

## CONSER ALA Midwinter At-Large Meeting Summary Jan. 25, 2009

CONSER coordinator Les Hawkins introduced two guest speakers, Constance Malpas from OCLC Projects (RLG Shared Print Program ) and Margi Mann OCLC Western. Penn State's independence status as a full level CONSER member was announced and Les thanked Christopher Walker of Penn State and reviewer Steve Shadle of University of Washington for making this happen. Linda Geisler, head of the U.S. Publisher Liaison Section, the new section at LC responsible for assigning ISSN and authentication of U.S. ISSN assignments was also introduced. Les noted that Judith Cannan is now officially head of the Cooperative and Instructional Training Division at LC and oversees the cooperative cataloging programs including CONSER.

Attendees were appraised that the reorganization in the Acquisition and Bibliographic Access Division LC includes new duties and tasks for the CONSER staff (Les and Hien.) It is hoped the impact on CONSER members will be minimized and will improve over time under the new organization.

Constance Malpas described the RLG Shared Print Program effort to preserve at-risk print journals on the network level (a slide presentation about the project is available from: <http://www.slideshare.net/RLGPrograms/preservation-at-the-network-level-challenges-opportunities-presentation>) Constance has been in contact with CONSER members whose institutions are involved with the project. Participants in the project will add the 583 field with a \$5 to identify the institution making a preservation commitment and a specialized 042 code, 'ccmt,' to act as a flag for searchers indicating that the record shows a commitment to preserve the print serial. The project is restricted to print serials that do not have an electronic version and at this point in the pilot is focusing on serials that are held in their entirety by participant institutions. Some members were concerned with "opening up" CONSER records to allow non-members to change records in the process of adding preservation related fields. Robert Bremer (OCLC) suggested that non-member OCLC authorizations could be restricted to coding only the 583 and 042 fields. There is also concern among members that multiple 583 fields in a record will cause problems with readability of the record for library staff and users. Readability would be further complicated by multiple 583 fields if different institutions add separate 583 fields for separate parts of a serial. Since field 583 is defined in the holdings format could this information (and the necessary flags for searchers somehow) be contained in a "universal holdings record"?

Some of the same questions and issues apply to other network level projects. A specialized 042 code, 'dlr' is defined for the DLF/OCLC Registry of Digital Masters (RDM) and RDM guidelines specify use of the 583 field though to date there are very few CONSER serial records coded 'dlr' and these have been added by CONSER institutions. CONTENTdm participants will soon be able to add 856 fields to OCLC records including CONSER records. These users would be restricted to only adding 856 fields in CONSER records.

Regina Reynolds described developments of the Linking ISSN. There are two Linking ISSN tables freely available for downloading at the ISSN International Centre web site (<http://www.issn.org/>): a table matching all assigned ISSN with their corresponding ISSN-L and a table matching all designated ISSN-L with their corresponding ISSN. NLM has plans to make use of the tables. Glen Patton reported that OCLC has begun working with the tables for resolving mismatched ISSN in its XISSN service, link resolver, and in WorldCat. The new edition of the ISSN Manual is also available from the ISSN International Centre web site and reflects policies for assigning ISSN-L, and other changes in accordance with the new edition of the ISO Standard on ISSN (ISO 3297).

Tina Shrader reported on the CSR MARC Task Group on its work. A paper defining field 588 used to record “cataloger data” such as the description based on and latest issue consulted notes was discussed at MARBI and will return to ALA annual as a proposal. The group also is discussing how relator codes and \$3 could be used in conjunction with 710 fields in CONSER records. An additional task the group will take up proposing a 008\23 code to indicate “online” in records for online resources.

Kris Lindlan updated the group on the CONSER RDA comments submitted for the last round of review.

Valerie Bross reported on UCLA's experimentation with Elluminate, live online conferencing software. Valerie invited CONSER members to a live online session in the coming weeks as a follow-up to ALA Midwinter.

Margi Mann of OCLC Western described the update of the SCCTP Holdings Workshop which she and Wen-Ying Lu (Mich. State Univ.) recently completed. The material has been revised so it can be delivered either online in a live-online environment or for face-to-face training sessions. A train-the-trainer session is planned for face-to-face trainers on July 10<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with ALA annual.

Glenn Patton, OCLC provided an update for the joint CONSER/BIBCO meeting. Duplicate detection software has been updated. Non-latin references have been merged on 500,000 records. All of the 2007-2008 MARC updates, including capabilities for handling ISSN-L will be configured in the next MARC update sometime in 2009. The Expert Community project allowing wider updating of OCLC records by OCLC members begins this spring, so far PCC records are excluded so that the impacts on PCC can be assessed. Expert Community participants can also make changes to LC records not coded “pcc”.

Rebecca Uhl reported that the PCC Standing Committee on Training (SCT) will be focusing on revising PCC series documentation. Peter Fletcher reporting on behalf of the PCC Standing Committee on Standards (SCA) told the group that post cataloging series authority guidelines are available for posting on the PCC website. The reports of the SCA, SCT, and SCS are available on the PCC website for further information <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/>