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Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

Report of the MAC Liaison

To: Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

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Provided below are summaries of the proposals and discussion papers considered by the MAC at the ALA 2015 Midwinter Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Complete text of the MAC proposals and discussion papers summarized below is available via the agenda for the MAC meetings of the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting on the MARC Advisory Committee web site: http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/mw2015_age.html

Executive Summary:

Six proposals and one discussion paper were presented. All six proposals passed, with 2015-03 significantly amended. The discussion paper will return as a proposal.

Narrative:

LC Report: LC is starting BibFrame pilot between now and Annual, employing a BibFrame input system that will then output MARC records. Also, numerous Technical Notices were issued since June.

Proposal 2015-01 would add first indicator values to field 037 of 2 and 3 in order to allow sequencing of source of acquisition data, much like the similar arrangement in fields 260/264 allow the recording and sequencing of changes in publication data. This proposal passed.

Proposal 2015-02 would add new specific subfields r & q (\$r & \$q) to field 046 of the Authority format to accommodate the emergent RDA element subtype "Period of Activity of a Corporate Body," which is more specific than the existing subfields s & t (\$s & \$t) for start and termination of an activity. This proposal passed.

Proposal 2015-03 would add a new field 884 to the Bibliographic Format to facilitate identification of a record as sourced in a non-MARC data environment, specifically but not

exclusively BibFrame. This proposal passed with significant amendment, based largely on previous inputs from the British Library.

Proposal 2015-04 would remove “Not used to record a number associated with a series statement.” from the definition of field 088 to resolve previously explored shortcomings in the manner of recording technical report numbers. This proposal passed.

Proposal 2015-05 would define a new code value in byte 008/07 of the Holdings Format, ‘q’ for Lease. This proposal passed.

Proposal 2015-06 would add a new subfield e (\$e) to field 382 to record the number of ensembles specified in an associated subfield a (\$a). This would parallel the use of subfield n (\$n) to record the number of individual performers specified for individual instruments/voices recorded in \$a. This proposal passed.

Discussion Paper 2015-DP01 explores creation of a specific MARC field to record the Format of Notated Music, which is currently indicated but inadequately supported in field 300 and the 008/20 & 008/21 bytes, with respect to cleanly presenting machine actionable data and multiple values. Discussion and responses to the discussion paper’s questions were positive. The addition of \$b for a coded representation and \$0 for a control number were suggested. This discussion paper will return as a proposal.

Details:

Proposal 2015-01: Defining Values in Field 037 to Indicate a Sequence of Sources of Acquisition in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

URL: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-01.html>

Source: British Library

Summary: This paper proposes the definition of values for Indicator 1 in Field 037 to sequence sources of acquisition. It also proposes the definition of subfields \$3 and \$5 so that the materials and institution or organization to which a source of acquisition applies can be recorded.

Related Documents: [2011-02](#); [2014-DP06](#)

MAC Action taken:

12/18/14 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

1/31/15 – Discussed by MAC. No discussion. No significant discussion (previously discussed at length with 2014-DP06). Put to a vote: passed.

Proposal 2015-02: Adding Dates for Corporate Bodies in Field 046 in the MARC 21 Authority Format

URL: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-02.html>

Source: British Library

Summary: This paper proposes that date of establishment and date of termination of a corporate body are accommodated in Field 046 (Special Coded Dates).

Related Documents: [2014-DP05](#); [2008-DP05](#); [2009-01](#)

MAC Action taken:

12/18/14 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

2/1/15 – Discussed by MAC. Discussion of some minor points and the management of legacy data in \$s and \$t, but without impacting the proposal as written. Put to a vote: passed.

Proposal 2015-03: Description Conversion Information in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

URL: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-03.html>

Source: Library of Congress

Summary: This paper proposes defining a new field in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format where the information regarding the process for the conversion of data in a description can be recorded.

Related Documents: [none]

MAC Action taken:

12/18/14 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

2/1/15 – Discussed by MAC. Extensive discussion on various potential additional subfields for: indicating further non-machine modification; the version of the transformation; the source and destination schema with their respective versions. Ultimately all were rejected for the time being, but discussion did result in changing \$d for Date to \$g for Generation Date, to accommodate the availability of subfields b-f for future potential use along the lines of the discussion without resulting in subfield hash. The British Library had submitted several comments to the list which were pursued in discussion: Modifying the definition; some changes to the definition of \$k to change “control number” to “identifier” and to broaden the scope of coverage beyond bibliographic records to also include authority and holding records; and similarly to expand the applicability of the field beyond the Bibliographic Format to the Authority and Holdings formats as well. Put to a vote as amended: passed.

Proposal 2015-04: Broaden Usage of Field 088 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

URL: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-04.html>

Source: Alaska Resources Library and Information Services (ARLIS)

Summary: This paper proposes broadening the usage of field 088 (Report Number) in bibliographic records to include series numbers (in particular for series in technical report and government publications) by deleting the sentence "Not used to record a number associated with a series statement" in field 088's field definition and scope.

Related Documents: [2014-DP07](#)

MAC Action taken:

12/18/14 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

1/31/15 – Discussed by MAC. Some minor corrections to the examples were identified. Put to a vote: passed.

Proposal 2015-05: Definition of New Code for Leased Resources in Field 008/07 in the MARC21 Holdings Format

URL: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-05.html>

Source: British Library

Summary: This paper proposes the definition of a new code for leased resources in 008/07 (Method of acquisition) in the MARC21 Holdings Format.

Related Documents: [none]

MAC Action taken:

12/18/14 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

2/1/15 – Discussed by MAC. Generally supportive comments, with additional observation of applicability to streaming resources. Some concerns about legacy data and “split” holdings where part of a run acquired in one mode and the rest in another – generally managed by multiple holdings records or by acquisitions records. British Library reiterated possible future need for further codes. Put to a vote: passed.

Proposal 2015-06: Defining New Subfield in Field 382 for Coding Number of Ensembles in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats

URL: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-06.html>

Source: Music Library Association

Summary: This paper proposes that subfield \$e (Number of ensembles) be added to field 382 (Medium of Performance) in order to allow for the coding of number of ensembles.

Related Documents: [none]

MAC Action taken:

12/18/14 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

2/1/15 – Discussed by MAC. Minor discussion about interaction between the proposed \$e and the “check sum” function in \$\$, but \$\$ would not be used if ensemble groups are indicated. Put to a vote: passed.

Discussion Paper 2015-DP01: Recording RDA Format of Notated Music in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

URL: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2015/2015-dp01.html>

Source: Canadian Committee on MARC (CCM)

Summary: This paper presents options for recording the RDA data element Format of Notated Music in the Bibliographic format.

Related Documents: [none]

MAC Action taken:

12/18/14 – Made available to the MARC community for discussion.

1/31/15 – Discussed by MAC.

Questions and Answers:

- Is the Format of Notated Music a significant element? Yes
- Is precise coding for Format of Notate Music useful? Yes
- Is there a possible use case for Authority as well as Bibliographic records?
General support yes, or at a minimum an allowance for the possibility
- Which options to use? General preference for 348 field over a 5XX field as a solution. The possible application of 655 field was also raised.

Additional comments: include a \$b for a corresponding code value; and a \$0 for linking to a control number.

Will return as a proposal.

Other Reports: Next meeting 6/27 & 6/28.

Business Meeting:

LC Report: LC is starting a BibFrame pilot project between now and Annual, employing a BibFrame input system that will then output MARC records. Numerous Technical Notices were issued since June. There will be a forthcoming correction to one notice that used a ‘/’ when the preferred style is ‘-’.