PCC Report for CC:DA at ALA Anaheim June 23, 2012

The last six months have seen PCC being extremely busy with our attention focused on reports from the current crop of RDA Task Groups. These were set up last fall as a result of recommendations from the three earlier Task Groups on: 1) AACR2/RDA Acceptable Heading Categories, 2) Hybrid Bibliographic Records, and 3) RDA Policy and Practice Decisions Needed.   The PCC Policy Committee (PoCo) had conference calls for nine weeks to discuss the recommendations from the latest Task Groups and make decisions. The following is a brief list of the accomplishments of PoCo and the Task Groups. We are listing some results that may be of particular interest to CC:DA. More information about these reports is available on the PCC website, under RDA Task Groups:
http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/rda/RDA%20Task%20Groups.html

1. NACO record conversion (Gary Strawn)
   - The conversion of the NACO authority records is now in two phases; if records do not need any RDA-related change they will not be recoded (reduces the number of authority records to be changed by 7.5 million). A given authority record should only be issued one time during the RDA conversion.
     1) Identification in a 667 field those records that require an RDA-related change before they can be used—these require review.
     2) Make RDA-related changes to access fields.
   - Definitions of authority 670 and 675 fields have been adjusted: the 670 field now contains citations for resources in which information was found, and the 675 field now contains citations for resources in which no information was found. This should simplify training and authority record construction.
   - No existing fields need be re-tagged, unless they are being modified for some other reason.
2. PCC SCS BIBCO Standard Record under RDA (Chris Cronin)
   - The task group's recommendations for a BIBCO Standard Record (BSR) for Textual Monographs (including a MAP) were reviewed and accepted by the PCC Standing Committee on Standards (SCS), PoCo, and the PCC Operations Committee (OpCo).
   - This initial Textual Monograph BSR is providing the framework for expanding the BSR to include all the other formats that were represented by AACR2 BSRs.
   - The Standing Committee on Standards has identified experts for each of the other formats, who will be adding RDA elements for their domains by the end of summer 2012. We are hopeful that a combined BSR will be available for community review and use by Fall 2012.
3. PCC SCS Provider-Neutral Record under RDA (Becky Culbertson)
   - Like the BSR group, this task group's recommendations for the provider-neutral model (also including a MAP) were reviewed and accepted by SCS, PoCo, and OpCo
   - Online resources will continue to use the provider neutral model of using one record for multiple providers as long as the content is the same—at least until we are out of the MARC environment.

- Still to be folded into these guidelines are online serials and the supplemental requirements of digital aspects of other formats.

4. PCC SCT NACO Training (Paul Frank)
   - NACO training is underway. 18 NACO institutions and 3 NACO funnels completed the training in May 2012 and are scheduled for the required post-training webinars in June 2012. 20 institutions started the training in June and will participate in the required post-training webinars in July. This training plan will continue through March 2013.

5. RDA Policy Statements Task Group decisions (Manon Theroux)
   - A single consolidated set of "LC/PCC Policy Statements" will be created (a PoCo decision).
   - The Standing Committee on Standards will be the group responsible for ongoing collaboration with LC on development of RDA policy statements.
   - Several highlights of decisions made (out of hundreds!)
     i. Leading and trailing hyphens will be used with birth and death dates in access points rather than the words "born" and "died"
     ii. Words will be transcribed following either Appendix A or using the capitalization found in the resource
     iii. Ordinal numerals will be recorded following the usage of the language of the resource rather than 1., 2., 3., etc.
     iv. Greater differentiation among expressions will be allowed in authorized access points
     v. Authorized access points for collected works will no longer require a date

6. SCT RDA Training Materials Task Group (Larisa Walsh, Paul Frank and Chamya Kincy)
   - The final report (May 30th) issued a very full listing of freely available resources for RDA training.

7. SCT RDA Standing Committee on Training RDA Records TG (George Prager)
   - Collected and reviewed 138 records (8 authority records and 130 bib records, including some non-MARC; current up to the April 10, 2012 RDA Toolkit release.
   - These records are available at the Catalogers Learning Workshop website at:
     http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/RDA%20training%20materials/SCT%20RDA%20Records%20TG/index.html

8. PCC Task Group on Hybrid Integrating Resource Records (George Prager)
   - The report of this group gave commonsense guidelines (including a MAP) on when to re-describe a pre-RDA integrating resource as an RDA record, or when to create a hybrid record.

9. PCC Authority Record Policy Decisions (Kathy Glennan)
   - Made 21 separate detailed recommendations on NACO issues related to RDA implementation (these are to be incorporated into appropriate documentation, including DCM Z1).

- Highlights include:
  i. Create two kinds of conference NARs: collective conference authority records, and as needed, individual conference authority records.
  ii. Based on cataloger's judgment, populate the new MARC Authority fields (such as the 046 and 37X fields) when the information is readily available, even if it is also encoded in the 1XX field. When appropriate, use controlled vocabulary and cite the source of that term in $2.
  iii. Do not encode Content Type (336 field), since authority records for expressions may currently represent more than one content type. Revisit this decision when that situation changes.
  iv. Generally provide reciprocal 5XX fields, using terms from RDA Appendix J & K as appropriate to identify the relationship.