

## Shared Cataloging Program Advisory Committee

### Minutes, January 11, 2004

2:00-4:00 p.m.

ALA Midwinter meeting  
Marriott Hotel, San Diego

Present: John Riemer, UCLA (chair); Carole McEwan, UCB (recorder); Pat French, UCD; Vicki Grahame, UCI; Catherine Nelson, for Elaine McCracken, UCSB; Lai-Ying Hsiung, UCSC; Becky Culbertson, UCSD; Adolfo Tarango, UCSD

#### 1. Minutes

- o Minute recording duties will be rotated alphabetically by last name. Minutes will be taken in fuller detail than previously and the draft will be sent to SCPSTEER-L@LISTSERV.UCOP.EDU for review by the Friday following the meeting (usually held Monday). Minutes will be finalized and distributed by the Friday of the following week.
- o Final minutes will be distributed to:
  - SCP-L for information and discussion
  - Becky to post on CDL website
  - HOTS via SCP AC chair, as liaison to HOTS

#### 2. Communication issues (added to Agenda)

- o SCP general listserv ( SCP-L@LISTSERV.UCOP.EDU) - As has been publicized in the past, this list exists to share information about SCP broadly within UC. SCP AC wanted to ensure that all its members and all the Cataloging Liaisons were subscribed to it. Cataloging Liaisons should encourage all interested parties to subscribe. The list can be used for general questions and answers, sharing best practices, suggestions for corrections to particular records and to identify patterns or issues for the SCP AC. Messages specifically addressed to the Cataloging Liaisons could be sent to them over this list, in lieu of SCPCAT-L. Using this list would also archive the discussions and issues. The separate list used to communicate with the Systems Liaisons, SCPSYS-L, would continue to be used, since the issues are quite specific.

ACTION: Becky to contact CDL to determine current subscribership and method for adding names and to clarify archiving issues.

#### 3. Steve Toub's message of Dec. 4 asking clearance to delete

<http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/hots/scac/liaisons.html> in lieu of <http://www.cdlib.org/inside/projects/scp/SCPcontacts.html> was agreed to.

ACTION: John to reply to Steve

#### 4. Update on Draft "Classification of SCP Electronic Monographs: Current Practice and Issues / prepared for SOPAG by the UC Heads of Technical Services" (Jan. 5, 2004)

- o Background: At the SCP AC meeting of Nov. 3, 2003, the committee discussed the issue that some SCP records for electronic monographs did not contain a classification number although SCP records for electronic serial and integrating resources do. Two issues arose: 1) how does this affect CDL/Melvyl call number indexes and retrieval? and 2) how does this affect use of the call number as metadata for broad mapping to subjects for retrieval or statistical purposes? The SCP AC agreed that this is a policy decision that affects SCP staff as well as campus cataloging operations and should therefore be referred to HOTS. SCP AC

prepared an overview of the question, and Pat introduced it at the HOTS meeting on Nov. 14, 2003.

- HOTS felt that SOPAG should set the policy because of its broad implications for retrieval of resources in Melvyl and for SCP staffing. HOTS asked Pat French, Sara Shatford Layne and Gail McClenney to expand the discussion document on behalf of HOTS and agreed to forward it to SOPAG once HOTS had approved the new draft. The paper identifies three options: assign a specific classification number to each electronic monograph, assign only broad numbers or do not assign classification if it is lacking in the source record. HOTS is currently reviewing the draft document and will forward it to SOPAG sometime soon.
- A tangential issue that arose from this discussion was that SCP records for newspapers do not have classification either. UC Davis has been adding classification numbers to newspaper records as they are received and could supply this data to UCSD. UCSD agreed to add this classification data to SCP newspaper records and to redistribute them.

ACTION: Pat to supply Adolfo with classification data for SCP newspapers. SCP catalogers to redistribute SCP records.

5. Possible utilization of the "cleaner" program that Margaret Mooney has designed for SCP records, prior to load.
  - Background: Margaret Mooney, UCR, has created a D-Base program to make corrections to SCP records before loading (e.g. absence of 006, 007; 856 41 tagging on record for the e-resource, missing 793 title hooks, etc.). UCI also had analyzed the records.
  - It was agreed that the improvements from this "cleaner" program should be applied to SCP records before distribution.

ACTION: Adolfo will contact Eva Sorrell at UCI to discuss implementation of this program at UCSD

6. "Streamlining of Link-Resolver Services for UC" white paper (Mary Heath/LTAG) What it portends for us.
  - Background: CDL currently uses three "link resolvers"/PURL servers: SFX, ARK and PID and wishes to reduce redundancy and increase efficiency. They propose to replace the PIDs by using SFX and ARKs. Adolfo wanted to alert SCP AC to a possible future change in the content of the records.
  - UCSD SCP staff discussed these issues with CDL recently, and it appears that the use of ARKs is no longer being considered except for UC owned and managed resources. This use is consistent with current SCP cataloging practices. With regards to SFX, several questions remain as to whether SFX is able to provide as much functionality as we have with PIDs.
  - Not all URLs that we have used PIDs for will be SFX compliant (e.g. do not have an ISSN or are not OpenURLs). Linking also requires the UC e-Link target to be SFX compliant.
  - We need flexibility as to where we want the URL to point (e.g. directly to journal home page)
  - Would SFX be able to provide weekly validation of URLs?
  - What would become of the PID server?
  - SCP AC has often felt the need to know more about what is, or could be, the relationship between SCP records and the contents of the SFX

KnowledgeBase/Open URL. With the help of a subgroup, SCP AC could read up on this topic, identify questions to ask Margery Tibbitts, etc.

ACTION: John will contact Carole Kiehl, Chair of HOTS, to indicate SCP AC's desire to contribute to the decision-making regarding changes to use of the PID server or new uses of the SFX server for storing SCP links. Adolfo Tarango, Pat French and Elaine McCracken will work together to help SCP AC understand the issues that this raises.

7. Possible agenda items for future meetings
  - o Report of subcommittee studying link-resolver services.
  - o Additional use of PID server by local campuses (after Jan./Feb. migration) - upgrading server to Apache and convert to the original software
8. Next Meeting - If SCP AC continues the same schedule used last year, conference calls would be held 8:30-10:00 am on the first Monday of every odd-numbered month. UCLA would host calls.
  - o March 1, 2004
  - o May 3, 2004
  - o July 5, 2004 (Meet in-person at ALA Orlando a week earlier?)
  - o September 6, 2004 (need to work around Labor Day)
  - o November 1, 2004

ACTION: John will poll members for availability closer to these proposed dates.