ALCTS Metadata Interest Group Midwinter Minutes

ALA Midwinter 2010

8-10am, Sunday, January 17, 2010

Westin Waterfront, Otic Room, Boston

Present: Bradford L. Eden (Chair, 2009 - 2010), Jennifer O'Brien Roper (Chair-Elect, 2009 - 2010), Sai Deng (Secretary, 2009 - 2010), Kevin Clair (Program Co-Chair, 2009 - 2010), Rhonda J. Marker (Program Co-Chair, 2009 - 2010), Mr. Steven J. Miller (CC: DA Liaison, 2008 - 2010), Holley Whitehurst Long (LITA Representative, 2008 - 2010), Joanna Burgess (Publications Chair, 2009 - 2010), Ms. Kristin E. Martin (BLOG Coordinator, 2008 - 2010)

Total presented for programs: 78+ people (A few also stayed for business meeting.)

The Metadata Interest Group's Midwinter program was very well accepted. The meeting was set up as a round table discussion in a small room, but many attendantees sat on floors throughout the whole program. 78 people signed up for the attendance sheet.

I. Programs

Chair Brad Eden welcomed the crowd and introduced the speakers. First speaker Jennifer Bowen from University of Rochester presented **"**eXtensible Catalog: Metadata Services Toolkit". The eXtensible Catalog (XC) Project is working to design and develop a set of open-source applications to provide easy access to all resources across different databases, metadata schemas and standards, and to enable library content to be revealed through other services. Metadata Services Toolkit (MST) is one of three modules under development by the University of Rochester as part of the eXtensible Catalog (XC, http://www.extensiblecatalog.org). The other two modules are user interface and connectivity. Bowen described the architecture of XC and the different tools designed for various functions including an XC OAI toolkit for harvesting, a NCIP toolkit for circulation data and a Drupal toolkit for user interface. She showed the interfaces of XC and explained its main functions including adding repository, scheduling harvest, orchestrating services and browsing records. The main services were also covered including metadata normalization, metadata transformation, data aggregation and authority control. The program can be downloaded from the project website.

The second speaker is Roy Tennant from OCLC Research. His presentation title is "Massive metadata mash-up". The mash-up project he has been working on involves three different types of metadata: MARC, storage data, and HathiTrust metadata. Tennant transformed HathiTrust metadata into XML and created a simple search interface in his own server. He has been

continuing to add new data to the system and the prototype search interface can be found at: http://roytennant.com/proto/hathi/ By January 1 of 2010, the records have been increased to 5.2 million. His presentation illustrated the selected processes such as downloading Hathi metadata, enhancing with more OCLC numbers, extracting OCLC numbers and sending to run against OCLC snapshot, merging MARC records with Hathi and storage data and running program to extract information from the mashed data. The tools he used include Perl (for text processing), XML, Swish-e (for indexing), XSLT and XSLTproc (for XSLT parsing). He also presented some discovered statistics, discussed the challenges faced, and shared lessons learned about how to mash-up several metadata resources effectively.

Detailed program information can be found in the MIG blog at: http://blogs.ala.org/nrmig.php under the date of Jan. 19th, 2010.

II. Business meeting:

The IG group members introduced themselves. Brad sent the last annual minutes to the group before the meeting and additional copies were also brought to the meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Program Planning (Kevin Clair and Rhonda J. Marker): Kevin reported that all pre-conferences were set up the same as last year. Christine Ruotolo from University of Virginia Library will again teach the workshop "Manipulating Metadata: XSLT for Librarians". Patrick Yott from Brown University will be a co-facilitator.

For the main metadata session which addresses merging metadata standards from archives and museums, two speakers have already been decided. Danielle Cunniff Plumer from Texas Heritage Digitization Initiative, will talk about collaborating a project among different cultural institutions in the state of Texas. One speaker from Yale (?) will talk about converging metadata from separate collections within a single institution. He will discuss cross collection search. A third speaker is to be sought to address usability and user services. Rhonda said that they were looking for a speaker to address user's perspective of metadata from different resources and their experiences in federated search and user interfaces. The program time will be on Saturday morning from 8 to 10. It will be co-sponsored by Joint committee on Libraries, Archives & Museums from ALA, SAA and AAM.

Brad asked the group to brainstorm more ideas for future program planning. Some possible topics were proposed including automated metadata tools, annotation tools, institutional repository metadata auto-processing practices and tools, RDF and semantic web, metadata editor interfaces and datasets, mash-up of metadata from different resources in big as well as medium and small sized libraries.

Blog Update (Kristin Martin): the blog was updated prior to the Midwinter meeting. Selected sessions of interest were compiled, a list of metadata related blogs were added to the blog and a

call for blog volunteers was also posted. Due to the low response rate in bloggers request and the dormant period between Annual and Midwinter, Kristin suggested coming up with a rotating group of people to contribute to the blog. Some suggested expanding the blog coverage to include sharing information on reading, reports from other conferences, reports on projects going on in different libraries and linking other blogs to the IG blog. Kristin reported that the current registered bloggers are about 20 people. Other suggested making the blog more open and casual to attract bloggers, however, security and registration still need to be imposed to protect our blog from spam. Kristin will send out an email of blog update to the group after Midwinter.

Publications Update (Joanna): ALA is migrating committee and IG websites to a new design and architecture and will make it more standardized. ALCTS may provide some guidelines on this soon. It is recommended to post IG documents to the group's ALA Connect space. Joanna also asked attendantees to participate in the newly created ACRL interest group Image Resources.

CC:DA Update (Steven Miller): Steven reported on some CC:DA activities including a RDA update Forum. The publication of the RDA online tool will probably be in this summer. CC:DA met once already and will have one more meeting during Midwinter. CC:DA is seeking more comments and all comments on the draft of RDA will go to Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR (JSC) through CC:DA. He also mentioned that Dianna Hillman has a session on application profiles in Midwinter.

LITA (Holley Long): Holley reported that LITA National Forum will be in Atlanta from September 30 to October 3, 2010. The topic is the Cloud and the Crowd (social networking and cloud computing). They will be accepting proposals through Feb. 19th. A new interest group titled "Mobile Computing" will start in LITA.

Music Library Association (Jenn Riley): Music Library Association Metadata Sub-committee of Bibliographic Control Committee is cooperating with an ALA task force through ALCTS Preservation and Reformatting Section. The group works together to develop audio metadata standards. The Music Library Association annual meeting will be on Mar. 23 -24, 2010 in San Diego. The group will have two sessions. One session is "FRBR, FRAD, and Music: Theory and Practice". Caitlin Hunter from Library of Congress will address non-western music in FRBR, and Jenn Riley from Indiana University will talk about an FRBRized search interface for music data in her institution. Another session is "Workflow Design for Metadata Creation". It will cover how to set up tools to talk to each other, how to train and select people to work with metadata creation. It will be moderated by Jenn Riley. Renée McBride from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will talk about dealing with legacy metadata, Caitlin Hunter will address projects going on at LC and Amanda Harlan from Baylor University will talk about a METS project.

Request for Vice Chair Volunteers (Brad): Brad requested a Vice Chair for annual. Vice chair is a two year term (first year as a vice-Chair and the second year as Chair). The group also seeks

for other officers including a Secretary, Publication Co-Chairs and a Program Co-Chair. Interested personnels should send emails to the MIG Chair Brad Eden.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sai Deng