

SCS Task Group on CONSER Policies for Official RDA in MARC

Background:

In November 2022, the Pilot Group on CONSER Policies was formed, reporting to both the Policy Committee (PoCo) and the Standing Committee on Standards (SCS). As a one-year pilot, the new group was envisioned as a decision-making body for policies for the PCC implementation of Official RDA, in both MARC and BIBFRAME, along with addressing ongoing CONSER documentation needs. After the first year, the pilot group and its [preliminary assessments](#) were assessed by SCS and PCC Steering, to identify next steps and adjustments to the group beyond the pilot period. It was determined that the resulting group should focus only on MARC implementation, not BIBFRAME, and that ongoing and general documentation and advisory functions should be handled separately, with the support of a new CONSER liaison to SCS.

Charge:

Following on the preliminary work of the SCS Pilot Group on CONSER Policies, the SCS Task Group on CONSER Policies for Official RDA in MARC is charged to determine CONSER policies related to the PCC implementation of Official RDA in MARC:

- Determine when and how to implement the recommendations of the Pilot Group in MARC, including:
 - When and how to apply the WEM lock for serials, especially with regard to translations and different formats, in CONSER-authenticated MARC bibliographic records and in authority records in the LC/NACO Authority File (NAF)
 - Whether serial authorized access points (AAPs) must be unique in CONSER-authenticated MARC bibliographic records and in authority records in the NAF
- Identify and write revisions to policy and practice documentation in support of the group's recommendations (LC-PCC Policy Statements, Metadata Guidance Documentation, Descriptive Cataloging Manual Z1, CONSER Cataloging Manual, Provider-Neutral Guidelines, etc.)

PCC Strategic Directions (2023-):

The work of this task group supports and aligns with the following PCC strategic directions:

- 2.3. Enable the ongoing effective use of Resource Description and Access (RDA) by a broad community of metadata practitioners with varying levels of experience and training

- 2.3.1. Maintain robust and modular policy statements, metadata guidance documentation and other training materials for use with the Official RDA Toolkit

Time Frame:

Date charged: January 15, 2024

Preliminary report due: May 15, 2024

Final report due: December 16, 2024

Reports to:

Standing Committee on Standards (SCS)

Roster:

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Final Report Transmittal & Tracking Sheet:

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