific information about this to site coordinators. Mark Scharff spoke in favor of W24 (the 856/956 proposal) and W27 (the 007 search limit refinement). Kathleen Schweitzberger sent an email later in the week, supporting S10 (allows staff to select just how much of a record and its attachments to print) and S23 (would highlight the last record viewed when returning to a browse display). Jim Dutton encouraged libraries to become voting IUG members.

**6. LC Series Authority:** Kathleen Schweitzberger reported on LC's decision to cease creating or applying series authority records. Series in all new records created by LC will be input in 490 0 fields, although they will leave existing 440 or 490/830s in copy cataloging records. They will classify each title separately, and they won't search for existing authority records. Mark Scharff noted that OCLC has changed its lock/replace

capabilities to allow any full-level cataloger to lock and replace established series in bibliographic records—even those created by LC. Kathleen will send OCLC's series plan to the list.

Discussion ensued as to whether the PCC (Program for Cooperative Cataloging) will be able to pick up the slack. Will LC just become a regular member of the library/OCLC community? Denise Pakala mentioned that ATLA (American Theological Library Association) is conducting in-house training for series authority creation and participation in a NACO (National Authority Cooperative) funnel. Mark said PCC and ALCTS (Association for Library Collections and Technical Services) are working on a series workshop for ALA 2007. This began as an informational workshop, but it may expand its scope as a result of LC's decision. Kathleen reported that MERLIN libraries have long had the policy of not passing through to copy catalogers any LC copy that included a series not in the library's authority file—a refinement of the more normal policy to pass through all LC copy, without cataloger review. More libraries might want to adopt this policy now.

**7. LC Personal Name Authority Death Dates:** Most MCDAC libraries are waiting for MCO or Backstage reports on authority conflicts before making changes, rather than working from change lists and looking for conflicts in their catalogs. They reported that changing/correcting headings is tedious, but not difficult. Jim created a Centra session that can be accessed through a link on the MOBIUS training page (<http://mco.mobius.missouri.edu/home/governance/>) by any Mobius cataloger that wants a refresher on ways to go about this.

**8. MCDAC Webpage Review:** We agreed to:

- a. Check for currency of MCDAC representative names.
- b. Change "Discussion items" to "Action items."
- c. Move the Union catalog contact list link to the bottom of the error report page and mark it "For MCO use only."
- d. All staff likely to attend any training should be listed in the directory on the MCO webpage so as to be available for the "people-finder" list.
- e. Policies/procedures need some updating:
  1. 229 document needs to reflect recent change in filing indicator;
  2. MCO will review the indexing tables for accuracy;
  3. Authority control document needs to be reviewed/updated;
  4. Subject heading policy should reflect the policy of not stripping out any indexed field.
  5. Since field 891 (serial frequency patterns) is indexed, it should also not be stripped, and a policy to that effect should be added to the cataloging standards section.
- f. The MOBIUS map in the catalog should be updated to include SLU as its own "cluster" and to have all membership links and lists updated. Jim will update SLU and the links in lists; map revisions require a web technician and may take longer.

**9. Old Business—continuing discussion or updates:**

- a. Denise shared a written procedure for Recommended Holdings Displays in Central Catalog. This is a work-around for displays of multiple volumes (either non-circulating monographs or bound serials) that uses a reverse suppression code to display a summary holdings display in the central catalog and individual volume display in the local and cluster catalog. The group made revision suggestions, and Denise will post a final version on the MCO website.
- b. Jim will be testing the 710 displays on the training server.
- c. Jim will check with III and with other consortia about the ability to limit a search or sort to the cluster level in the central catalog.
- d. There was some discussion about cooperative cataloging of free electronic resources, e.g., Maryville is adding National Academies Press titles ([www.nap.edu](http://www.nap.edu)). What's to prevent duplicates in the central catalog? The general opinion was that this is a collection development issue and should be forwarded to MCMAC.
- e. Sharing of tables of contents was discussed. Backstage offers Syndetics or Blackwell TOCs. Not much interest was expressed.

**10. New Business/issues:**

- a. Master record load priority was discussed. With SLU being its own cluster now and with its inclusion of a medical library using MeSH, it was decided to make the load priority MERLIN—SLU—WashU—everyone else.
- b. Shelving location pop-ups in the central catalog are based on the first two characters in item location codes, and this results in many inaccuracies. The lists and corresponding links need to be updated. It was suggested that the location labels in the catalog could be lengthened to their full capacity (26 characters?) and that the pop-ups could be dispensed with. MRRL, however, is in favor of retaining the pop-ups, since they have many locations with the same beginning characters and need the additional clarification of the pop-up information.

**11. Dates for next year's meetings:** The next meetings will be on Nov. 3, 2006; Mar. 9, 2007; July 20, 2007. We decided to experiment with a Centra meeting on Nov. 3 and, perhaps, on Mar. 9. The July meeting will be held at MCO.