

## Minutes Bibliographic Standards Committee

Virtual Meeting

Zoom, Friday, December 18, 2020

11:00 - 12:30 pm EDT



### Agenda

1. Welcome and announcements
2. Updates from the BSC Chairs/Lapka
3. Review of draft BSC minutes, October 6, 2020, virtual meeting
4. Reports on BSC activities:
  - a. MARC/RDA Working Group liaison report (Davis)
  - b. RBMS-ARLIS/NA-SAA Joint Task Force on Development of the Art and Rare Materials BIBFRAME Ontology Extension (Kovari)
  - c. RBMS BSC Rare Materials Catalogers Directory (Linares)
  - d. OCLC Member Merge Guidelines for Rare Materials (Hildebrand)
5. Library of Congress Liaison to RBMS BSC (Thérroux)
6. Closing discussion and announcements

Members present: Jennifer MacDonald, University of Delaware Library (co-chair); Honor Moody, Harvard Library (co-chair); Liz Adams, Duke University; Emily Baldoni, Georgetown University; Katelyn Borbely, College for Creative Studies; Amy Brown, Boston College, Burns Library; Brenna Bychowski, Beinecke Library, Yale University (ex officio: Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group co-editor); kalan Knudson Davis, University of Minnesota Libraries; Matthew Ducmanas, Temple University; Tammy Druash, University of North Florida; Alison Greenlee, Wayne State University; Jessica Grzegorski, Newberry Library (RBMS Web Team liaison); Ryan Hildebrand, University of Oregon; Elizabeth Hobart, Pennsylvania State University; Linda Isaac, Houghton Library, Harvard; Francis Lapka, Yale Center for British Art; Deborah J. Leslie, Folger Shakespeare Library; Rafael Linares; Michelle Mascaro, University of California San Diego; Philippe Mongeau, Rare Book School; Danijela Matković, Beinecke Library, Yale University (secretary); Iris O'Brien, British Library; Jessie Sherwood, Robbins Collection, University of California Berkeley; Brian Stearns, University of Alberta; Amy Tims, American Antiquarian Society; Brittney Washington, Harry Ransom Center

Members absent: Lauren Reno, Duke University (ex officio: Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group co-editor); Valerie Buck, Brigham Young University

Visitors: Erin Blake, Folger Shakespeare Library; Cindy Cline, University of Kentucky; Ellen Cordes, Lewis Walpole Library, Yale University; Zoe Dobbs, Beinecke Library, Yale University; Stephanie Fell, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Matthew Haugen, Columbia University; Yoonha Hwang, Yale Center for British Art; Jason Kovari, Cornell University; Elizabeth Kuntz, American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming; Maggie Long, Wesleyan University; Rebecca

Malek-Wiley, Tulane University; Andrea Martin; Martha McTear, University of California Santa Barbara; Jackie Parascandola, University of Pennsylvania; Audrey Pearson, Beinecke Library, Yale University; Paloma Graciani Picardo, Harry Ransom Center; Krista Stracka, National Library of Medicine; Manon Théroux, Library of Congress (Library of Congress liaison)

## **1. Welcome and announcements**

The co-chairs welcomed attendees and pointed to an added column in the sign-up sheet allowing attendees to introduce themselves to the group. Emily Baldoni served as Zoom wrangler, i.e. she admitted attendees, shared the sign-up sheet, and monitored chat participation.

## **2. Updates from the BSC Chairs/Lapka**

Francis Lapka gave an update on the indexing of bibliographic references in OCLC. He wrote a statement on behalf of BSC endorsing the indexing of 510s. The statement was unanimously approved by BSC members and submitted to OCLC. According to Lapka, Jay Weitz indicated that OCLC will consider this issue as part of their indexing discussions which are related to a larger database restructuring project.

## **3. Review of draft BSC minutes, October 6, 2020, virtual meeting**

There were no questions regarding the October 6, 2020 draft minutes. The minutes were approved via a Zoom poll during the meeting.

## **4. Reports on BSC activities**

### **a. MARC/RDA Working Group liaison report (Davis)**

kalan Knudson Davis, the new Rare books and manuscripts specialist to the MARC/RDA Working Group (MRWG), submitted a [report](#) and presented on recent activities that are relevant to the special collections community.

Davis briefly introduced MRWG's discussion paper on the recording of data provenance in MARC formats which provides among others detailed information regarding the potential increased adoption and use of subfields \$5 and \$2.

Davis proceeded to discuss a proposal on types of binding, in particular item-specific bindings. She reported that both MRWG and MAC were disinclined to use the 340 field for two different entities (manifestation and item) and to permit \$5 in this field. Davis proposed to further explore the issues and called for volunteers to work on a discussion paper.

**b. RBMS-ARLIS/NA-SAA Joint Task Force on Development of the Art and Rare Materials BIBFRAME Ontology Extension (Kovari)**

Jason Kovari, RBMS co-chair of the joint task force, gave a [presentation](#) detailing the work completed by the group: simplified the ontology extension and aligned it more closely with BIBFRAME, deprecated both the custodial history and activity models, added a generic events model, and updated the [GitHub repository](#).

Kovari listed the following tasks as outstanding: create usage guidelines and a human-readable version of the ontology files; finalize decisions relating to the exhibition model and the usage of vocabularies.

The task force anticipates wrapping up in February 2021. The work will then be handed over to BSC, ARLIS, and SAA for further discussions. A hosting site for the ontology has not been identified yet.

**c. RBMS BSC Rare Materials Catalogers Directory (Linares)**

The editors of the BSC Rare Materials Catalogers Directory submitted an [update](#) of their work. Rafael Linares, who joined Liz Adams as co-editor of the directory in the summer of 2020, demonstrated some of the features of the directory and announced that the site is ready for rollout. The co-editors will send out email announcements in early January. Both Linares and Adams encouraged participation and called for feedback.

**d. OCLC Member Merge Guidelines for Rare Materials (Hildebrand)**

Ryan Hildebrand reported on the [work](#) of the BSC's Rare Materials Merge working group. The group is tasked with providing rare materials guidance for participants in OCLC's Member Merge program which allows institutions to merge master records. The group completed guidelines for books. They were approved by the BSC and can be found on the [OCLC website](#). Draft guidelines for continuing resources are under review by OCLC. Members of the working group are currently working on guidelines for cartographic and graphic materials.

A brief discussion followed relating to the amount of time it can take to merge records and the number of catalogers at an institution that are being trained to participate in the Merge program.

## **5. Library of Congress Liaison to RBMS BSC (Thérroux)**

Manon Thérroux, Library of Congress liaison, provided a [report](#) on the project to develop LC-PCC policy statements for the new version of RDA released in mid-December 2020 as a result of the RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign Project (3R). Previously available as a beta version, it has now become the official version of RDA and draft LC-PCC policy statements are visible. Thérroux emphasized that the new RDA version has not been implemented yet by LC/PCC and that the draft policy statements are under review. She highlighted three sections of her report: project staff, challenges, and policy statements pertaining to rare materials. Thérroux then opened it up for questions and it was briefly mentioned that the RBMS RDA Editorial Group has not had the opportunity yet to discuss the new manifestation statement elements in detail.

## **6. Closing discussion and announcements**

The co-chairs noted conversations that took place recently on the dcrm list relating to statements and guidelines on the remediation of harmful language in metadata descriptions. A discussion followed touching on various aspects, including the different challenges that harmful materials pose in contrast to harmful vocabularies and the need for an official BSC position statement. It was agreed that a group should be formed to address some of the issues discussed and attendees were encouraged to volunteer.

The co-chairs welcomed feedback on participants' zoom user experience and announced that they will send out a doodle poll for the ALA Midwinter virtual meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted January 18, 2021 by Danijela Matković, RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee secretary.