

MERLIN QUALITY CONTROL COMMITTEE (MQCC) MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2000

Presiding: Norma Fair (MU ELLIS)

Attending: Janice Carter (SLU HSC), Jean Eisenman (UMR), Allison Holdaway (UMR), Nancy Stancel (UMKC Law), Kathleen Schweitzberger (UMKC), Janet Jackson (LSO), Christopher Gould (LSO), Ellen Grewe (UMSL), David Owens (UMSL), Alla Barabtarlo (MU Ellis), Vianne Sha (MU Ellis), Darcy Jones (MU Law), Wendy Fritzel (MU HSL), Richard Amelung (SLU Law), Pat Logsdon (WashU), Gary Harris (LSO), Anna Zaidman (SLU Pius) and Patrick McCarthy (SLU Pius) - recorders.

1. Announcements.

- a. Ellen Grewe will be taking early retirement in August.
- b. LSO/MCO will add 3 new positions in July.
- c. New "Remedy System" is now in place. Christopher Gould will be its Coordinator and will send out detailed information about its searchability. Christopher will also examine the possibility of hot linking the remedy page from LSO web page to MOBIUS.
- d. LSO/MCO will move again sometime in August. Gary will provide the directions closer to that time.

2. Review minutes of February 9, 2000.

Patrick requested a revision to section 5 on the 856 field. Sentence #3 to read: "There are no agreed-upon national standards, but the MERLIN standard will continue to be to indicate specific library access, volume and date coverage, and the URL in the 856 field." Sentence #5 to read: "The display of the 856 field can either be on or off in MOBIUS."

3. LSO Update.

LSO has received a quote from III for a new server. Quote was higher than expected so Gary and George will meet with a representative from DEC to compare prices. III migration services costs will need to be paid in any event.

4. Review action items.

All action items were transferred into a new system, acted on, and closed when possible.

GUICAT issues: Problem using backspace and delete keys in last variable length field still needs to be fixed; authority record browse display problem is being investigated by III programming; cut and paste of call numbers from bib to item records is causing a display problem, i.e. call numbers in affected item records cannot be seen.

5. GPO records proposal.

Vianne prepared and distributed the Evaluation of GPO Records Proposal. Committee's recommendations include 1) to disqualify Auto-Graphics for its failure to meet mandatory requirements and 2) to award the GPO contract to MARCIVE. MARCIVE met all mandatory requirements and received a score of 39 points (out of 42 possible) for desirable requirements. Vianne will add the latter to her document and Gary will forward this document to Purchasing for further consideration.

6. WLN problem record resolution.

Richard finished the project (237 records with 001 field containing an "n" and no number), which included importing a record from OCLC, attaching local decisions and symbols, and deleting a UMS record from MERLIN.

7. Duplicate resolution of Local/LC authority records.

These are LUMIN records containing an "n+ number" in a 001 and 010 fields, indicating that there is a matching national authority record in the OCLC authority file. When resolving a pre-existing duplicate situation or when one imports a national authority record, one should keep in mind that if we don't want to eliminate the record from our history file, we should NOT mark it for deletion with ASUPPRESS = d, rather we should delete it manually, after transferring decisions and libraries' symbols into the NAF record. Anna created a review file (#153) containing 12,299 old LUMIN records. As time allows, libraries should try to clean up these records in a more systematic fashion, proceeding as mentioned above.

8. Multi-volume series (Standard 4.3.3).

For the sake of more consistent display of numbering within a series, Vianne suggested rewriting the existing MERLIN standard 4.3.3. and to reduce the way we represent this information to a single method, i.e. breaking information up into separate 8XX fields even when the numbering is continuous. Vianne will submit the updated standard to the MQCC list for approval and then forward it to Janet.

9. Status of overlay protection for local information in authority records (2nd indicator 9).

Since at present it is not possible to implement 2nd indicator 9 in all instances (in INNOPAC's title fields in authority records, a second indicator means non-filing characters) without reindexing the whole database, we reversed our previous decision and initial implementation of overlay protection of local information in national authority records in MERLIN. Norma will ask Christopher to remove data regarding 450 .9 and 550 .9 in name and subject authority overlay protection lists. Additionally, Norma will edit and resubmit standards 5.3.1. LC SUBJECT AUTHORITY FILE and 5.7. LOCAL INFORMATION IN LC AUTHORITY RECORDS to the group and after the approval, to Janet.

Miscellaneous.

Richard explained the reasons for and requested that WLN "deletes" be

performed on a month by month basis and always prior to WLN "adds". Christopher will incorporate these instructions in his MCO/WLN Authority Processing Procedure on MOBIUS Routine Maintenance Operations web page.

Kathleen requested to get back to the regular schedule for LSO Headings Changes reports (every Thursday).

The directors of MERLIN libraries are discussing the frequency of various committees' meetings and possible switching to quarterly meetings. Committees most affected would be MQCC and MRSC. The discussions are in initial stages and no formal suggestions have been made yet.

Innovative's CS Direct (Innovative Interfaces' Online Service Center) is constantly improving. It now offers "Release notes." User name is "mtemp", for password contact MCO Help Desk or your institution's coordinator.

The next scheduled meeting is April 19, 2000.