PCC Standing Committee on Standards Summary of Activities, 2022-2023: Report to the PCC Policy Committee

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Membership and Meetings

In June 2023, SCS welcomed a new OCLC Liaison, Morris Levy, replacing Jay Weitz.

In October 2023, SCS appointed a new co-chair Honor Moody. It also welcomed four new members, Ivan Kaproth-Joslin, Junghae Lee, George Prager, and Peter Rolla, as well as a new intern, Jacqueline Gratton. Matthew Haugen renewed for a second term, continuing as co-chair for one more year. Bob Maxwell, Kelley McGrath (past co-chair), Anna Slawek, Adam Schiff departed SCS at the end of their terms. Hank Young replaced Honor Moody as the PCC Liaison to CC:DA.

SCS held its midwinter meetings on January 31, February 24 and March 24, 2023, and its summer meeting on July 27, 2023. SCS agreed to switch from semiannual to quarterly meetings starting with the new term.

Recent Activity

SCS Task Groups

SCS Pilot Group on CONSER Policies
      Co-chairs: Ed Jones and Robert Rendall
This group was formed on November 15, 2022 to address CONSER policy and documentation particularly around the WEM lock and RDA implementation. Its preliminary assessment of deliverables were submitted on April 14, 2023 and presented by the co-chairs to PoCo at its July 12, 2023 meeting. SCS and PoCo provided feedback on those deliverables, with a mixture of support and concerns, but did not formally approve them. The anticipated next steps are assessment of the first year pilot, and determining what work will proceed and how.

SCS Task Group on Evaluation Guidelines for Non-Latin Script References in Name Authority Records
      Co-chairs: Iman Dagher and Shi Deng
SCS was tasked by PoCo to make policy recommendations in support of SCA's report on Non-Latin Script Cross-Reference Coding Practice in NACO Name Authority File. SCS's policy recommendations were approved April 24, 2023, and presented at OpCo in May 2023, with a goal of enabling NARs with non-Latin script references to be coded as "evaluated" (008/29=a). It was subsequently determined to delay implementing this new practice, until a new task group

could develop more specific evaluation guidelines for records with non-Latin script references. The SCS recommendations were revised slightly on July 27, to reflect this decision, and a task group was formed with membership from across script-based NACO funnels and other stakeholder communities. An interim report was completed October 20, 2023, and the group is considering options for flagging test records using a 667 note in NARs and for identifying one or more "preferred' non-Latin variants in a record.

SCS Task Group on Accessibility Information in Provider Neutral Records
Co-chairs: Christopher Carr and Steve McDonald

This group began September 5, 2023 and is charged to consider whether and how accessibility information related to different provider versions or platforms is recorded in provider-neutral records or in separate records, in cases when different provider versions may have different content (such as captions) and/or different adaptive functionality separate from the content (such as text resizing or automated read-aloud functions). This will include guidelines for the use of fields 341 and 532.

SCS Task Group on Privacy in Name Authority Records
Co-chairs: Ben Abrahamse and Junghae Lee

After approving the *PCC Position Statement on Personal Data in Name Authority Records*, authored by the PCC Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ACDEI), PoCo charged SCS to form a task group to make more specific policy recommendations in support of this position statement. The task group charge was recently approved and the roster completed for a start date of November 1, 2023. Relatedly, SCS already supported a proposal from LC to cease recording email addresses for living persons in authority records (371 $m).

SCS Task Group on Developing Guidelines for Using ISO 639-3 Language Codes for Library Cataloging
Chair: Kelley McGrath

This group was charged in June 2022. The group's guidelines for using ISO 639-3 language codes were approved by PoCo in November 2022, with updates in January 2023 based on feedback. A presentation on the guidelines was also given during OpCo in May 2023. PoCo is awaiting a final report in order to discharge the group.

SCS/LDAC ShareVDE PCC Data Pool Evaluation Task Group
Co-chairs: Iman Dagher and Paloma Graciani Picardo

This group was charged in October 2022. Interim report submitted 10/28/22. Final report submitted March 7, 2023. Charge approved at PoCo meeting 10/13/22. Iman Dagher is co-chair from SCS; Paloma Graciani Picardo is co-chair from LDAC. Reports to PoCo. Group presented at the PCC Sinopia Cataloging Affinity Group meeting on January 26, 2023.

Other task groups:
SCS also appointed liaisons to: IMAC/LDAC URI Guidance Subgroup, PCC Documentation Survey Task Group, PCC RDA Implementation Task Group, IMAC PCC Task Group on URIs in

MARC Implementation and Support, and PCC Consultation Group for Library Systems and Vendors

MAC Discussion Papers/Proposals

- [2023-03:](#) Adding Subfields $0, $1, $2, and $5 to Fields 720 and 653 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format. This paper was submitted by SCS and approved by MAC January 31, 2023, striking $2 and adding $7. The outcomes were published in the MARC update 36 (June 2023)

- [2023-DP03:](#) Renaming and Redefining Field 368 Subfield $d in the MARC 21 Authority Format. Submitted by SCS and approved by MAC as a Fast-Track February 2, 2023. The outcomes were published in MARC update 36 (June 2023)

- [2023-05:](#) Attributes of Family in the MARC 21 Authority Format. Submitted by SCS based on its previous discussion paper ([2023-DP04](#)) and approved by MAC as written, June 28, 2023. Awaiting publication in upcoming MARC update.

Other Recent Activities

Provider Neutral Guidelines Revisions:
SCS received a request to allow use of a 506 field to indicate availability of open access versions in provider-neutral records. Although this information would optimally be associated with individual URLs in 856 $7, $l, and $n, SCS agreed that allowing a single standardized 506 for open access materials in provider-neutral records could be useful in some situations and would support some system functionality within Alma and potentially in other contexts. A response from LC suggested that a similar approach should be taken for rights information in 540, which the committee is considering. While there was initially some opposition to making the exception at all, PoCo agreed to an approach allowing an optional 506, as long as 856 $7 0 is also present. PoCo also slightly favored an approach to prescribing the note text in $3 and $a but leaving the choice of vocabulary in 506 $f/$2 up to the cataloger. NDMSO has established source codes for the COAR Access Rights Vocabulary and Wikidata, as proposed by SCS. SCS now needs to complete the draft of the revised guidelines. We plan to clarify the "mandatory if applicable" status of the 856 field at the same time. SCS also considered questions from CCM about accessibility content in Provider Neutral records, and felt this was beyond SCS's expertise, and in response formed a new task group (as described above).

RDA, MGD and LC-PCC PS Proposals:
SCS reviewed proposals for MGDs on representative expressions, "Headquarters" and terms implying administrative subordination. SCS reviewed changes to LC-PCC PSs for soft-deprecated elements and agreed with a general approach to not use the soft-deprecated elements; RSC is also considering hard deprecation. SCS also reviewed an inquiry about the

PSs for terms of incorporation in access points for corporate bodies, including special instructions for transposition and omission of the terms. Discussion is ongoing and SCS is considering a more systematic approach to reviewing instructions for omission and inversion in corporate body names.

SCS reviewed an inquiry about PSs for "Expression manifested" in aggregate resources. Discussion is ongoing.

Comics and Graphic Novels:
SCS reviewed and endorsed several joint GNCRT/SAC reports and activities related to comics and graphic novels, such as revision of SHM H1430, establishment of genre terms for Anime, Manga, and provisions for compound genre terms like *Paranormal romance fiction.*

Relationships with Places in 551:
SCS recently reviewed and supported a proposal from LC to allow relationships from RDA Appendix K with places. The next step is to revise the *PCC Guidelines for the Application of Relationship Designators in NACO Authority Records.*

PCC Extensions to Related Place of RDA Entity:
SCS developed a list of refinements to Related Place of RDA Entity, and PoCo reviewed this list. Once published, these relationship terms can be used in $i and $4 to refine related places in 370 or 551. SCS also began related work on extensions to related corporate body elements for use in $i and $4 in fields 373 or 551. In the future we might consider similar extensions to related timespan. Next steps include getting the list of extensions hosted on id.loc.gov and added to the MGDs. Minor revisions are also needed for the LC Guidelines Supplement in field 370 and 373.

Future Activity

MAC Discussion Papers/Proposals:

- Discussion paper to establish relationship subfields $e/$4 in bibliographic fields 647 and 648. This paper will be submitted to MAC for consideration at the upcoming midwinter 2024 meeting. This is a simplification of a previous, withdrawn paper involving other 6XX fields.

- Discussion papers in support of outcomes from the approved recommendations of the [SCA Task Group on Enhancing Metadata and Practices in MARC Bibliographic Records](#), to define subfields $0 and $1 in bibliographic fields 024, 341, 506 and 540 and 586 (along with several other subfields in 586). Discussion papers covering some of these recommendations will be submitted to MAC for consideration at the upcoming midwinter 2024 meeting. Others will be deferred to summer 2024 MAC meeting or later. For

example we are waiting on field 341 pending the outcomes of [2023-DP05](#) from the Canadian Committee on Metadata exchange.