



Bibliographic Standards Committee  
Midwinter Conference, January 1999  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Maxwell (Chair), Laurence S. Creider, Jane Gillis, Juliet McLaren, Richard Noble, Elizabeth Robinson, Bruce Tabb, Jerry Wager, Patrick Russell, Melinda Hayes, E.C. Schroeder

VISITORS: John Attig, Deborah J. Leslie, Larry Heiman, Gregory Pass, Mary Faith Pankin, Scott Carlisle, Eric Holzenberg, Henry Raine, Elaine Shiner, Michael North, Margaret Nichols, Mark Darby, Anna Bryan, Jeffrey Makala, Elaine Franco, Elizabeth Johnson, Diana Smith, Suzy Taraba, Rita Dockery, Molly Della Terza,

#### 1. SETTLEMENT OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved, with some minor changes in the order of the discussions.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF 1998 ANNUAL MINUTES

The minutes for the meetings held in Washington D.C., on June 27 and 28, 1998 were approved with minor changes from Jerry Wager. These changes will be made to the minutes on the Bibliographic Standards Committee web site.

#### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

#### 4. WIDOWS/HEIRS OF PRINTERS, ETC. (Robinson/Russell)

Robinson and Russell reported that it is expected that the committee agrees to some standardization in this area, a "BSC-RI," and that we will submit to LC our recommendation. Consensus was that it should also be mounted on the BSC page.

Robinson and Russell outlined the various ways that Widows, Heirs, Assigns, Officina, Partnerships, Estates could be in the item and the possible treatment of each with pros and cons. Creider posed the question of when are these actual corporate bodies? Russell responded when they have the feel of a corporate body. AACR2 has legalistic 20<sup>th</sup> century definitions. McLaren said that pseudonyms are also a problem and that it might be easier to use just the term as it appears. Wager suggested that if there is a name, use it. If there is a phrase use it as a corporate body. Creider noted that it is easier to establish a phrase as a corporate body since works that the corporate body published would be used. Maxwell gave the example of "Heirs of A, B, C" changing to "Heirs of B, C, D". Is this a change? A new corporate body? McLaren said Widow as a corporate body is problematic: Is this a single person? Gillis pointed out that the same problem occurs in the 19<sup>th</sup> century with publications such as city directories: "By William Smith" with the publisher as William Smith. In the past this has been treated as a personal name and a corporate name. Problems with searching were pointed out: in some systems you must search as either a corporate name or a personal name.

The consensus of the committee for "Heirs of" is to establish the phrase as a corporate body in nominative and in direct order with 500 for the dead printer, etc. and the qualifier "(printer)" or the like when the heading itself is not indicative of a corporate body.

"Widow of" statements appear several ways. For scenario A ("Sold by Barbara Type, widow of Michael Type"), the committee approves the establishment of widow under her own name with a "\$c widow of" reference (if "\$c widow of" is deemed appropriate). For scenario B ("by the widow of Joe Printer"), the committee favors establishing the heading as a personal name phrase (100 0 Widow of Joe Printer) and a reference from the "[husband's name], \$c widow of" (if deemed appropriate). For scenario C ("printed by Josephine Ink" without any reference to her dead husband), the committee approves the establishment of the widow under her own name with a 667 note to link to the husband. For scenario D ("at the expense of Widow Owens"; "at the expense of the widow of Nathaniel Owens"; first name, Sylvia, from reference sources), the committee approves the establishment of the name as surname (Owens, \$c Widow) with associated word or phrase and references from other forms. There was a question as to whether "Assigns of" and "Executor/trix" should be treated the same as "Heirs of".

For "Officina", etc. and "Estate of", the committee favors establishing the phrase as a corporate body in nominative and direct order, even if capitalization indicates more of a descriptive phrase. The feeling is to have consistency among like headings/entities.

For "Partnerships", etc. ("Printed by Will and Bill Nelson"), the committee favors treating the statement as two personal names unless the corporate body in question is a stable entity, then the committee favors establishing it as a corporate body in nominative and direct order.

Robinson and Russell will write up. Maxwell will mount on web site and invite public comment.

## 5. RECON

Maxwell reported for Sider that the report is not written yet. Part of the preliminary report will be included in minutes.

## 6. COMMITTEE PUBLICATIONS

### a) BSC home page

Maxwell reported that the minutes have been added. Also there are links to the Core Record, Thesauri, Relators. Former BSC members will be added. Gillis reported on the problems encountered the persons responsible for a site leaves the institution who is hosting that site. She requested that space be made available on an ALA server that several BSC members would be able to access.

b) Resources for the Rare Materials Cataloger: <http://www.library.upenn.edu/ipc/rarecat.html>  
Creider reported that the URL had changed. Many sites have changed addresses and some links have been removed because the page is no longer available. A collational formula is in the process of being worked on.

### c) DCRB

i.) Maxwell reported that the list was set up in the fall. In the last two weeks there has been a flurry of activity. He asked who else could be added to the list. Was there anyone from the first committee? Perhaps Laura Stalker, Jackie Dooley. He requested that in responding, one should copy as little as possible of original message. He will mount on the BSC homepage a description of the project, how to join the list, a link to the archives, and a link to DCRB (from The Library Corporation).

Discussion then centered on the decision making process itself. There will be periodic summaries by discussion leaders. We will try to come to a consensus. A question arose as to who was to vote. Russell stated that the final decision is by the BSC.

AACR2 is the default. Each module will have all the rules needed for that module. Maxwell will resend the list of principles in several weeks. The time line is:

- 1999 Midwinter: Preliminary reports
- 1999 Annual: Preliminary drafts
- 2000 Midwinter: Hearing and Final drafts
- 2000 Annual: DCRM Modules Done

ii.) Core

Maxwell reported that the core is now official. Changes have to go through PCC Standards Committee. There is still the question as to whether the Core will replace Minimal Level Cataloging in DCRM, Books.

iii.) USMARC and DCRB

Russell reported that the MARC used will be MARC from LC. There was a question about coding examples and, if so, where that should be done. There are also new fields and subfields for books. There was a question relating to how we will code copy specific notes, etc: 590 (which many libraries use) vs. 500 \$5. Russell pointed out that all \$3 in our documents should be changed to \$8. For recording provenance there is the question of which field(s) to use: 500, 541, 561. Is 561 primarily for archival cataloging? Do we need to come to a conclusion and, if we do, should we make a recommendation to MARBI? We also need to take into account the 856 field. Noble pointed out that in our local systems there is a distinction between sharing information and sharing cataloging.

iv.) 19<sup>th</sup> Century/post handpress

Schroeder said he will post to the list soon and questioned what others would like to see concerning this time period.

v.) Transcription

The question returns to rule 0.H and the transcription of i/j u/v. There was quite a bit on the list but no consensus. The options so far considered are as follows:

- 1) Leave rule 0H on transcription as-is. Add a statement to enter 246 for variant spelling. Maybe add or maybe not (no consensus yet) add a 500 note to indicate exactly how the title reads in caps as printed. Some libraries use subfield "I" in the 246 instead.
- 2) 245 as printed and 246 using 0H's conversion. Same bit on 500 or 246\$.i.
- 3) Follow LCRI 1.0E with 500 or 246 \$.i.

4) Literal transcription (including caps) of everything in 245, etc.

vi.) Other formats

a.) Serials

Gillis and McLaren reported that after their discussion with Jean Hiron at the ALA annual meeting, they made the decision to divide the CONSER rare serials module into a DCRS (for serials) and the CONSER rare serials module. There is a draft of the DCRS (almost complete) and a draft of the CONSER module with several parts not yet done. These are on the web in a password protected site. The URL with the ID and password will be sent out soon. Gillis will take responsibility for DCRS and McLaren for the CONSER module. McLaren said that people could view serial records in the ESTC in RLIN by doing a "fin fg periodicals" search.

b.) Maps

Maxwell reported for Sider that there is an AACR2 subcommittee working on cataloging rare cartographic materials.

c.) Music

Elizabeth Johnson noted that it is important to get in touch with the Music Library Association.

ix.) Examples

Hayes reported that Examples were turned into ALA. Color of cover will be changed but image on cover will remain the same. It should be ready by March. There was a question about a possible web version.

Eric Holzenberg commented that when he made a quick tour of the ALA bookstore he did not see any BSC publications.

x.) Codex Ms.

Gregory Pass reported on the Descriptive Cataloging of Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Manuscripts. It encompasses all scribal manuscripts. It has been thoroughly revised since the last ALA meeting and is now 90% complete. At this point the active involvement of the BSC is needed. BSC members are expected, after having previously reviewed the document, to present their desiderata at Annual 1999 for the cataloging rules' eventual official approval at Annual 2000. BSC will then evaluate public response. Pass proposed a workshop during the 2000 RBMS Preconference. The document will be made available around April.

d.) Thesauri and Relator terms

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/catdept/home/genreterms/main.html>

Tabb has taken over as the editor of the RBMS thesauri. He reported that his committee is trying to re-establish contact with other thesaurus groups.

There are two new Relator terms under consideration:

1. Facsimilist: use for a person or body responsible for the physical production of a facsimile. After discussion, it was decided to run the definition by Donald Farren, who proposed adding the

term. If he approves, or has minor modifications, the BSC approves it.

## 2. Marbler: (no scope note)

The BSC approved it.

The first genre term was "Fast-day sermons". Genre Terms already has the term Fast day sermons. The suggestion was to add Fast sermons as a UF. While working on this, Tabb proposed changing the form to Fast-day sermons (with the hyphen) so that our form agrees with the LCSH. Tabb proposed a scope note. There was discussion of the term with and without a hyphen. The BSC approved the term with the hyphen.

The second term was "Gold rush diaries". It was pointed out that diary demands that works be arranged in a chronological order. Deborah Leslie recommends removing "Narratives" from BT. The scope note was changed to: "Use for chronologically arranged records relating the experiences of persons while traveling to or from, or residing at, newly discovered gold fields". BSC approved the term with the changes recommended. Several of the UFs were challenged and Tabb said he would make sure that there was warrant for the UFs.

The next term was "Emigrant guides". The scope note was made less constricting and changed to: "Use for works detailing information useful to those emigrating or resettling. Several of the UFs were changed. Tabb will make sure that there is warrant for the UFs. Creider pointed out that these are not just booster literature. There is a grey area between Promotional literature and Emigrant guides. BSC approved term with modifications.

The last term was "Maritime journals". The SN is very broad. The term was proposed to complement the already existing term "Overland journals" because there was not a term that describes narrative accounts of those journeying over bodies of water. The term includes, but is not limited to, a corresponding term to Overland journals for those who went by sea. Under BT, [Geographical works] was questioned. BSC approved subject to editor reviewing structure.

## 7. MARBI report and discussion

Attig reported on MARBI proposals. There is nothing more from Sally McCallum regarding the 752 field (addition of subfield f). There is nothing new regarding the Greek character set.

Tomorrow there will be a report on Unicode. There is a proposal at MARBI regarding the non-filing indicators. Instead of a non-filing indicator, there would be a graphic at the beginning and end of the non-filing characters. These could also be used in the middle of words, e.g., sic or brackets could be used instead of multiple 246's.

Attig also reported that there is a new technique in MARC to mark all fields relating to a particular copy using a subfield 8 (\$8).

## 8. Preconferences

### a. 1999, Montreal

McLaren reported that the BSC program at the 1999 Montreal Preconference is a 3-hour rare serials workshop that she and Gillis are giving on Thursday afternoon.

b. 2000, Chicago

Gregory Pass suggested that a workshop on codex manuscripts be given using the Descriptive Cataloging of Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Manuscripts at the 2000 Preconference in Chicago.

9. New Business

a. SCIPIO Taskforce

Eric Holzenberg and Michael North reported on the cataloging of art and book catalogs in the Grolier Club. Pre-1800 catalogs will be cataloged in the regular RLIN database. Nineteenth and twentieth century catalogs will be cataloged in the SCIPIO database. SCIPIO uses nonstandard MARC fields. Holzenberg proposes a SCIPIO Taskforce to explore the option of using standard RLIN MARC fields and will mount on the Grolier Library home page a core record in the SCIPIO database using these standard RLIN MARC fields.

b. Subject Subdivisions

Wager reported on LC's implementation of subfield \$v (for form/genre) and its plans to begin creating authority records for subject subdivisions, which will be tagged as 18Xs (180, 181, 182, 185), towards the end of February. [Note: the creation of subject subdivision authority records was delayed because of programming problems at LC.] At this time there are no plans to create authority records for genre terms (155).

c. Expertise Resource Page

There is a plan to mount a page on the BSC website listing people and their corresponding expertise.

Respectfully submitted,

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