

ALA Annual Meeting 2014, Las Vegas
Report from the Metadata Interest Group (MIG) and the Metadata Standards Committee (MSC)
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Metadata Interest Group (MIG)

The Metadata Interest Group featured two presentations. The first, given by Sai Deng of the University of Central Florida, addressed UCF working within Islandora and the issues and solutions that developed while migrating from DigiTool. Deng's presentation also covered some of the issues of mapping Dublin Core Metadata to MODS.

The second presentation was jointly given by Nicole Arbuckle of Backstage Library Works and David McKnight of the University of Pennsylvania. Their presentation focused on managing the workflow of working with a vendor to digitize and complete the TEI markup for a digital collection.

Following the two presentations, the business meeting of MIG was held. Reports were given by the external liaisons to MIG. Due to the number of proposals for the MIG-sponsored program "Metadata Beyond the Library: Consultation and Collaboration with Faculty, Staff and Students", MIG also decided to look into sponsoring a webinar or eforum or exploring other venues for further discussion of this timely topic. The meeting concluded with the election of new officers.

Metadata Standards Committee (MSC)

Following the review and approval of the minutes, the Metadata Standards Committee thanked outgoing members and recognized the incoming members.

The next agenda item was discussion over the ISBD punctuation update that was issued by the PCC. The question of doing a survey of library system vendors to study the impact of ending punctuation was raised. Others discussed whether the timing of this was best for the present or if it would fit better as a part of the BIBFRAME conversion process. The possibility of recommending new subfields was also examined. The decision was made to not issue an official statement at this time but to perhaps draw attention to this on MSC's blog, with the emphasis on focusing on the transition process away from MARC to BIBFRAME.

An additional report was released by the PCC on non-MARC authority data as related to undifferentiated personal names and the record structures that are used for them. At the time of this meeting, the report was over a year old, so the decision was made not to issue an official statement but to become more involved in the PCC's work on how authorities will change and whether or not PCC can use multiple sources of authority work.

The final main topic of discussion at the MSC meeting was making the MSC site available. Plans for the site include an edited blog, with its organization loosely modeled

on what is done by DH+LIB. Logistics of where and how the site would be hosted, as well as who the first several editors would be was also decided. MSC hopes to make the site available by the middle of August.