

# Database Maintenance Advisory Council

July 25, 2007

**Attendees:** Lisa Bouchard, Rob Carle, Mary Coon, Sue Dague, Deidre Lisio, Peggy Mello, Lisa Pitkin, Julie Stump, Joe Thornton

**Minutes of the June 27 meeting:** Lisa Pitkin asked that we note that although in the *Large print and audiobook records* section she had “pointed out that some changes are more significant than others,” this shouldn’t be interpreted to mean that standards aren’t extremely important to her.

**Progress report on new Z39.50 targets:** Sue asked about Jonathan’s progress in installing the Z39.50 sites that she brought to the last meeting. The sites appear in the list of available sites in Horizon, but they do not function yet. Joe reported that Jonathan is still contacting the sites.

**DVD cases:** Sue brought a sample DVD case that is similar to the 100 or so that EGRN is giving away because they’ve switched to a different type of case. She offered the 100 to any takers, and there were a few.

**Report on ASC discussion of our request to hire a cataloger:** Joe reported that ASC voted no our request to hire a cataloger. There was a long discussion at ASC about the state of the database and ASC acknowledged that there were problems but did not feel that hiring a cataloger at this time is the solution. ASC did assign two tasks to UHLS:

1. Identify the specific causes of problems with searching, whether they’re cataloging or OPAC issues, and produce a white paper for the September 25<sup>th</sup> ASC meeting.
2. Research Marcive and its competitors to see how their services could improve our database, and how much it would cost. The Directors Association has approved \$50,000 for this project.

The Database Maintenance Advisory Council questioned why the original decision not to replace Mary Ellen Bena was made without their input, and asked if there are bylaws that require consultation with advisory councils before hiring decisions are made. Joe will look into this. The group also expressed their disappointment with the ASC decision, and their worries about the future of the catalog because of it.

**BWI records:** Lisa Pitkin reported:

*Guilderland is just starting to test electronic ordering with BWI through the acquisitions module. We will be importing MARC records into the database (primarily audiovisual and children's books). Judging by what APLM has been importing in the last year, these records will probably need some editing. Just something to be aware of. If you notice any problems, let me know.*

Joe asked if there is a way to identify the acquisitions records (from Baker & Taylor or BWI) that will be replaced eventually by OCLC records, so we don't waste money "cleaning them up" with LTI, Marcive, or other processes. We discussed using a Cataloging Code of 'oo' (On Order) during import, but that might not be reliable (i.e. it's easy to forget to set this cataloging code). We discussed only sending files older than six months or a year to LTI, etc., but Joe didn't want to exclude a lot of eligible records for the sake of a relatively few ineligible ones. When we learned that GUIL uses a collection code of GUORD and APL uses collection codes of A\*ORD for acquisitions items, Joe said that he could use that information to exclude acquisitions records from export to LTI, Marcive, etc.

**Use of Database meetings:** Julie suggested that we bring cataloging (specifically, serials cataloging) questions to Database Maintenance meetings so we can solve them as a group and educate ourselves in the process. All agreed that this is a good idea.

### **Serials changes?**

Sue asked if we've received many responses to our request for updated lists of serials holdings. Joe said "Not many" and we'll prompt everyone again.

### **Subject Headings Workshop:**

We set 9/26/07 as the date of the Subject Headings Workshop to be given by Maggie Horn.

**Next meeting: August 22, 2007 at 9:30 at UHLS.**