

PCC Standing Committee on Automation –OCLC Task Group on Automated Record Enhancement

Background

The current Policy Committee (PoCo) chair, David Banush, was approached by Karen Calhoun of OCLC to discuss areas of possible cooperation between the PCC and OCLC. At its November 2008 meeting, PoCo endorsed the idea of such discussions. David Banush and Magda El-Sherbini, chair-elect of PoCo, visited OCLC headquarters in December 2008 to meet with Karen Calhoun, Glenn Patton, and other OCLC staff members about potential collaborations.

One area that emerged was assistance from PCC members in reviewing guidelines for updating master records in the WorldCat database as part of the record-loading process. The PCC Steering Committee endorsed the idea of a task group to work with OCLC staff on creating such guidelines and referred the work to the Standing Committee on Automation (SCA).

Charge

The PCC Steering Committee charges the PCC Standing Committee on Automation –OCLC Task Group on Automated Record Enhancement to:

1. Explore options to improve automatic augmentation of master records in the WorldCat database. This may include:
 - a. Reviewing existing guidelines for comparing incoming records against master records
 - b. Outlining which fields should be merged into the master record from incoming records as part of every record-loading project (if any)
2. Testing the results and refining them based on review by TG members, PCC participants, or both
3. Reporting the results to the PCC member community and WorldCat user community and seeking further feedback
4. Working with OCLC staff to implement any changes to the existing guidelines in WorldCat (as appropriate)

Reporting/Time Frame/Final Action

Reports to the Chair of SCA

Preliminary report, including changes to the guidelines, to Chair by June 29, 2009

Final report to Chair by September 30, 2009

Review/comments by October 16, 2009. Comments will be from SCA and SCS membership.

Final Report with SCA/SCS comments to PoCo by October 23, 2009

Final action on findings determined by PoCo at 2009 PoCo annual meeting

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