HOTS Conference Call Minutes
Feb. 21, 2007

Present:

Jim Dooley (UCM, Chair), Karleen Darr (UCD), Brad Eden (UCSB), Tony Harvell (LAUC), Lai-
Ying Hsiung (UCSC), Martha Hruska (UCSD, recorder), Carole Kiehl (UCI), Lee Leighton
(UCB), Patti Martin (CDL), John Riemer (UCLA, SCP AC), Sharon Scott (UCR), Julia Kochi
(UCSF)

1. Report on ALCTS Big Heads meeting at Midwinter (Lee)
 http://www.loc.gov/library/bigheads/bigheads.html
Lee Leighton reported on his presentation at the meeting on the impact of increasingly digital
content on patterns of library staffing, both in traditional technical services and across the
research library. Tech services lines continue to be the pool for positions that are being deployed
elsewhere in our organizations. How do we manage this effectively, support needs throughout our
libraries, and still get our work done? The discussion was rather limited and disappointing.

John Riemer reported on his presentation on the BSTF One Record vision: Cataloging
reconsidered: changing models of metadata creation to meet the needs of today's users.
Discussion of the issues surrounding how we spend our cataloguing resources--how we define
cataloging, and not only what we choose to catalog, but the standard of metadata used for
description.
He noted that in the analysis of loading and merging RLG records, it was found that 16% RLG
records overlap with OCLC… all RLG records should be loaded by end of year.
OCLC clustering happens during cataloging

WorldCat Collection Analysis to be available for FRBR-ization
WC Identities Project – UCLA involved as beta… generally useful for pulling together info on
personal authors (now) corp authors coming, would like to see include geographic, and subjects.
John also reported that when asked if LC catalogers would work directly in WorldCat, Beacher
Wiggins said no, they cannot put government information in a non-government database.

2. METS/MODS training – Brad Eden
Brad reported on the sample survey that CAMCIG is working on and discussing. The proposed
workshops are now labeled as Metadata training. The survey of needs and expertise is now out to
the CAMCIG group, with responses due March 1.
The idea is for training that could be ported around the state. Brad should be able to report at next
month's meeting on the preliminary results. TF will take survey results and move forward from
there.

3. Verde and Melvyl: CDL report – Patti Martin
Patti reported on the Aleph upgrade. It is still on track for summer (maybe late summer). As
noted in the recent email she sent out, the revised version of Melvyl will now be on the Sun
Solaris platform and likely will not be able to support Telnet. The email was aimed to see how
much impact this would have. The recent CDL assessment found 400 sessions of telnet use over
10 days on 10 campuses. Given this relatively low use, it appears it probably could move off.
HOTS members agreed. CDL will await feedback from other UC groups (HOPS and CDC).
Then, if the decision is to go ahead without the Telnet access, there was discussion of putting up a
warning message as people log in. When asked if there was any way to survey the Telenet use,

Patti answered no, there is no way to id these people. It was noted that some staff at UCSC and UCD are still using, but they will be able to find workarounds.

Patti shared a Verde report from Heather Christensen, the project manager. Verde v. 2.0 is not working yet but it is expected to be operational by early March when it will be tested by implementation groups. The status report was prepared for the SOPAG meeting Fri. Feb. 23. The plan to populate the Verde ERM is to get a testbed of records from the KnowledgeBase (KB). They are working with Ex Libris to get a healthy number of records for the test. Patti noted that Ex Libris is planning to merge the SFX and Verde KBs. The Metalib KB merge is another few years down the line.

Jim shared a SOPAG update on from Luc Declerck, the new HOTS SOPAG liaison. SOPAG will revisit the CAMCIG report on OCLC as a cataloging source. The aim will be to get more clear direction on what is being asked for and clarify what the assumptions are in planning for possible use of OCLC WorldCat for the UC Melvyl catalog in the future.

4.CAMCIG report on cooperative Japanese cataloging.
Thanks to Linda Barnhart.for putting this report together. The report explores possible collaborative options to follow up on some of the BSTF principles and develop a new cataloging model. There would still be a number of bureaucratic hurdles, like funding models that need to be worked out.
In discussion of the report, it was suggested that CAMCIG survey where Japanese cataloging expertise is in the UC… and recommend where a Japanese cataloging center would be located. Also to survey and consider other CJK languages.

5. Next HOTS call is scheduled for March 21.
Lee Leighton has suggested revisiting the single/separate record question.
Other agenda topics: Metadata training and follow up on the CAMCIG collaborative report.

Need better sense of where we are going over next few months and respond.

April 9 Oakland meeting is tentatively scheduled to start at 9:30 am.