

ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee
Preliminary Report
September 2003 JSC meeting,
Brisbane, Australia

In this report I highlight key portions of the JSC meeting held on September 8-10 in Brisbane, Australia and provide summaries of those portions. The meeting minutes should be available by the end of October 2003. The following is divided into three parts

1. News and actions that need immediate attention
2. The 2004 Revision package
3. Details of the next JSC meeting

1. News and actions that need immediate attention

- **JSC membership changes and new Chair**

Ann Huthwaite has completed her term as the ACOC representative to the JSC. Deirdre Kiorgaard replaces Ann as the ACOC representative. Since Ann was also the Chair of the JSC, a new Chair was chosen from among the representatives.

I am the Chair of the JSC. My term as Chair will be brief as I will not be serving a second term as the ALA representative and my term ends after the ALA Annual meeting in San Diego in June 2004. It is likely that another JSC representative will be made Chair at the next JSC meeting. My short tenure as Chair of the JSC should provide a kind of bridge between Ann's and the next Chair's longer terms.

I regret that I cannot serve a second term as your representative to the JSC. Professional and personal constraints require that I give up the honor of representing you in the JSC.

- **Date and place of next JSC meeting**

The next JSC meeting will be in April or May in Ottawa, Canada. The dates under consideration are the week of April 19-23, 26-30, and May 3-7. This meeting will overlap with a Committee of Principals (CoP) meeting; the JSC and CoP will meet jointly to move forward on *AACR3* and the engagement of an editor to lead execution of the new edition project. Also among the key topics in this meeting will be a discussion on reconceptualizing Part 1 of *AACR* based on the work of the CC:DA Task Force on Consistency, the work of the ALA/BL Task Force on Reconceptualizing Chapter 9, and the ideas presented in various papers, including the recent paper of Ann Huthwaite's on the class of materials concept and the Delsey and Attig responses.

- **Immediate actions for CC:DA**

BY OCTOBER 14 ALA needs to:

- ✓ Withdraw its proposal on Uniform Resource Names (*4JSC/ALA/42*). The other AACR constituencies had disagreed with the ALA proposal in their response prior to the JSC meeting in April 2003 in Washington, DC. BL will also postpone any additional work on its proposal (*4JSC/BL/8*) regarding qualification in area 8. The ALA representative did not present a draft proposal on the elimination of area 8 (and the movement of standard number notes to area 7) in time for discussion at this meeting. The ISBD Review Group recently took up this topic and has proposed to use area 8 for all standard numbers including URNs and DOIs. This is quite like our *4JSC/ALA/42* proposal. Further AACR action on ISBD area 8 now awaits action by ISBD Review Group. This is a pro forma vote and should be a short response as we mainly want to clear the deck of old proposals.
- ✓ Respond to the outline of chapter 25 proposed by the Format Variation Working Group in section 2 of *4JSC/Chair/71/Rev/Chair follow up/6*. The FVWG will use constituent responses on its chapter 25 outline as it begins to draft rule proposals for chapter 25. Constituent responses to the analysis of the GMDs in section 3 of *4JSC/Chair/71/Rev/Chair follow up/6* are not required. Section 3 represents a relatively early stage of the FVWG's analysis.
- ✓ Set up a task force to write a background paper on SMDs per the ALA comments on *4JSC/CCC/6/Rev* and *4JSC/CCC/7/Rev*. This paper should focus on the principles, purposes, and structures of the SMDs, the relation of SMD terms to natural language (terms in common use), the relation of the SMDs to other parts of the description. The relevant issues will be discussed in the April and September 2004 JSC meetings. Thus it would be helpful to the JSC for the Task Force to prepare comments in advance of the meetings. If possible, a final report would be made in September 2004.

2. The 2004 Revision Package

Rules in the 2004 revision package

- **Multipart items**

4JSC/LC/55 proposal approved. JSC decided to use "first or earliest available" not simply "earliest. In discussion at the meeting, the other constituents agreed that ALA's arguments were not convincing. They saw little difference on actual use whether one used "first or earliest available" or simply "earliest" in the rules. They thought that using "first or earliest available" provided better consistency across the rules. They thought that using "first or earliest available" would not result in catalogers recataloging multipart. LC does not see that the rules require recataloging if the earliest available part at the time of cataloging is used

as the basis of description. LC may be willing to issue a rule interpretation to clarify this point, if necessary. In order that this could go into the 2004 revision package, I offered ALA's agreement, even though that was contrary to our voted preference. If CC:DA feels that must not go forward, I will tell the other representatives of my error. CCC wording suggestions will be incorporated.

4JSC/LC/56 proposal on access points for names (21.29) approved. Exact wording will come from LC by Nov. 3, 2003; other constituents to respond by Dec. 15 (in time for the 2004 package to go to the publisher.)

Action on 4JSC/LC/56 proposal on seriality of multipart pending paper from CILIP/BL. This is due for next JSC meeting.

- **Basis of description**

4JSC/LC/59 proposal approved. Regarding "aspect," the rule will follow the CCC suggestion. Regarding "chief source," the rule will generally follow the CCC wording for 1.0A3. The initial sentence will be "The chief source is the source of bibliographic data to be given preference as the source from which a bibliographic description or portion thereof is prepared. Each chapter in Part 1 ...". The glossary entry for "chief source" will be unchanged.

- **Specific characteristics of electronic resources**

4JSC/ALA/36 series: The ALA proposals have been approved and will appear in the 2004 edition. The ALA proposal on SMDs for Chapters 6 and 7 (i.e. no change on SMDs) was applied to Chapter 9 as well. Changes to 9.5B1, 9.5B3, and 9.5B4 rules and examples to emphasize optional use of "terms in common use;" earlier decisions unchanged. Change "electronic document" in 9.5B3 and 9.5C3 to "electronic text." Keep 9.3A as is. Precise wording will be in the minutes. The following is the approved text for rule 9.5B1:

9.5B1. For direct access electronic resources, record the number of physical units of the carrier by giving the number of them in arabic numerals and one of the following terms as appropriate:

computer chip cartridge
computer disk
computer optical disc
computer tape cartridge
computer tape cassette
computer tape reel

1 computer disk

2 computer tape cassettes

1 computer tape reel

1 computer optical disc

When new physical carriers are developed for which none of these terms is appropriate, give the specific name of the physical carrier as concisely as possible, preferably qualified by *computer*.

1 computer card

1 computer optical card

Optionally, use a term in common usage to record the specific format of the physical carrier.

1 CD-ROM

2 Photo CDs

1 DVD

Optionally, give, in addition to the physical carrier, an appropriate term preferably taken from subrule .5B of one of the chapters of part I if considered to be important.

184 remote-sensing images on 1 CD-ROM

450 maps on 3 CD-ROMs

Give a trade name or other similar specification in a note (see 9.7B1b).

Note: ALA was asked to prepare a background paper on the SMD: see Immediate Actions above.

- **Conventional terminology in area 5 for chapters 6 & 7**

4JSC/CCC/6/Rev and *4JSC/CCC/7/Rev*: The ALA position was accepted, albeit reluctantly by some. In its stead an option to use terms in common usage—like that in Chapter 9—will be added to Chapters 6 and 7. Precise wording will be in the minutes. ALA's view that further thought needed to be given to the SMD changes proposed was convincing, as was the view that changes to SMDs needed to be considered in the context of other rules. They were not necessarily convinced that the status quo is best, only that it is best for now. They look forward to the background paper on SMDs to be written by ALA.

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- **Punctuation in dimensions**

4JSC/ALA/45 approved. Decided at JSC meeting of April 2003 in Washington, DC.

- **Correction of example in rule 3.1F1**

4JSC/ALA/47 approved. Decided at JSC meeting of April 2003 in Washington, DC.

- **Additional example in rule 3.4B3**

4JSC/ALA/48 approved. Decided at JSC meeting of April 2003 in Washington, DC.

- **Rule 12.1E1**

4JSC/ALA/52 approved with some changes from the meeting discussion and from CCC and LC responses: examples were moved; the paragraph beginning "If both categories a) and either b) or c) was seen as over-prescriptive and cut; added CCC example.

- **Inaccuracies (1.0F1) and Transcription of series titles (1.6B1 and 1.0F1)**

4JSC/LC/57 and *4JSC/LC/58*; LC's modifications per constituent responses approved. Wording will follow the ACOC response. ALA's example not to be used.

- **Malay and Indonesian names**

4JSC/ACOC/2. Decided at JSC meeting of April 2003 in Washington, DC.

Timeline for the 2004 Revision Package

The agreed upon text of the rules for the 2004 update package need to be to the JSC in Jan. 2004. The package goes to the publishers in February 2004. The national libraries will begin reviewing the update package text from the publishers in March. There are usually three cycles of review before the text of the update package goes to the printer.

3. Details of the next JSC meeting

The next JSC meeting will be held in Ottawa, Canada. The date is not set yet, but it will most likely be in late April. As the meeting will be in part a joint meeting with the Committee of Principals (CoP), the meeting date needs to be coordinated among two sets of persons instead of one. When I know the date, I'll announce it to you all. Since the date of the meeting determines the schedule of due dates for new proposals and responses, I can now give those due dates only in general terms. New proposals are due in February and responses to proposals are due in March.

In general terms, the most significant items on the agenda for the Ottawa 2004 meeting will be 1) engaging an editor for the new edition, 2) work on reconceptualizing Part 1 (includes as CC:DA Consistency Task Force work to date

as a “prototype,”) and 3) the joint meeting with the CoP about the new edition of AACR (planning, timelines, etc.)

Other particular items on the agenda include:

- ✓ Follow up to *4JSC/ALA/51* on colored illustrations.
- ✓ Revised proposals from the Consistency Task Force “prototype”
- ✓ New proposals for area 7 from the Consistency Task Force
- ✓ A new ALA proposal to remove use of “entry” as “record”
- ✓ A new proposal on the Turkish word ‘bir’
- ✓ BL proposal (*4JSC/BL/7*) on capitalization of single letters, etc.
- ✓ CILIP/BL paper on seriality of multipart (with responses)
- ✓ Format Variation Working Group proposal for Chapter 25 (with responses)
- ✓ Format Variation Working Group analysis of mode of expression
- ✓ FRBR terms in AACR (including glossary)
- ✓ Part 3 on authority control
- ✓ Background paper on SMDs
- ✓ Review of examples for the new edition

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