SCP ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF CONFERENCE CALL
February 17th, 2009
1:00-2:30 p.m.

Present:  L. Bamhart (SCP reclamation), V. Bross, J. Dooley (chair), S. Gardner, L. Hsiung, J. Riemer (WorldCat local update), L. Rowlison, S. Scott (recorder), H. Tomren

Announcements: Lisa announced that Berkeley is getting ready to implement Innovative as its new ILS and all cataloging activities will be suspended beginning Mar. 1st. It will involve acquisitions activities to some degree but the major conversion for acquisitions will not begin until April.

John: WorldCat Local Update.

a) UCLA for Voyager and UC Irvine for Innovative will work with OCLC to test the load capabilities for LHRs. By March, the Implementation Team is hoping to have further information on scope and necessary data for LHRs, especially in regard to serials. If production is to begin around July 1st, reclamation must be completed, and at least some local holdings data present.

b) Reclamation progress: Done, UC B, UC D, UC M, UC SB, UC SC
   In progress, UCR
   In planning, UCLA, UCI, UC SD (including SCP), UCSF
   ZAS for SRLF done by UCLA; ZAP for NRLF done by UC B

c) A six month experiment with Expert Communities is now underway allowing OCLC participants to update records at the network level. CONSER and BIBCO records are excluded at this time, although past capabilities remain in effect. Participants are encouraged to share experiences over OCLC-CAT@OCLC.ORG
   Questions can be sent to: askqc@oclc.org

Jim: Next Generation Tech Services. There is not much to report yet. The Steering Team will have a conference call to ensure full understanding of the charge and purpose. A major task will be to get buy-in, since it will change the way people work.
Linda: SCP reclamation. San Diego will do SCP reclamation first and UCSD second. The form for SCP has been submitted and a conference call with OCLC will take place soon to go over plans. The major issue revolves around redistribution of records.

Two processes can be done simultaneously: OCLC can be setting symbols and preparing records, while campuses discuss plans for redistribution. SCP had discussed possible plans with Rebecca and Patti at CDL, who also came up with options, although none of the options seem too successful, as there are problems with all of them. Eventually a plan “E” was devised which gives campuses more flexibility as to how to reload records.

Plan A, an overlay process, is not recommended due to earlier problems. Plan B, a massive delete and add project would have adverse effects on classic MELVYL, as records could no longer be updated. Plan C, proposed by CDL involved the massive add, delete project which might be tied into the loading of records into MELVYL, but was later rejected due to the amount of work involved. Plan D, proposed by Patti Martin, suggested that records not be reloaded into local catalogs at all. However, there are possible problems with the timing, as this proposal would depend on Local Holdings Records, and these are not due to be completely workable until July so there is some uncertainty. Plan E lets each campus decide whether to do the tricky overlay process or instead do the add/delete.

Plan A applies for e-monographs only, since the OCLC number as a match point has always been used for serials. SCP would make its permanent match point the 001 OCLC number. For Plan A, SCP would distribute files, but local campuses would have to do some manipulation to be sure OCLC number is in 001 for successful overlay. Or conversely, SCP could send file with 001 OCLC number and campuses would need to work with file before loading. If Plan A were used all campuses would need to utilize this same plan. SCP is intending to redistribute the whole record. Lai-Ying suggested that redistributed records would match pretty well with current MELVYL records; SCP is pretty confident about serial records but maybe not quite so sure about monographic records. Any differences in MELVYL, or the absence of an absolute link to those records, might not matter much, since MELVYL may be disappearing, perhaps as soon as the end of Dec. If the URL still works, the absolute match of record content may not matter. Even now, delays often occur with MELVYL loading so catalog records often do not match anyway and there is little effect. Tier 2 records will
have holdings set in OCLC for only those campuses holding the title; that information will be in the 920 field as records are sent for reclamtion. Lai-Ying requested that smaller files be sent, such as 45,000 or so, for easier local processing. A file may not necessarily contain whole packages, such as the LION package, etc.

Irvine is doing a large authority project and has generously agreed to share their files with SCP. When SCP redistributes records, new and updated headings will be available.

It might be possible that serial records may not need to be redistributed since SCP has always been meticulous in its matching. Or campuses could decide whether to reload or not. The UCs agreed to use separate records for CalDocs for print and e-resources. Initially, it was thought that at reclamtion, separate records could be sorted out for e-resources, but CAMCIG was less than enthusiastic, thinking that it would be too much work at this time. It may not be as difficult as perceived because nothing would have to be done to the print record, even if a link is there; it’s simply a matter of adding a new record for the electronic. SCP AC members were in favor of not waiting but proceeding with the project now, as it seems it would be more work to wait than to do it now.

**ACTION ITEM:** By March 16th meeting, campuses should have tentative decisions from their staff regarding a decision as to preferred methods of record redistribution.

Meeting adjourned 2:20 p.m.
Next meeting: March 16 3:00-4:30 pm