

Meeting Minutes/Summary
February 2008 Members Council Meeting

Group Name: Cataloging & Metadata Services

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Have the minutes been reviewed by the group chair? Yes ☒ No ☐

Meeting minutes should be concise (not exceed two pages), summarize major discussion points, and be reviewed and approved by the group chair. **Recorders, please email your meeting minutes to Bunny Gunderson (gundersb@oclc.org) by the close of business on Tuesday, February 26.**

Attending:

Chair: Ken Wiggin

Vice-Chair: Bruce Willms

Delegates and Alternates: Magda El-Sherbini, Tony Ferguson, Jan Ison, Denise Pakala, Jennifer Younger

Board of Trustees: Victoria Johnson

OCLC Staff: Cynthia Whitacre (Recorder); Robin Buser, Linda Gabel, Maureen Huss, Shu-En Tsai, David Whitehair

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1) Bruce Willms gave a presentation on Automated Cataloging. See his PowerPoint for content of the presentation. The group is aware that OCLC is already pursuing these options with the Next Generation pilot and is eager to learn more about the specifics of that effort.

Questions and Discussion: Are publishers/vendors already using ONIX? How will data mining from WorldCat enrich publisher data? How will the Next Generation pilot deal with totally new works? What about authority control --- is this part of the Next Gen pilot? One person compared records prepared from ONIX data prior to publication to CIP records. Will this data appear in WorldCat Local?

2) Tony Ferguson presented on the topic "Opening a Cataloging Factory in Asia". Consult his PowerPoint for the content of his presentation. His proposal is that OCLC consider partnering with Asia's developing countries to open one or more cataloging factories in Asia. CJK and English, as well as other Asian languages could be cataloged, both print and electronic titles.

Questions and discussion: Tony has 2 cataloging factories at his library. He is not selling copy to others. He believes the contributions to OCLC and the credits his library receives from OCLC are more valuable. The cooperative cataloging model is crucial. One US librarian commented that they use graduate students to catalog CJK, and thus their costs per title are lower than Tony cited.

Tony was asked what the benefit to OCLC would be of opening such a factory in Asia? He stated that guaranteeing quality of work would be a huge benefit to the OCLC membership, as well as the low cost of labor in developing countries. He believes there would be sufficient volume if cataloging of ebooks, and sets of materials is explored.

In reference to the earlier discussion, it was clarified that ONIX is only in use for Western languages currently. Many remarked that the challenge was to catalog unique materials, and questioned whether it would be cost effective to do that using a cataloging factory.

Recommended Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Karen Calhoun speaking on LC Report and OCLC's response (On The Record is at: <http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/news/lcwg-ontherecord-jan08-final>.)
- Update on Status of Vendor Records in WorldCat
- Update on progress on DDR (Duplicate Detection and Resolution)
- Harvesting data from local catalogs
- Update on Next Generation Cataloging
- Opening up bibliographic records in WorldCat for more database enrichment and controlling of headings