

MERLIN Quality Control Committee

Minutes from meeting of September 13, 2000

PRESENT: Wendy Fritzel (MU HSL), Rachelle Leutzinger (UMKC-Law), Anna Zaidman (SLU Pius), Gary Harris (MCO), Patrick McCarthy (SLU Pius), Christopher Gould (MCO), Allen Verbrugge (MCO), Kathy Gallagher (SLU-HSC), Janet Jackson (MCO), Jean Eisenman (UMR), David Owens (UMSL), Kathleen Schwietzberger (UMKC), Richard Amelung (SLU Law), Alla Barabtarlo (MU), Norma Fair (MU), Vianne Sha (MU)

Introduction:

- Allen Verbrugge introduced himself. He was recently hired by MCO.

Announcement:

- UMR hired a Catalog Librarian. His name is Tim Keel.

Minutes from 6/21/2000 meeting:

- Approved as revised. R. Amelung will send out the revised version.

MCO Update:

- G. Harris:-

- A. Verbrugge is performing certain routine maintenance operations such as rearrange program, EBS, EMS, scope authority program, etc.

- Hardy Pottinger was hired as the I-Net Administrator to work on all MOBIUS web pages. LANIT consulting service is chosen to provide consulting service for MCO.

- Advanced Keyword Search engine is based on Alta Vista and has problems with indexing words with diacritics. Reindexing is on hold until the Advanced Keyword Search product is available again.

- C. Gould:-

- The call for reindexing 4XX and 5XX 2nd indicator on authority record was closed.

- Order record data can be imported to item record, but record number is not searchable.

- George Rickerson decided that authority processing and TOCs will be done quarterly once the backfiles are done. Currently authority record adds and deletes are sent to WLN monthly. MQCC felt strongly against the quarterly service since quarterly service had problems in the past and libraries will have

three months worth of headings to do at one time, making the already messy authority processing situation even harder to maintain. MQCC would make a formal recommendation to MERLIN Directors that the issue be referred back to MQCC for discussion and decisions for authority processing services should be made in consultation with MQCC.

- G. Harris:-

- Gary had asked the directors to discuss the issue of designating an official alternate for the MERLIN cluster to attend MOBIUS committees' meetings, particularly MCDAC which serves dual purposes. Gary will attend the UM Directors meeting on 10/12.

- J. Jackson:-

- MARCIVE's project schedule and Jim Noel's message about the future of GPO records were sent to the GOVDOCS-L.

- Gary or MCO will take care of the cancellation of the OCLC GOVDOC service once MARCIVE's records are in place.

- Janet asked libraries to report to GOVDOCS-L when diskettes are received. Many questions cannot be answered without seeing the diskettes first. For e.g., will the test data include both SLS and GPO records? Will the test data include all item numbers? Where will we get a list of items to associate the locations with?

- Janet ran Linkbot yesterday. The process was not complete.

- Janet received no response from III on MeSH's retrieval problem yet. The duplicate problem seemed to be fixed.

Robin:-

- Robin helped Christopher in explaining how MERLIN got into the authority record problems from WLN. WLN provided Replacement Service on our Local History File for MERLIN's backfiles 1 and 2 without our knowledge. As a result, local headings were replaced with LC headings in our history file that may or may not be the correct headings. WLN performed three types of matching services: national, local, and unmatched headings. When WLN matched an LC heading in LC authority file that has a later date in 005 field, the old record was replaced and the new record and a print report of the deletion was sent to us. When WLN matched a local heading with an LC heading, WLN replaced the local heading in our history file and sent the record and print report to us. WLN also created a No Match history file for us and checked it against the LC authority file whenever authority processing service was done. This was a service not provided by BNA. MERLIN libraries received reports of no matched records that later matched LC headings. MERLIN does not want this service because WLN replaced MERLIN's local records in the history file when they matched LC records.

- C. Gould:-

- Problem:- Titles were not supplied in subject file if they were 630s.

- Should Christopher rapid update ACODE2 for records through 8/31/2000 to hyphen? No conclusion.

- WLN authority processing procedure should be:- a) match new headings against MERLIN's local history file; b) if no match is found, match against the LC history file; c) if no match is found, go to WLN's No Match file and WLN should send MERLIN reports of these headings. P. McCarthy suggested an all-day meeting to be held on WLN authority processing issues. Alla, Richard, Kathleen, Anna, Norma, Christopher, Gary, Robin will meet on 9/22.

- Decisions for handling backfiles 1 and 2:- a) LC replaces old LC names and subjects – load as overlay matching on 010 \$a; b) LC replaces old LC titles – load as inserts; c) LC replaces local headings – load as inserts.

- Backfile 1 – bibs. created 9/24/97-1/31/99; Backfile 2 – bibs. created 2/1/99-7/31/99; Backfile 3 – bibs. created 8/1/99-present.

- Ongoing adds and deletes should be sent monthly until the quarterly schedule is in production.

- Error reports: Overlay failed error reports can be ignored; all invalid location codes error reports belong to UMKC.

- WLN did not flip the 440 series to 490 1 and 830 fields for the backfiles. It was written on MERLIN's WLN authority processing profile. Christopher will check with WLN.

Agency Field.

- Use to associate the item locations with bib. Locations.

- Last 5 codes will be reserved for III.

- Use \$h in 949 field for interactive transfer.

- Coordinators suggested using a scheme similar to the ICODE1 scheme: MU and MU-HSL will have the block of 010-029, MU-Law will have the block of 030-039, etc.

- Christopher will find out if III can do the rapid update for MERLIN. If not, Christopher will request some big review files for this purpose. III has indicated that they would provide large review files for this purpose, but these files have not been forthcoming.

- MCO will maintain the Agency field table.

- When using New Record From Old function for creating item records, the Agency field will carry over.

- MQCC will recommend the Coordinators to implement this.

Library Symbol to be Used in \$5 in Authority Records.

- Time ran out and issue will be further discussed later.

Next meeting: 10/11/2000, recorder: MU-HSL

Respectfully submitted,

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