Core Subject Analysis Committee I
2022 Midwinter Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2022: 3:00-5:00 pm EST
Video Conference

Members present: Rockelle Strader (chair), Candy Riley (vice-chair), Violet Fox, Iman Dagher, Rose Krause, Deborah Tomaras, Pete Wilson, Karl Pettitt, Thomas Whittaker, Amanda Ros, (member and liaison to CC:DA), Adam Schiff (member and liaison to MARC Advisory Committee), Margaret Joyce (associate member), Adrian Williams (associate member)

Members not present: Calli Neumann Deborah Rose-Lefmann

Liaisons:

Sherman Clarke (ARLIS/NA), Jennifer Bradshaw (RBMS Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group), Paul Frank (Library of Congress Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division), Scott Dutkiewicz (Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc.), Veronica Ranieri (PCC SACO Program), Heidy Berthoud (FAST Policy and Outreach Committee), Camilla Williams (Library of Congress Dewey Program), Robert Bremer (OCLC), Barbara Bushman (National Library of Medicine), Stacey Devine (Library of Congress Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program), Rebecca Belford (Music Library Association), Judy Jeng (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions), Annie Wolfe (Library and Archives Canada), Cate Kellet (American Association of Law Libraries),

Ex-Officio Member Present: Casey Mullin

Liaisons not present: Jonathan Ward

Total attendees: 84

1.0 Welcome and introduction of members and guests

1.1 Adoption of agenda. Adopted

1.2 Adoption of minutes of the 2021 annual meeting. Postponed to the following meeting.

1.3 Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (Paul Frank). Janis Young had moved to a different position at the Library of Congress. Paul Frank is the new liaison from the PCC. Daniel Griffin, who had an impact of PTCP has moved to a new position outside the library. Nancy Cooey and Amy Phillips are new

PTCP members. Judith Cannon has worked to realign duties to have expertise and primary roles are more shared and less siloed. The LCDGT moratorium has been lifted and it has been remodeled as a prototype controlled vocabulary that includes more community involvement. Veronica Ranieri would have more information, as she leads the advisory group. PCC subject experts have been working on policy statements and metadata guidance for the new RDA. They are looking to bring out subject relationships in description. The PCC group is working with ALA, since this work is tied to the toolkit itself. The metadata guidance documentation, which Paul Frank is working on, will live outside the RDA toolkit, and will be published by the end of the month. Bibframe is advancing, working towards production. The new editor is named MARVA. The group is also re-evaluating pre-coordinated subject headings (strings) and how they will work with linked data.

Question about the big ALA report that Janis used to summarize, it is available on the website. Link was later sent to connect space.

Question about LCGFT; When will the proposals held up by the moratorium be added to lists? Some approved terms will be published next month, when we end the moratorium, the rest will be coming out gradually. There will not be a tentative list, but only an approved list.

1.4 Report of the liaison from Library and Archives Canada (Annie Wolfe)

Work is going well on changes within Canadian Subject Headings for subject headings related to Indigenous people. We have modified 113 out of 405 headings related to ingenious people. 167 CSH were added. We still have 31 CSH to change, but are seeking more input from the community for the right terms for those. As mentioned in the July meeting we decided to remove the word Canadian as an adjective, as in Canadian literature, English, Indigenous authors, it is now Indigenous literature, English, because not all Indigenous people consider themselves Canadian. We also created First Nations people as a replacement for the heading Indians of North America. This term can be geographically subdivided. Our next goal is to revise subject headings for the majority of First Nations communities and languages. For non-indigenous related subject headings we added 93 CSH, deleted 5, and replaced 306.

LAC contributes English-language name authorities to the NACO file and French-language name authorities to the PFAN/Canadiana file. SACO contributions also continue. LAC cataloguers continue to add unique English-language name authorities previously found in the bilingual Canadiana file to the NACO file. The Francophone Name Authority Program (PFAN) continues to develop the PFAN documentation in a bilingual wiki space by adding new instructions.

Regarding MARC 21, LAC has published the French translation of English Update 33 (November 2021). Code lists in French have been updated according to the TECHNICAL NOTICES on the Library of Congress Website for the period of April 15 to December 7, 2021. LAC continues to develop the new LAC policy statements about the elements under the

Manifestation entity for the new Toolkit.

Annie Wolf shared the link for the Canadian subject headings.

1.5 Report of the liaison to the Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access (Amanda Ros)

Short report since there were no votes taken since our last meeting, but the CCDA members were encouraged to comment on the revised Armenian, ALA and LC transliterations tables. We revised the ALA/LC romanization table for Japanese and the transliteration table for Macedonian. We still have three task forces that are active, there's the virtual participation Task Force, the CCDA procedures review, and the CCDA RDA beta toolkit training investigation Task Force

And we are still waiting to find out what the final results are for scheduling the CCDA meetings, so I expect that to be coming along soon, and I can post that to connect once we have dates, but as of this moment, we don't have scheduled dates for the CCD a midwinter meeting yet.

1.6 Report of the liaison from ACRL RBMS Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group (Jennifer Bradshaw)

I believe this liaison role may be new. I'm from the Rare Books and Manuscript Section Controlled Vocabulary Editorial Group, we call ourselves CVEG. We have a controlled vocabulary called the RBMS controlled vocabulary for rare materials cataloging, which provides terminology designed to facilitate access to special collections resources, especially rare books and manuscripts. In our past, and currently we have six separate vocabularies for genre terms, printing and publishing evidence, provenance evidence, binding terms, type evidence, and paper terms. But one of the biggest projects we've been working on the last few years is integrating these into one thesari to facilitate ease of use. This process involved evaluating the existing terms and hierarchical structures and putting it all together. The other big thing that we've been working on is we've set up the beta version of our linked data integrated vocabulary on LC's site.

So this is the linked data version, and the integrated thesarui, as far as we will be putting out a survey in the next month or two to get some feedback on the beta version of this integrated thesaurus. I hope that any of you who have interest will take part in examining the new source.

We also have a subgroup working within our community looking at our vocabularies for prejudicial materials such as, anti-communist works or anti-Catholic works, but also looking at expanding the terminology available in the thesauri for other DEI implications. And once that group has come to a point, we plan to have a review period for these new and revised terms. Since our integration work is wrapping up, we're looking forward to returning to our regular work of accepting new terms as suggested for the vocabulary, crafting scope notes for existing terms and new terms, and we hope to focus on expanding our vocabulary beyond its focus on Western book history and traditions to broaden it up to the wider community of rare materials.

Question from Sherman Clarke: regarding general terms in the scope of work paragraph of the report: I noticed in your scope of work paragraph you said that general terms that are already accessible and other equivalent candidates will not be added, unless a specific differentiating rare materials definition exists. When we were doing the LCGFT and the art project we of course, had quite a bit of overlap with AAT. And for a lot of those terms we went ahead and created an LCGFT version and I wondered whether you are thinking of just not really general terms, or you really are trying to avoid overlap.

Jennifer: I think it's to avoid very general terms. Thank you,I do know there's some overlap with AAT and other vocabularies.

Question from Adam Schiff: about the link data version of the vocabulary: I'm just wondering whether the current beta identifiers will stay the same when you move to whatever the actual approved version is. The reason I'm asking is because I've been very involved with wiki data and I've been wanting to do a proposal to create a property for the RBMS terms but I'm not sure that I should do that at this point because I don't know if those identifiers will stay the same.

Jennifer Bradshaw: As far as I know at this point, I believe that will stay the same, but I can check into that and get back to you specifically. Adam said that'd be great because, yeah, if they're going to be stable then I'll go ahead and make a proposal so that we can get wiki data property for the RBMS vocabulary.

1.7 [Report](#) of the liaison to the MARC Advisory Committee (Adam Schiff)

The agenda was published, meeting next week. There is also one discussion paper, involving subjects and recording subject relationships in authority records which would certainly be of interest to SAC. I have [posted](#) it to the list, but haven't received any feedback.

I've been looking at the posted comments from the various national bodies and other folks who have been replying to the proposals and discussion papers, and there seems to be general support for the discussion paper and for moving forward with revising the MARC format to allow more easily recording of subject relationships to works and expressions. After the MAC meeting I will summarize the results of the meeting for each of the papers and send that out to the list.

1.8 [Report](#) of the liaison from the PCC Subject Authority Cooperative Program (Veronica Ranieri)

Not much to add, as I am new in this role, the SACO coordinator in training. We have three new SACO members. Duke University is joining the African American funnel, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is joining the African American funnel, and the University of Ottawa is, I believe, joining the Canadian funnel.

As Paul Frank mentioned I'm also spearheading the LCDGT project. And I've been meeting monthly with the advisory group members since October and we've spent our time trying to work through the 500 proposals that have been in the pipeline since the moratorium was instituted. At this point, we've looked at all the proposals and made decisions on the majority of them. The approved terms should be published as an approved list at the end of this month. And the moratorium will be lifted at the end of the month as well.There will be an announcement made at that time with more details.

The multiples project is continuing along. The statistics for fiscal year 2021 involved 8,264 new headings, based on multiples and 217 canceled headings, 101 updated validation records and 175 revised records.

Question from Candy Riley: Is the multiples project complete? Asking for an update on the status of the process.

Veronica Ranieri: It's not complete yet on our end. I would guess that we may give SAC more assignments if you are willing to work on them, but I don't have any details about that right now.

Candy Riley: I think we would be willing to take those on, let us know.

Question from Brian Stearns in chat: Will the joint work with SAC on literary authors be resuming?

Veronica Ranieri: I don't have information on that, Paul?

Paul Frank says he thinks it will continue. We are having staffing changes right now.

Brian Stearns: And the SAC feedback on the monthly lists will continue?

Paul Frank and Veronica Ranieri: that will definitely continue.

Question; the LCDGT proposals are marked for different lists, will it be separated or on one final list.

Veronica Ranieri: They will probably end up being published in three separate lists.

Question about what literary authors project involves.

Veronica Ranieri: I'm not familiar, Paul I'm gonna put that to you if you don't mind,

Paul Frank: the policy now on submitting LCC classification proposals for literary authors has I think four or five requirements. Generally you can create a literary author authority record and add a note 053 to it without signing a proposal, But as we look towards link data and making the LC classification schedules link data friendly there's a big value in having a URL or URI that is going to be associated with this specific author. So this project is taking literary authors and actually creating the caption and the classification record in Classweb. This way we can actually mint a URI or I for each of those literary authors.

1.9 Report of the liaison from OCLC (Robert Bremer)

Report submitted after meeting.

I have two items for today. The first one is that work continues on the retrospective controlling and subject enrichment effort. For subject enrichment process which includes the addition of RVM French subject headings to records with LCSH, and addition of LCSH to records with RVM French subject headings, we are preparing to run an initial 10 million records through that enrichment process with a tentative plan to start the whole retrospective process in February.

For the second item for Worldcat we've completed conversion of "Illegal aliens" and related subject headings to the various non citizen and illegal immigration subject headings for LCSH and LC children's subject headings. The conversion for FAST is also nearly complete. Because these heading were split into two updating it is not handled automatically by the heading control software. So we use the connection client macro and accounted for subdivisions applicable only to classes of persons that had to be dropped from the constructed illegal immigration heading. Due to the number of headings involved we also worked on the conversion of aliens to "Noncitizens", even though that would have normally been handled by the heading control software itself. We converted records the first week of December and then began to clean up problematic records including headings with typos, coding errors, and incorrect subdivisions. There were more than 3,000 cases where "Aliens" had been used incorrectly, instead of "Extra terrestrial beings". We allowed them to convert to non citizens initially, along with everything else for easier processing but they all had to be located and manually corrected to change the LCSH heading. And as part of that delete the fast heading so that they could be correctly regenerated almost 18,000 records were converted that had one of the "Illegal aliens" headings. Another 23,000 records were converted that had aliens to "Noncitizens. And of course, obsolete headings like that will continue to arise in Worldcat via batch load, so they go on to a search and destroy list for continued searching and correction in the future.

Question: Robert, it sounded like the first step that you did was to take illegal aliens headings and split them into two each of the two new headings, containing all the same subdivisions. And then you did further work to get rid of the subdivisions under illegal immigration, that were unusable. Is that right?

Robert Bremer: That's basically it. It happened in one step at the same time as opposed to the headings that were constructed and that sat there that we then later went back and stripped

out the variety, class of person type subdivisions, but you know it's it's it's a difficult process because when you start with bad data you end up with bad data so there will be cases where a subdivision should have been stripped but we didn't recognize it because it was tagged as a geographic subdivision rather than a topic. There were other cases where subdivisions were just plain made up, and so they carried through to the new headings and then when you looked at and afterwards it was a case of what is this subdivision doing here, and we manually cleaned up a lot of those after the fact.

Of course when you rely on automation to make a big change like this you know it doesn't take into account the subtleties of subject heading assignment that a cataloger might make with the item in hand, so you know we did as much as we could. We're certainly willing to hear feedback in terms of well you know this one needs to be corrected again to be different. But I think, ultimately, people will have to look at these headings and if they decide that they need to be adjusted. Go ahead and make the adjustments.

Violet Fox suggested that the report to be submitted after the meeting should encourage catalogers to make changes that they think are necessary, to communicate that out to other people who are interested in this subject.

1.10 Report of the liaison from the Music Library Association (Rebecca Belford)

Shared link to best practices for LC MPC and music related LCGFT Music Library Association, which are linked from our catalog and metadata committee home. We were originally hoping to have major revisions of each of those for review at our business meeting next month, but like so many things this year they have been delayed so they're still planned but won't be up next month as hoped. We have the lists of new and changed subject and genre headings, for those of you interested in specific terms as they come out. You can find them by taking a look at the music catalog and bulletin where they're compiled specifically music, as opposed to just sifting through the LC approved list. I send this reminder, each time, but for anyone who hasn't heard me say this before, we do have a SACO music funnel, for anyone wishing to post music-related new terms or changes to any of the policy vocabularies or classification scheme. You do not need to be a SACO member or music expert.

Casey Mullin will be talking about a lot more about the project to generate faceted terms from existing LCSH and other areas of records, one form of that is the music OCLC toolkit. The big update since last meeting is it will now run on bib records that are not music formats, as long as there is value for notated music, music sound recording or projected medium in 006, and it will now also run on video format records, regardless of whether there are music codes. We are also digging into some platform neutral mapping catch-up projects for this. If anyone has advice on untangling ETF 16 I'd love to talk to you later. And we have to go back and do some catch up. One thing we're hoping to do to make our mappings which are separate from Connexion Client, more accessible is to set up a GitHub space, assuming that the board of the MLA approves that. We have upcoming meetings, this meeting is actually timed before the registration deadlines, so I will put in a plug for the MLA annual meeting coming up March, 2nd to 6th which will be available as a virtual meeting or in Salt Lake City, and the music OCLC users' group will be meeting virtually only February 7th and 8th. And finally, this is my last

meeting as MLA liaison, I'm rotating off the position chair and vocabulary subcommittee.

Introduces the new chair, Janelle West, University of North Texas, who introduces herself to the committee.

Welcome from committee chair.

1.11 [Report](#) of the liaison from Art Libraries Society of North America (Sherman Clarke)

The ARLIS NA in-person meeting is scheduled for early April in Chicago. The smaller meetings will be held virtually but the hope is to have an in-person conference as it's a special conference for the 50th anniversary.The program just came out and there's a session on Wiki data that several of us, metadata types are on, and there's also one on diversity, equity and inclusion. The cataloging advisory committee has been working on various DEI issues, I was interested to see that AAT has actually now added, it's kind of a provisional term but they've added DEI as an initialism, not as spelled out, which is, I think, interesting because DEI in a sense is almost more inclusive than spelling it out because you can be more inclusive. We have talked a bit to the people at the PTCP division about primitivism and primitive in subject headings, which has been around for a long time. We've been continuing to work on the cataloging exhibition publications now that the RDA tool kit is almost out in its revised form, maybe we can finish the chapters, subjects is underway. ARLIS is establishing a commons instance that will be part of the humanities commons and that will be a little bit of probably like the SAC public space so that there will be availability of documents.

1.12 Report of the liaison from the Getty Vocabulary Program (Jonathan Ward)

No report submitted. Liaison not present. Speculation that there might be something going on at the Getty today.

1.13 Report of the liaison from the Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc. (Scott Dutkiewicz)

No report submitted.

Rocki Strader: if a report comes at a more opportune time, feel free to post it to the group.

1.14 [Report](#) of the liaison from the American Association of Law Libraries (Cate Kellett)

The only addition to my report, related to today's discussion, is that law catalogs have started talking about what strategies they're using to update "Illegal aliens" and related terms, this is recent. I also wanted to know if anyone had any experience with SALI headings. We are looking to create more standardized legal terminology and were wondering if there was an opportunity to collaborate, to not duplicate effort, or have some kind of information exchange.

Nobody in the meeting had experience with it. Scott Dutkiewicz commented in the chat that it could be an interesting source for legal-related relator terms.

Five minute break

1.15 [Report](#) of the liaison from the National Library of Medicine (Barbara Bushman)

General highlights: we remain on maximum telework. We went live in Alma this past June, we have two related updates that will hopefully be good news. First, is that we have arranged with Ex Libris for them to load changes to the LC name authority file on a daily, instead of weekly basis. We have also arranged for Ex Libris to update the MESH headings on our schedule. It's a monthly update for most of the year (we go on hiatus in August). The 2022 MESH vocabulary, adopted in early December, now contains the 024 field with MESH RDF uris in them.

A number of terms were replaced as part of an ongoing project or to work with terminology used by the US OMD.Terms such as African continental ancestry group were changed to Blacks, and European continental ancestor group was changed to whites. Ancestry group changes await. There are also a bunch of new terms added related to vaccines. And then there is an ongoing project, working with the NIH, Office of Behavior and Social Sciences research on concepts related to social determinants of health. So a number of new terms were added this year to add these concepts to MESH things like environmental justice, access to healthy foods, perceived discrimination.

With regard to the NLM classification, 2021 marked the 70th anniversary of the NLM classification. The original edition was published in 1951, and we're still going. The summer 2021 edition focused on systematic review of the schedule for dentistry and oral surgery and otolaryngology. So those are the two areas that were updated this past summer.

The winter edition, which is due to be published at the end of January. These 2022 MeSH terms and the changes to MeSH will appear in the 11th classification.

Also, I forget to include it in my report, but we now have a member on the LCGDT advisory group.

1.16 [Report](#) of the liaison from the FAST Policy and Outreach Committee (Heidy Berthoud)

The biggest news is that we continue to work on getting the FAST funnel together. Funnel members have been meeting since July, they have been working together, going through some training. We haven't really publicize the funnel broadly yet, but, Alan Danske, our co- chair, is hoping to do that within the next few months. We are also working on putting together a fast quick start guide. We expect to see a draft of that guide next month. So hopefully that will be another thing that is rolled out at some point during the spring or summer.

Question: Is the FAST funnel exclusively topical subjects or if you encountered a place, or a person or a corporate body that needed to be established?

Answer: I don't think it's exclusively topical, but I will double check on that.

Question: If there are topical topical subject headings proposed will they automatically come out as LCSHs?

Answer: I don't believe it is automatic right now. We expect as the funnel starts we will see more differentiation between FAST and LCSH.

Question: Is this a change, where the FAST headings will not just be based on LCSH?

Yes, it is. In the future we plan on moving a little more independently than just in parallel. We've had discussions about what we would do for proposals for things that were rejected by LCSH. As we start publicizing and getting more proposals we assume that will happen, but we've been very cautious in taking new proposals, since this is relatively new work for the funnel. For now we've been relying on whether committee members know of folks who have a proposal ready to go.

1.17 Report of the liaison from the SEARS List of Subject Headings (Violet Fox)

No formal report. A brief summary of topics was shared in the chat by the liaison:

Grey House publishing acquired SEARS List of Subject Heading in 2018, publication is on a four year schedule, the 23rd edition is scheduled to be published in July 2022. Violet Fox is the editor for this edition, doing editorial work from October 2021 to March 2022. She is in a limited-time contract role for a project that was done in the past by a publisher's full-time staff member. The headings are usually based on LCSH changes, though there is some deviation, the subjects are created by the editor. It is a vocabulary for small libraries, either public or schools mostly, so they have to fit in one volume.

Rocki Strader agreed with Sherman Clarke's comment in the chat that it's a shame it isn't a full time editorial job, but that it is good to have an experienced cataloger with SAC knowledge spearheading the new edition.

Bryan Baldus in the chat: What are some of the key changes in the addition?

Violet: Similar to changes made in LCSH with some changes that go further, for example making changes to what was mental retardation in the last edition of SEARS, but is now People with mental disabilities in LCSH, which isn't used in the literature, I've updated it to People with intellectual disabilities and People with developmental disabilities. Things like that as well as LGBTQ related headings and race and gender headings. That and some general cleanup.

1.18 Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program (Stacey Devine)

We've had some staffing changes at LC, including one member who passed away and was a huge loss for the team.

In July we loaded 11,500 children's and young adult headings, they were added to the online children's subject file, and they are now available in Classweb and id.loc.gov. We are working on evaluating them, there are some that are causing conflicts, and as those come to the front we're dealing with trying to deal with those as quickly as possible and more immediately. Because the children's headings previously had relied on the LCSH hierarchy we're needing to build in a hierarchy on a number of headings.

We have started to create a tentative list and an approved list two weeks later. We're also evaluating what's getting approved and LCSH and then, if any changes need to be made for children and young adults. We have actually already updated the "Illegal aliens" to "Noncitizens" and we've completed the BFM on that for the children's headings already.

We are also creating a lot more for making our documentation public. We've always had it internally, and we want to let everybody else know kind of how these decisions are being made. So if anybody is wanting to do children's cataloging, then they can have documentation to follow. We have some of them up already, such as how to process toys and movables, and we also have up how we write summaries. Yesterday, we put up one on comics and comic characters, and so essentially how we go through graphic novels for children. We are currently writing one on how we do the scope notes, and so that should hopefully be up and another week or two, we're just doing the final edits. We actually have about 20 more of these H memos in process.

Also, if anybody is interested in the process or participating or providing feedback, let us know. You can always email us at cyacprog@loc.gov. We are looking at ways to post what we are doing, so I can start to post the tentative and approved list to SAC and to PCC. We want it to be open and we want the process to be open and participation as well. We're also trying to address some outdated headings, those are discussions we've been having and kind of how to update our terminology and make sure it is up to date.

Comment: appreciate it, I'm sure it will come in really handy for folks.

Response: thank you, we want to make it as easy as possible for any library outside CYAC to do this kind of work.

1.19 Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Dewey Program (Camilla Williams)

So, in FY 2021, for the year ending September 30th 2021, the LC Dewey program assigned 102,568 bibliographic records. This surpasses our target of 90,000. The classifiers assigned 33,026 dewey to print and CIP records, and an additional 22,235 to CIP ebooks. Catalogers assigned 4,310 DDDC to monographic records using autoDewey. The copy cataloging process resulted in 35,144 copied Dewey Decimal numbers assigned in print monograph records. Our

CIP in Partnership Program libraries, Northwestern University, Queens Library, the U.S. Government Publishing Office, New Mexico State Library and Abilene Christian University assigned 877 Dewey numbers to bibliographic records.

Several catalogers in the U.S. Programs, Law, and Literature Division and the U.S. Arts, Sicences, and Humanitites division who have expertise in social sciences, biomedical sciences, political science, history, naval and military sciences, law, literature and music have been trained and can assign Dewey numbers independently

And lastly, staffing, while not directly at the library, Kelly West joined as the first visiting editor-in-residence. In this inaugural six month role, Miss West will collaborate closely with the editor. Alex curios. and will contribute her expertise to reduce systemic bias embedded within the Dewey system. She's enrolled at Louisiana State University, and serves as the 2020-2022 Kaleidoscope program diversity scholar, with the Association of Research Libraries, and she is also a 21/22 spectrum scholar, with the library with ALA. And then finally, the US ISSN center, and other serials libraryiansis assigned 3,972 Dewey to iSSN records.

Question from Violet Fox: Any more information about replacing the people who have retired in the classifier section?

Answer: we are getting close with one, still in the early stages, hope to be interviewing within a couple of weeks.

1.20 Report of the liaison from Dewey Decimal Classification and OCLC Dewey Services (Michele Zwierski)

No report. Liaison not present.

Violet Fox: Does SAC want to address these issues that we keep seeing come up where positions are downgraded and not full time, being filled by students and part time?

Daniel Joudrey: I do want to say that the Editoral Policy Committee was incredibly concerned with the situation at OCLC with the reduction of positions, and giving some of this key team work to a library school student.

Violet Fox: I just want to point that out, this is about the position not the person, this is significant work.

I'd like to point out something from the EPC. We are still missing an ALA representative to the EPC. It's something that we have been asking about, and perhaps Rocki you could, you know, push that above that, ALA still needs to appoint another EPC member. I could have done the work of submitting a report, if I had known it was needed.

Update: Daniel Joudrey became liaison to the Dewey Editorial Policy Committee.

1.21 [Report](#) of the liaison from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (Judy Jeng)

We are going to have an in-person conference in Ireland, but we don't have a schedule yet. The ISBD consolidated edition will be available in early 2022.

1.22 [Report](#) of the SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies (Casey Mullin)

Apologies ,my report didn't mention new members. One has already had to resign, but the other three new members are Min Young Lee, the from the University of Illinois Chicago, and Christina Peter and Robert Rendell both from Columbia.

I'm getting ready to rotate off as chair of the committee at the end of June so I'm trying to identify a successor to become chair, and to have some overlap time to get them ready to take over.

We are regrouping, so we don't have a meeting planned during "midwinter" time frame, possibly we will have one later in winter or early in spring.

The other major thing is the outcome of the discussion about the retrospective to best practices which I'll get to shortly.

Our recent work includes releasing the newest version of the best practices for recording faceted chronological data, it's now version, 1.0, which was published to the ALA institutional repository in October. This version included a lot of additional content and examples and context, based on feedback from the prior version. You might notice it is already slightly out of date, because of the recent changes to the MARC 046, which now has defined first indicator values to allow you to designate whether you're describing work or expression. So, there is a new version of this resource to come in the future. Hopefully we will be seeing more and more of this type of data being encoded in our metadata.

In the genre forms space, after completing initial work on our retrospective mapping modules for dealing with LCSH form subdivisions as well as MARC fixed field codes, those are part of our best practices which again I'll get back to the second. After finishing initial work on those we engaged in some preliminary testing, with the help of Robert Bremmer from OCLC so Thank you, Robert. We learned a lot just in that first draft of testing and we hope to do more in the near future. The idea is that what we learned through that kind of real world application can then be fed back into the ongoing refinement of our mapping tables.

And lastly the other, the other big task that's in progress is another one of our modules which is to take LCSH headings that convey demographic and geographic aspects, this mainly plays out in literature headings, but not just literature, such as Poetry, French, what does French mean? When can you map something to the 370 field for instance or or or other fields to get at that aspect of a resource? That work is ongoing.

What I'd like to do now is go back to the main item which I regret, we're not gonna have time to really thoroughly covered today, possibly will have time when new business tomorrow to look at this, but maybe even subsequent to that so any everything I'm about to say is just a big prelude to that bigger conversation I hope we have soon. So, after several years of wor,. we are the committee is proud to present the first iteration of what we hope to be an integrating resource, which we are calling the Retrospective implementation, best practices, we had previously thought of it as sort of a toolkit, although we decided to move away from that descriptor for various reasons, but essentially what it is, is it's intended to be a clearinghouse of all of the best practice knowledge out there about how to retrospectively add faceted terms to bibliographic data based on pre-existing data. So, whether that be subject headings mainly but also things like MARC codes, and the idea is that rather than try to come up with some magical silver bullet program that you can just push a button and run it on your catalog.

I think there's some anticipation that that's kind of what we're working on. I have to say that's really not what we're scoped to do again for various reasons I don't have time to really get into all of them, but the tack we're taking is to put a stake in the ground and say okay, so when you're looking at retrospective application of faceted data, these are the high level issues you need to be thinking about, these are some of the known difficulties you might face, these are the decisions that you're going to have to make.

And then from there, go into kind of a modular approach to saying, well, this, this module deals with this type of input data and this type of output data. So for instance the two modules we've finished deal with LCSH form subdivisions and MARC fixed field codes respectively and they both output into LC faceted terms, and then future work will include building out some of these other modules. The idea is that rather than wait until we finish everything which may be never, or maybe so far in the future as to not be useful. The idea is, in order to further the advocacy for the strategic area of work that it's time for us to put a stake in the ground and release something to the public.So, what we're requesting is that SAC review this and kind of give us a vote of confidence.

What we're not looking for right now is not kind of a line by line item critiques, you know, those are always welcome but that's kind of an approval of if this is an integrated resource then those kinds of refinements will just happen over time anyway.

But rather, we'd like to get some feedback on this proposed approach of having an integrating resource that can be seen as a kind of a hub of information that will be continually updated over time.

And that can be a kind of place for people to come and get excited and get ideas and pursue their own individual retrospective projects, and then take what they learned and feed that back into sort of the collective knowledge base that this committee will then maintain over time so that's my big spiel, I will leave it there for now hopefully we'll have time to talk about more more about this in new business tomorrow or subsequent to that.

Rocki Strader: Will be discussed further at tomorrow's meeting.

1.23 Report of the chair of SAC (Rocki Strader)

[Report](#) submitted after the meeting.

The Committee has continued to engage with monthly review tentative lists, several members also worked on the multiple subdivisions project.

The Committee approved the collaboration with the ALA Graphic Novels and Cataloging Roundtable Metadata and Cataloging Committee. The purpose of this group is to expand on special provisions to LC subject heading manual instruction H 1430 comics and comic characters.

In mid January 2022 LCS liaison Janis Young was reassigned to a different division within LC, and she resigned as our liaison. We wish her the best in her new role. New liaison is Paul Frank who was previously the PCC liaison to SAC.

The new PCC liaison is Veronica Ranieri, we welcome them both in their respective roles.

We are working with Core to enhance opportunities for virtual participation including providing a space for public discussion of issues that are before the committee.

Public space in connect is up, took some doing, ask for feedback.

1.24 Open Discussion/Open Announcement period

Comment: information should be posted on the terms of the chair and vice chair

Comment: The coding in ala connect was a little erratic.

Comment: Can we add dates to the reports in the library?

Rocki Strader/Candy Riley: We will check on that.

QuestIon: Does the library have a search function?

Answered in chat: I don't think so.

Comment: A naming convention might be confusing for those not familiar with the committee.

Rocki Strader: Yes, we may need to revisit the naming convention.

Tomorrow's agenda:

Reintroduce ourselves

Approve/correct meeting minutes from annual meeting

Old business:

1) Graphic novels/SAC collaboration follow up presented by Deborah.
2) Follow up on illegal aliens by Violet Fox
3) Various committee work with LC - Candy Riley
4) Issues around virtual participation - Candy Riley
5) SSFV best practices by Casey

Violet Fox: does everyone feel they can review the 12 paged document before tomorrow?

Rocki Strader: we can include that in the discussion, but it needs to be introduced.

Reminder to Register for the next meeting