

CORE Subject Analysis Committee II
2021 Midwinter Meeting
Friday, March 19, 2021 12:00-2:00 pm (CST)
Video Conference

Members present: Brian Stearns (Chair, University of Alberta), Violet Fox, Margaret Joyce (associate member, University of Hawaii), Candy Riley (MARCIVE), Rose Sliger Krause (Eastern Washington University), Calli Neumann (Getty Research Institute), Thomas Whittaker (Indiana University Bloomington), Karla Jurgemeyer (St. Olaf College), Deborah Rose-Lefmann (Northwestern University), Iman Dagher (UCLA), Bob Maxwell (Brigham Young, liaison to CCD), Karl Pettitt (University of Denver), Adam L. Schiff (University of Washington; MARC advisory committee Liaison)

Liaisons present: Rebecca Belford (Oberlin College Conservatory; Music Library Association, Liaison), Sherman Clarke (Art Libraries Society of North America Liaison), Janis L. Young (Library of Congress policies, training and cooperatives programs division, Library of Congress Liaison), Casey Mullin (Western Washington University, Chair, SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies), Caroline Saccucci (Library of Congress, LC Dewey Liaison), Jonathan Ward (Getty Research Institute, G), Stacey Devine (Library of Congress, Children and Young Adult Cataloging Program Liaison), Heidy Berthoud (Smithsonian Library and Archives; Fast Policy and Outreach Committee liaison), Barbara Bushman (National Library of Medicine Liaison), Paul Frank (SACO program Liaison), Michele Zwierski (NAGA Library System, Dewey Editorial Policy Committee Liaison), Catherine Kellett (Yale Law School, American Association of Law Libraries Liaison), Robert Bremer (OCLC liaison), Annie Wolfe (Library and Archives Canada liaison), Judy Jeng (IFLA Liaison)

Welcome of members, liaisons and guests. Introduction of members and liaisons.

Agenda

1. Further work for the Illegal Aliens Subcommittee
Discussion of what the committee can do on this subject. Brian Stearns provided background on why the matter has come up again. There was a resolution at ALA Midwinter to act on this but the resolution was withdrawn. The resolution would have asked SAC to create recommendations regarding the subject heading. The resolution may be resubmitted at annual. Is there any action that we can take before annual to inform a better discussion in the summer?
General discussion indicated that the subcommittee has already done the work that would be required by the resolution that was withdrawn. The report includes

suggested terminology. The subcommittee is working on assembling a clearinghouse of practical information about how to change headings and/or display alternate headings in different systems. The committee chair wished for suggestions as to how to continue the committee's work. There was discussion on creating a website to share information more clearly, followed by discussion on scope of such a website, would it be confined to these headings, or would it expand to others. Discussion followed on using illegal aliens as a case study to present information on how to change headings. Discussion of if this work would fall inside the committee's charge, or would warrant retitling the subcommittee, or adjusting the charge. The chair will review the charge, and if adjustments are necessary, committee members can vote on them through connect. Call for new members with the new charge. Once the project set-up is complete, it might become the responsibility of the committee to keep the information updated as technical aspects of systems change.

2. Liaisons reports:

Annie Wolfe shared Archives and Libraries Canada's collaborative work with Indigenous people to replace subject headings in their catalog that do not represent these groups and their beliefs. She clarified that this is an alternative process to changing headings through the Library of Congress. (report available on ALA connect)

Janis Young stated that the comments that SAC has been making on the monthly lists had been helpful, as has the work on the literary authors and multiples project. Those involved stated that the project has been rewarding for them. There was discussion on more people joining the project, what they would need to have access too, how much work it is to supervise volunteer work. Janis is open to new volunteers through SAC. Brian will send out the description of the projects to see who is interested. There was also the suggestion of SACO and non-SACO catalogers teaming up to work on these projects, if someone interested did not have access to Classweb, partnering would be a good solution.

Adam Schiff made a short presentation on the work of the PCC's Wikidata pilot project, demonstrating the layout and structure of wikidata, and the inclusion of wikidata terms in MARC records for more custom terms. (presentation available on ALA connect)

3. Discussion of set-up of committee's communication virtual meetings and after transition to ALA connect for communication. Since it seems that we will have virtual meetings going forward, at least once a year (if we stick to a twice a year

midwinter/annual format), we should have some best practices around virtual meetings, including determinations of how often we want to meet.

Also, since the change from a listserv to ALA connect communication has been a challenge, particularly for non-members of the committee. One solution to this would be to ask for ALA to make our page open to all. Are there concerns about this? Many members voiced support for making all documentation available. In this case, anyone could access documentation, but it would still be the case that only members would get notifications. Non-members could access the content, but it would be their responsibility to check the page. Concerns arose that ALA connect is clunky for all users, that there might be personal information available through documentation, broadcasting zoom meeting information, and the need to have separate channels if we do have work that we want to keep to a small group, even temporarily.

The decision was made that since there are multiple questions we will not vote on an access policy at this time. Rose Krause suggested a working group to address some of these communication/access, do some investigation on that, and look into meeting structure as well. Volunteers can contact Rose (rkrause3@ewu.edu).

4. Reminder from Brian Stearns that his second term as chair is coming to an end, and suggestion for co-chairs going forward, based on the amount of work. Reminder to liaisons to let the committee know when they are transitioning off and who will serve as a replacement.