

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AUTOMATION
Annual Report
October 2008-September 2009

Activities:

Two task groups were set up: the MODS/Dublin Core Record Utilization Task Group and the Task Group on Automated Record Enhancement (ARE). The charge and membership of the MODS/DC TG is posted off the SCA web page. The charge and membership of the ARE TG is appended below. The MODS/DC Task Group completed their charge and submitted their final report, also posted on the SCA web page. SCA and SCS submitted comments on the final report which have been forward to PoCo. The ARE TG requested and received an extension to Oct. 30 for submitting their final report. SCA and SCS will provide comments on their final report after the PoCo meeting. Additional, SCA member Rebecca Lubas served as SCA liaison on the PCC BIBCO Standard Record Committee.

Meetings:

None held during this report period.

SCA members:

Robert Bremer - OCLC
Gary Charbonneau - Indiana University
Jane Grawemeyer - SIRSI
John Levy - LC
Rebecca Lubas - University of New Mexico
Jim Mouw - University of Chicago
Gary Strawn - Northwestern University
Bob Thomas - Western Washington University
David Williamson - LC

Respectfully submitted
Adolfo R. Tarango
Chair - PCC Standing Committee on Automation
October 30, 2009

Appendix A

Automated Record Enhancement Task Group membership:

Paul Frank, Library of Congress
Richard Greene, OCLC
Joseph Kiegel, University of Washington
Shana McDanold, University of Pennsylvania
Bob Thomas, Western Washington University
Glen Wiley, Cornell University
Robert Bremer, OCLC - Co-chair
Gary Strawn, Northwestern University - Co-chair

Charge:

1. Explore options to improve automatic augmentation of master records in the WorldCat database. This may include:
 - a. Reviewing existing guidelines for comparing incoming records against master records
 - b. Outlining which fields should be merged into the master record from incoming records as part of every record-loading project (if any)
2. Testing the results and refining them based on review by TG members, PCC participants, or both
3. Reporting the results to the PCC member community and WorldCat user community and seeking further feedback
4. Working with OCLC staff to implement any changes to the existing guidelines in WorldCat (as appropriate)