**Report from the ALCTS Metadata Interest Group Meeting and the ALCTS/LITA Metadata Standards Committee**
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**Metadata Interest Group Meeting**

The meeting of the ALCTS Metadata Interest Group began with a presentation by Erik Mitchell titled "Library Linked Data: Research and Adoption." In this presentation, Erik described how he evaluated metadata systems and how the DLPA, BIBFRAME, and Europeana function and organize their linked data. Discussion followed about the potential future role of linked data in libraries and how to convert to a linked data format.

The business meeting that followed began with the approval of the minutes from Midwinter and continued with officer reports on future programming. There was a great deal of discussion on finding a way to set up a session that would allow a "knowledge share" among people using different systems, programs and metadata standards. Ideas regarding a longer meeting session, a pre-conference and an unconference were discussed. No firm decisions were made, however the group is moving forward with trying to determine what would be the best method of hosting such a session. Reports from LITA, CCDA and MLA were also provided and elections were held for open officer positions in MIG.

**Metadata Standards Committee**

The Metadata Standards Committee, co-sponsored by ALCTS and LITA, was formed in 2012 with the task of evaluating new and updated metadata standards. The primary goal of the meeting at ALA was to determine what the members of the MSC see as the primary charge of the Committee and what its broader role should be in the metadata community. The general consensus was that the MSC should focus its attention on finding ways to foster relationships between all users and creators of metadata, not just those within the confines of the library environment. The specific standards that will be targeted for evaluation are still to be determined, however suggestions including weighing in on BIBFRAME and potentially DPLA's metadata profile and application were presented as possibilities.

The formal representation on the Committee is still being determined and at this time, MLA does not have an official liaison to the MSC. This may, however, change in the very near future.