

Meeting Minutes/Summary **October 2008 Members Council Meeting**

Group Name: Cataloging & Metadata

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

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Attending:

Lorraine J. Haricombe (BCR Delegate), Beth Cox (Illinet), Patricia Kantner (INCOLSA), Joan Heath (AMIGOS), Chris Cole (Fedlink), Susan Currie (Nylink), Nadine Ellero (Medical Library Association), Randy Dykhuis (MLC), Lyn McKinney (MC Executive Liaison), Maggie Farrell (Board), Klaus Ceynowa (OCLC EMEA), Sandi Jones (OCLC), Karen Calhoun (OCLC), Anna Sylvester (OCLC), Pat French (OCLC Western), Glenn Patton (OCLC), Rosanna Neil (OCLC), Kay Covert (OCLC), Peggy Gallagher (OCLC), Joanne Contrell (OCLC), Bob Van Volkenburg (OCLC), Libbie Crawford (OCLC), Pamela Bailey (OCLC Western), Joy Wanden (OCLC), Linda Gabel (OCLC), Doug Potts (OCLC), Janet Lees (OCLC EMEA), Susan Walker (OCLC), Cynthia Whitacre (OCLC), Ted Fons (OCLC), John Chapman (OCLC).

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Mary Ann Laun (Chair) shared the results of a survey regarding topic ideas for the Cataloging/Metadata group. The survey was distributed to both Members Council and to the OCLC-CAT listserv. Results were very positive across both groups for training in Next Generation concepts and in creating new skill sets.

A summary of survey results are located at the following urls:

Members' Council responses <http://tinyurl.com/5ycvuq>

OCLC-CAT listserv responses <http://tinyurl.com/3zosxx>

Karen Calhoun shared information on her upcoming webinar on cataloging workflows. Discussion centered around the importance of promoting efficiencies and cost savings when talking with library staff. OCLC Western staff discussed some of their consulting work in this regard.

A brief discussion of vendor records and problems that had been mentioned at previous meetings ensued. Karen Calhoun said that some problems had been solved, but that catalogers should get used to seeing other constituencies – with different ideas on record quality – in the WorldCat environment.

The roles of regional service providers in training was touched upon, with Karen Calhoun insisting that OCLC would not be a central provider of training. Responsibility for training is not clearly defined yet, but it is safe to say it will be decentralized and shared among partners.

Several attendees spoke to the necessity of examining the educational pipeline, seeing that cataloging education was evolving with the times and that cataloger's skills were being marketed and enhanced to meet the needs of the workplace. The evolving importance of the catalog to library services means that the relationship between catalogers and the larger organization is changing as well. Bob van Volkenburg suggested soliciting case studies from organizations that had made successful transitions to new workflows. These could be posted on a wiki.

Karen Calhoun shared a presentation on “The End of the World As We Know It: Defining Quality As If the End User Experience Matters.” She shared results and recommendations from a large-scale 2008 study to ascertain the similarities and differences in how various end-user groups and librarians define metadata quality. Karen highlighted the implications of the research results for current acquisitions and cataloging policies, practices, and workflows. Slides will be made available on the Slideshare website. Several committee members mentioned that it would be helpful to have this presentation as a webinar.

Recommended Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

The changing role of this service group advisory committee within the construct of the Global Members’ Council and regional groups.

Demonstration of the wiki-like editing features in Worldcat.