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Subject: [PCCLIST] New CONSER Standard Record Approved

PCC Community:

I am pleased to announce that the PCC Policy Committee has endorsed the recommendations of the final reports submitted by the Access Level Record for Serials Working Group and the Working Group on Authentication Codes and Encoding Levels for Serials and Integrating Resources. The implementation date for the new CONSER standard record has been set for February 1, 2007. Many thanks to all of the Working Group members for their outstanding work throughout this process.

PoCo wants to assure that the recommendations are implemented in the spirit that they were offered by the working groups, namely, to provide in an effective and timely manner a record that consistently ensures identification of and access to a serial title. To that end, the Working Group has defined the set of required elements needed in every CONSER standard record. All other elements are optional, but not precluded, and can be added as needed based on cataloger's judgment.

PoCo recognizes that the comments received during the review period identified some areas where additional work is needed to resolve conflicting instructions or clarify some ambiguities. The PoCo has charged the Working Group to review the comments and resolve those problems, and to work with CPSO to assure that rule interpretations are in place for those recommendations which are not fully compliant with current AACR2 practice (most of which anticipate upcoming RDA changes). Staff in CPSO that serve on the JSC can also help assure that the new CONSER standard will be compatible with RDA.

NEXT STEPS:

Members of the original working group will be asked to work on resolving issues raised during the comment period.

LCRIs:

The co-chairs Regina Reynolds (LC) and Diane Boehr (NLM), will meet with Barbara Tillett (CPSO) to determine what AACR2 LCRIs are needed.

DOCUMENTATION:

The documentation produced by the Working Group provides a base foundation for the new standard. Work has begun on a document which merges required record elements with succinct cataloging instructions. This document will reflect the decisions that the working group makes in resolving some of the outstanding ambiguities or conflicts, will have additional appendices with examples, guidelines for working with copy, and other tools, and will link to existing sections of CONSER documentation where applicable.

TRAINING:

Melissa Beck (UCLA), a member of the working group, has agreed to develop training materials for the CONSER standard record that could be used in face-to-face workshop settings, adaptable to delivery in an online format, and made available for all by downloading on the CONSER web site. A new SCCTP module will also be developed based on these training materials. A preliminary training session is already planned for ALA Midwinter 2007, during the Monday afternoon meeting of the ALCTS Continuing Resources Cataloging Committee.

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PoCo Chair, 2007