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Subcommittee on Descriptive Cataloging Submitted by Kathy Glennan, Chair

The Subcommittee on Descriptive Cataloging held a joint open meeting with the Subcommittee on Subject Access during the Vancouver, BC conference. This report addresses only the Descriptive Cataloging portion of the joint meeting.

Kathy Glennan gave a presentation about the current draft of AACR3, Part I, highlighting the organization of the rules, new and revised concepts, and areas of significant discussion within CC:DA. The Joint Steering Committee permits only limited distribution of draft documents, which is just as well, since many specifics may change prior to publication. See the BCC website (<http://bcc.musiclibraryassoc.org/bcc.html>) for slides from the presentation.

The Subcommittee also focused on AACR3 issues during its business meeting, where we discussed the importance of transcription vs. identification, whether or not we should comment specifically on the AACR3 publication timetable, and how we might assist the JSC AACR3 Examples Group, whose members include David Sommerfield and Jay Weitz.

Two members rotated off the Subcommittee at the close of the 2005 conference, with thanks for their service: Dennis Davies-Wilson and J. Bradford Young.

Our website (<http://bcc.musiclibraryassoc.org/Descriptive/Descriptive.html>) contains information about the Subcommittee, its activities, and the semi-annual CC:DA reports. We welcome comments and questions about descriptive cataloging at any time.

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