Les Hawkins CONSER coordinator opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Judy Kuhagen (CPSO, Library of Congress) took a moment to personally thank PCC series authority record (SAR) contributors for stepping up this past year in their SAR contributions. Statistics show that contributions are down only 1% from the previous year following LC new policy of not contributing SARs.

RDA

Kristin Lindlan (University of Washington, Group Chair) gave an update on the CONSER Ad-hoc RDA Comment Group, which met during ALA. It sounds as if there will be a 2-3 month transition between publication of RDA and its implementation, so the PCC should begin envisioning needs for training and implementation soon. The group submitted its comments to the revised Chapter 3 on May 18th. Chapters 6 (Persons, Families, and Corporate Bodies Associated with a Resource) and 7 (Related Resources) have just been released for review, this release includes examples from the JSC Example Review Group 2 headed by Adam Schiff, comments on examples and suggestions for serials related examples will be passed to Adam, so please let Kris know if you have comments on these.

The group discussed simplifications that could be made to AACR2 21.1B2 and areas of RDA where decisions about main or prime entry are made. Also the group reviewed the CONSER standard record recommendation for series treatment that will be submitted to CC:DA for consideration.

ISSN and NSDP news

Regina Reynolds (U.S. ISSN Center, Library of Congress) gave an update on the Linking ISSN. The revised standard will soon be printed and implementation is planned for 2008. Regina will check on how to purchase the standard for people who want a personal copy. Its expected MARBI will approve the final recommendations for subfield coding associated with the Linking ISSN during its meeting at ALA annual:

$l for the Linking ISSN
$m for canceled Linking ISSN

An attendee expressed concerns that subfield $l looks much like the number "1." Robert Bremer (OCLC) confirmed that OCLC validation rules will require letter "l", a number "1" will not validate.

Any incorrect/inappropriate Linking ISSN associated with a cluster of records for serial manifestations will be coded $y as with any incorrect/inappropriate ISSN, so no separate subfield for incorrect Linking ISSN will be defined. In anticipation of implementation, the ISSN Network has begun cleaning up the ISSN register, national centers including NSDP are receiving reports of problems that need to be resolved. Examples include reconciling earlier practices for linking print and online versions with field 787 where

now a 776 field is used. In retrospectively assigning Linking ISSN to clusters of records linked by 776 fields, the ISSN Network will select the lowest numbered ISSN as the Linking ISSN.

The ISSN Network is developing a new free product related to implementation of the Linking ISSN. The product is a table of correspondence, which will list each Linking ISSN, and the cluster of ISSN associated with it. This product will be aimed at helping knowledge base producers and others pull together ISSN related to the Linking ISSN. The ISSN Network is making plans for targeting vendors and other organizations that will benefit from it.

NSDP is ready to assign ISSN to a backlog of requests for integrating resources that includes print loose leaf and web resources. NSDP has received numerous ISSN requests for blogs. Blogs meet the definition of a continuing resource eligible for ISSN. NSDP has avoided assigning ISSN to most personal blogs, reserving assignment to blogs that would be of most use and interest to patrons of library collections.

Regina asked CONSER members to use the CONSER/ISSN web form to report updated pre-publication records. Please include the ISSN and the OCLC number. Doing so will help NSDP quickly complete verification of ISSN elements and send the record to the ISSN register. Members should also use this web form to report title changes printing old ISSN. There was a question about whether information about the CONSER/ISSN web form could be made available in the CEG.

Action: Hien and Les will work with Regina on an update to the C6 of the CEG and post this on the CONSER website as soon as possible.

CONSER standard record

Les began with an overview of CONSER standard record (CSR) decisions that operations representatives made at their annual CONSER meeting in May (a summary of the meeting is available from: http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/CONSER-opco-summary-2007.pdf). CONSER representatives agreed to implement the CSR on June 1, 2007 with the understanding that institutions will probably need to consult locally before implementing. Representatives agreed to monitor how implementation of the standard is going throughout the year and suggest changes or adjustments that are identified.

One full day of the May operations meeting was devoted to the standard, as a part of this, Melissa Beck (UCLA) and Valerie Bross (UCLA) provided a training session on the CSR. After the training, members worked on identifying outstanding issues and discussed solutions. The training material used for the session was updated after the meeting and is available from the CONSER web site: *CONSER Standard Record SCCTP Presentation* http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/ Institutions are welcome to use this session in doing training locally. It is probably best to plan for up to 3-4 hours for a session to allow for questions, review, and the exercises.

Les noted that the training material has been successfully tested with several audiences including SCCTP trainers in live online sessions hosted by Amigos and in a training session at ALA annual that was aimed at non-CONSER serials catalogers. Melissa Beck led the ALA session and it represents a CONSER effort of out reach to non-CONSER serials catalogers on use of the standard. Hien Nguyen developed a successful CSR poster session aimed at non-CONSER members and presented it at NASIG in May. At-large attendees suggested that comments from non-CONSER libraries should continue to be encouraged and even questions on specific records created under the standard should be tracked.

Unresolved issues from the May operations meeting training were compiled in a document available from: http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/Decisions-frequently-asked-questions.pdf. Some of the issues were resolved with simple clarifications and by cleaning up examples in the CONSER standard record documentation. The list of issues includes observations about areas to monitor and cases where cataloger's judgment should be called into play. CONSER members have been offering many good suggestions for improvements in MARC21 and in easy to use rules of thumb for making decisions.

Probably many of the questions that have come up result from our just beginning to use the standard, so it is natural for us to have lots of questions. Les reminded attendees of the emphasis placed on cataloger's judgment in the CSR and in providing uncomplicated instructions in the CONSER standard record documentation. The existing C*ONSER Editing Guide (CEG)* and *CONSER Cataloging Manual (CCM)* are foreseen as places where additional rules of thumb, principle-based decision-making, the nature of serials publishing, etc. can be maintained.

Until the *CEG* and *CCM* can be updated with CSR related guidance, Les suggested that the on-going list of unresolved issues be maintained on the CONSER portion of the PCC wiki. This could be a place for the monitoring group to work on the list, annotate and update it. A public version of the list will be maintained on the CONSER web site. Note: the current version of the list is on the wiki and a version is publicly available from the web at: http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/Decisions-frequently-asked-questions.pdf.

Action: Les will organize a monitoring group to begin its work this summer to gage the impact of the new standard throughout the year.

Members were asked to talk about their experiences in implementing the standard. David Goldberg, National Agricultural Library (NAL) mentioned that NAL implemented the new standard March 1, 2007. He finds it easier and simpler not to have to measure the item, not to worry about coding the fixed field frequency/regularity, think about uniform titles and statements of responsibility. He thinks the new standard works and gives enough information. Adolfo Tarango University of San Diego (UCSD), mentioned that UCSD will implement on July 1, 2007. He will be asking his staff to follow the standard as written, and also use judgment in determining how to meet UCSD local needs and needs of the shared cataloging program in the UC system. Regina Reynolds agreed with

UCSD's approach and reminded participants of the deliberate wording, "It is not required," in the LCRIs and CONSER documentation that allow for special and institutional needs. Other members mentioned that many newer staff are appreciative of being able to take advantage of the standard's provisions, other staff were less enthusiastic.

Concerns were raised about recording vernacular scripts for some resources; it was reiterated that the CSR recognizes that practices for these types of material go beyond what is required in the CSR. There was also a concern about the option not to code the fixed field frequency and regularity codes. The CSR emphasizes recording the current frequency. CONSER members agreed to continue to maintain past frequencies in the 321 field as well and do away with adding "frequency varies" when more than three past frequencies are known.

An interesting question involved the future possibilities of viewing local institutional bibliographic records in OCLC, similar to the RLG cluster record arrangement. Would this capability mitigate concerns about sparser national level record, if more detailed information might is viewable local "cluster" records? Currently this feature is only available to former RLG members, though other OCLC members can contact their local network provider about getting the feature.

Tina Shrader (NAL) is chairing a committee to develop MARBI proposals related to the CONSER standard record and invited interested At-large attendees to the committee meeting later that day. Some of the proposals include:
- assigning specific MARC tags for description based on and latest issue consulted notes so that these can be displayed or not in local catalogs
- provide date and relator fields for 7XX and 8XX fields so that bodies and series titles that cover particular time periods can be easily shown along with the name or title
- Refine the wording in the 246 field

Joint BIBCO/CONSER meeting

Glenn Patton updated attendees on OCLC developments.

Local institution records continue to be loaded when they are pulled out of the RLG union list, transition of Eureka services to OCLC continues, and the next client version of Connexion (due for release June 26, 2007) will contain features that allow members to catalog in an enhanced environment resulting from the merger with RLG. Members will be able to generate authority records from local institution records, have enhanced support for non-roman script input, and availability of RLG's keyboard mapping, a help to longtime RLG users.

Integrating resources

Les gave an update on developments related to integrating resources. The technical details needed to distribute CONSER and BIBCO authenticated records for integrating

resources are nearly completed at LC and CDS, OCLC has completed the work necessary to allow CONSER and BIBCO members to authenticate records with the 042 code "pcc" and an LCCN. While additional work at LC may be needed to make the distribution of integrating records flow through a CDS continuing resources subscription file, members of both CONSER and BIBCO may now begin authenticating records with code "pcc" and an LCCN. These records will be picked up later when full distribution is available through CDS, perhaps later this fall.

Important reminder: Program members should not convert LC "legacy" monograph records for integrating resources until LC finishes its plan for converting these records. The LC monograph records will need to be deleted from the CDS books file and redistributed in the integrating resources/serials distribution file.

Documentation used by CONSER and BIBCO members for cataloging integrating resources is in need of updating. Several members have volunteered to work on this and there is a BIBCO task group that is working on updates to the *BIBCO Manual* and BIBCO training tools.

Action: Volunteers willing to work on the integrating resources module of the BIBCO and CONSER manuals will form a task group to update the integrating resources module. Tasks include removing references to the interim practices and reconcile (or provide options for) any differences between basic practices between the two programs, e.g. an option to provide notes in numeric order per CONSER practice for serials.

Action: a summary of this update on integrating resources will be posted on the PCC website, will be posted to the PCC email lists.

Action: Les and John Levy will survey BIBCO members on their need for LCCN

PCC Ad-Hoc Task Group on Series

This group is a result of requests from PCC members to form a group on series practices and documentation, partly a reaction to LC's series decision last year and a recognition that there is a need to simplify practices and create simple, unified documentation for series. The group will make practical recommendations and set reasonable action items. There have been several PCC related series proposals over the years and some of these have never been acted on. The group charge and membership is available from: http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/archive/SeriesReviewTF.html

CC:DA PCC representative report

Peter Fletcher, PCC representative to CC:DA reported on some of the RDA discussion taking place at CC:DA throughout ALA. Chapters 6 and 7 are available for review and formal constituency responses are to be submitted by September 17, 2007.