

PCC Standing Committee on Training (SCT)
June 2009

The PCC Standing Committee on Training has been actively working on various projects outlined below.

PCC SCT committee members: Paige Andrew (Pennsylvania State University), Barbara Bushman (National Library of Medicine), Andrea Stamm (Northwestern University), Rebecca Uhl (Chair, Arizona State University), Iris Wolley (Columbia University), Bob Wolverton, Jr. (Mississippi State University)

Liaisons: Glenn Patton (OCLC), Carolyn Sturtevant (LC/BIBCO)

Cataloging Courses

NLM Cataloging and Classification Courses, Barbara Bushman:

Barbara and Sharon Willis of NLM successfully presented the MeSH course at a “preview session” on April 29, in conjunction with the OpCo meeting. Participants provided useful feedback, which developers incorporated into the course. The online course is freely available on the NLM website (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/disted/mesh/>); plans include providing a link to this course from the Cataloger’s Learning Workshop site, as well. NLM staff are currently working on a companion course on NLM classification, which will also be freely available. The content, in the form of PowerPoints and HTML exercises, should be completed by ALA or shortly thereafter; the online course should be available later this year.

Map Cataloging Course, Paige Andrew:

Working with appropriate CMS staff at his institution, Paige has created a home page for the course and has begun mounting documents to the site. After ALA, he will be adding additional content to the site, and hopes to begin testing the course by the end of the year.

Task Group on BIBCO Record Requirements/BIBCO Training Materials Revision Group

The Task Group on BIBCO Record Requirements released its final report, which is available on the PCC web site (<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/bibco/BSRFinalRepJune-12-2009.pdf>). Once approved by PoCo, the TG will complete the revision of the BIBCO training materials.

Members:

Magda El-Sherbini, Ohio State University
Rebecca Malek-Wiley, Tulane University
Caroline R. Miller, University of California, Los Angeles
Louise Ratliff, University of California, Los Angeles
Carolyn Sturtevant, Library of Congress (COOP liaison)
Iris Wolley, Columbia University (project coordinator)

Two libraries have applied for BIBCO membership and are awaiting training this fall, ideally using the new materials.

NACO Series Training Materials

The NACO series training documentation is in need of a major revision; a task group under the aegis of the SCT will be formed to review and revise the materials. Once a charge has been written and approved, the SCT chair will send out a call for volunteers.

Other “Business”

The SCT will begin considering alternative methods of delivering training, including online, which should help mitigate costs to potential member libraries. The Chair also anticipates filling three vacancies for terms starting October 1, 2009, and concluding September 30, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Uhl
Chair, PCC Standing Committee on Training
June 2009