

## Minutes

ALCTS Metadata Interest Group Meeting  
ALA Annual Conference 2018 (New Orleans)  
Sunday, June 24, 2018 | 9:00 am - 10:00 am  
Morial Convention Center, RM 298

Our Scheduler:

<https://www.eventscribe.com//2018/ALA-Annual/fsPopup.asp?Mode=presInfo&PresentationID=380681>

Our Connect Page:

<https://connect.ala.org/alcts/communities/community-home?CommunityKey=45b67b1a-f188-4e33-988f-a491aae3f94c>

Attendance: about 80

### Welcome - Liz Woolcott, Chair

The time slot is now only one hour, so presentation and business meeting (including liaison reports) need to keep closely to the time allotted.

### Presentation (9:00am-9:30am)

**The Cataloging Lab: encouraging collaboration for a more effective and inclusive LCSH proposal process**

*Violet Fox*

**Abstract:** Applying Library of Congress Subject Headings is a large part of the subject analysis that catalogers perform every day, but most catalogers are unaware of the process of how headings are revised and added. The [Cataloging Lab](#) is a new wiki where anyone who is interested in making LCSH more responsive to users' needs can work together with others to create proposals to add or change headings. By empowering all library workers to understand and contribute to the process of changing LCSH, we can emphasize the necessity for thoughtful collaboration to provide high quality, user-centered metadata.

**Presenter Biography:** Violet Fox is a cataloging and metadata expert in central Minnesota. She completed her MLIS at the University of Washington iSchool in 2013. Her

research interests include the intricacies of zine cataloging and the ethical implications of classification.

### **Business Meeting (9:30 - 10:00 am)**

#### 1. Welcome and introductions of officers

- Liz Woolcott (she/her) – Chair (2017-2018)
- Anna Neatrour (she/her) – Vice Chair/Chair-elect (2017/2018) / Chair (2018/2019)
- Darnelle Melvin (he/his) – Program Co-Chair (2016/2018)
- Anne Washington (she/her) – Program Co-Chair (2017/2019)
- Deborah Kulczak (she/her) – Blog Coordinator (2016/2018)
- Wendy Robertson (she/her) – Secretary (2017/2019)

#### 2. ALA Midwinter 2018 minutes approved:

<https://connect.ala.org/alcts/viewdocument/ala-midwinter-2018-metadata-inter?CommunityKey=45b67b1a-f188-4e33-988f-a491aae3f94c&tab=librarydocuments>

#### 3. Liaison Reports (15 minutes):

##### **Music Library Association (MLA) - Jim Soe Nyun (Submitted July 10)**

Background: The Music Library Association has one overarching Cataloging and Metadata Committee, plus three subcommittees, one of which is the Encoding Standards Committee, for which I'm Chair until February of next year. The other subcommittees have some folio assignments related to link data, particularly vocabulary development and maintenance. The Encoding Standards Subcommittee has its core assignment MARC and any other schemes that might be used to encode metadata, and as chair of the subcommittee I am designate by MLA as a liaison to this group, as well as to the MARC Advisory Committee.

MLA's Cataloging and and Metadata Committee also may establish working groups devoted to a special project. Falling into that group has been the Linked Data Working Group, LDWG, which I co-chaired along with Kirk-Evan Billet until last fall to help with the Music Library Association's participation in the Performed Music Ontology (PMO) component of the larger LD4P project. As the Music Ontology project began to issue documentation on GitHub and Bibliportal, LDWG was

resuscitated with Hermine Vermeij as Chair to review the project documentation and provide comments from MLA as the constituency of primary interest in the work of the PMO group. Several papers were reviewed by the group this past winter and spring, and comments submitted back to Nancy Lorimer of the PMO project.

In more old-school metadata work, MLA proposed several changes to the MARC format for bibliographic data that we hope will help to better associate some parts of the record with other data elements of the same record. The changes to validate subfield \$3 for several 3XX data element fields were passed by the MARC Advisory Committee at the time of my last report to this group, and the changes have been published in the recent MARC Update 26, and will be available for use in a few days after the 60 day review period concludes. Finally, the Encoding Standards Subcommittee and other members of MLA provide feedback on papers and proposals being considered at the MARC Advisory Committee meetings, and a consolidated response to the nine current MAC proposals or discussion papers was issued to the MARC listserv in preparation for MAC's meetings this weekend.

### **Committee on Cataloging: CC:DA - Jessica Hayden (submitted July 3, 2018)**

#### Meeting 1, Saturday, June 23, 1:00-5:30 pm

CC:DA tasks since ALA Midwinter have been relatively light due to the continuing work on the [RDA 3R project](#). Since Midwinter, two task groups were formed: 1) Task Force to Review Chinese Rare Book Cataloging Guidelines, and 2) Virtual Participation Task Force. The first group completed its work and was discharged in March. The work of the Virtual Participation Task Force will continue through the fall and will look at ways to increase participation through virtual and other options.

The North American RDA Committee ([NARDAC](#)) was formed in January and has begun its work. The Committee is made up of two representatives from ALA (Dominique Bourassa, Yale University, and Kathy Glennan, University of Maryland), two from the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library, and Nathalie Mainville, Library and Archives of Canada), and two from the Library of Congress (Damian Iseminger and Kate

James). Work is ongoing to develop policies and procedures in support of the new RSC governance structure.

The RDA 3R preconference at Annual was a huge success. Plans are underway to hold another preconference at the 2019 ALA Midwinter Meeting. Materials from the preconference will be posted on the RSC website. The 3R beta site will be continually updated over the next year. Fuller instructions on aggregates and serials are forthcoming. Some areas for revision have already been identified and will be improved in future releases. Free webinars to support training in the beta site will begin in July. Recordings for these webinars will be posted in the training resources of the RDA Toolkit. Original RDA is frozen and will have no more updates to its content. The new RDA 3R beta site will not become the official RDA rules until the RSC has unanimously agreed to adopt it. Until that happens, original RDA is still our cataloging rules.

The meeting ended with a discussion of needed task groups. It was agreed that the 3R Task Force should be reestablished with updated membership to review quick changes to RDA 3R. There will also be a Task Force formed to revise the CC:DA website and review any needed bylaw/policy changes as a result of RDA governance changes. CC:DA membership also recommended that a Task Force be formed to develop application profiles for specialist communities.

#### Meeting 2, Monday, June 25, 8:30-11:30 am

The second meeting of CC:DA was cancelled in favor of a special discussion session, sponsored by members of the MARC21 and RDA communities. The focus of this meeting was to discuss the impact of RDA changes on MARC21 development, including changes to the MARC21 format to accommodate new RDA entities and the 4-fold path for recording information; infrastructure development; and implementation issues.

#### **LITA/ALCTS Metadata Standards Committee - Michael Bolam (submitted 23 June 2018)**

Bolam discussed the directions of the Metadata standards committee for 2018/2019. There could be impact from the potential LITA/ALCTS/LLAMA merger./

LITA/ALCTS Metadata Standards Committee will meet Sunday, June 24 (today): 1:00 - 2:00 at Morial Convention Center, Rm 269. This will be a business meeting with no program. Expected business includes:

Technical discussion, adoption / modification of Connect vs. metaware.buzz (domain renewal is coming up), handover of google docs, etc.

Last minute preparation for program

LITA/ALCTS Metadata Standards Committee Program today (Sunday, June 24):  
4:00 - 5:00 at Morial Convention Center, Rm 286-287 - [How Metadata Enables or Inhibits Discovery and Access to Diverse Communities and Concepts](#)

The Metadata Standards Committee is studying how organizations whose primary mission includes a focus on metadata approach issues of diversity, inclusion and accessibility as part of schema design, implementation and use. This session will report on the results of a survey completed by MSC in the Fall 2017 and will include audience interaction to discuss the issues raised in this research.

As part of the presentation of results, presenters will highlight key questions and issues raised through this research and engage in a conversation with participants on these issues/questions. As part of the outreach effort for this event MSC will work to invite key stakeholders and organizations to bring a range of perspectives and create an environment where community members and organizations can engage in real-time dialogue on these issues.

Co-sponsored by Cataloging and Classification Research Interest Group, Linked Library Data Interest Group, and Metadata Interest Group

4. New officer elections - Anna Neatrour (10 minutes). Congratulations to:

- Darnelle Melvin (he/his) – Vice Chair/Chair-elect (2018/2019) / Chair (2019/2020)
- Mingyan Li (she/her) – Program Co-Chair (2018/2020)
- Rachel Tillay (they/them) – Blog Coordinator (2018/2020)

5. [Digital Library Federation Assessment Interest Group - Metadata Working Group application profile clearinghouse project](#) - Scott Carlson (5 minutes)

Everyone is encouraged to submit application profiles, mappings, code and best practices to the github. The goal is to help people who want to understand what other others are doing with similar issues. You can submit through the Google

form, but could also go through github or email if you prefer. DLF also has a Metadata Support Group [Slack community](#).

6. Open discussion for IG members

There was no additional discussion.

Submitted 6 July 2018  
Wendy C Robertson