ANSS Subject and Bibliographic Access Committee
Minutes
ALA Annual Meeting
Anaheim, CA – June 21-26, 2012

Monday, June 11, 2012, 10:30 a.m. – Online (via WebEx)

Attendance: Lars Klint (chair), Carolyn McCallum, Isabel Quintana, Wayne Sanders (Fred Hay and Stephanie Rocio Miles were excused)

1. Introductions were made. No sign-up sheet was distributed since the meeting was virtual/online. Attendance will be reported to the Executive Committee.

2. The members identified the following topics for upcoming cataloging Q&As:
   a. July 2012 – TBD
   b. August 2012 – Carolyn – FRBR, what is it and how will it affect cataloging?
   c. September 2012 – Lars – How are authorized forms of authors names established?
   d. October 2012 – Isabel – RDA update on general changes and implementation.
   e. November 2012 – Wayne – What kind of subject headings would one use for traditional justice?
   f. December 2012 – TBD

Questions for July and December will be determined and assigned over the coming weeks. Possible topics for these and future questions include subject headings for social status/social power; linked data; how multiple publishers are expressed in a cataloging record; criminal justice; psychology; FRAD as a new cataloging model/method.

3. After changing the frequency of new subject headings list from weekly to monthly in July 2011, the Library of Congress finally changed the official name of the lists from “weekly” to “monthly” in the winter/spring of 2012. They have also implemented changes in the list that make it easier to distinguish new headings from changed headings. Lars has volunteered to continue compiling lists of new subject headings for the social sciences and posting them on ANSS Web. He will bring the lists on ANSS Web up to date over the summer.

4. Members discussed the possibility of each person posting their assigned Cataloging Q&A to ANSS Web instead of having one member post for the entire group. This will require setting up permissions from Erin Gratz, who has indicated that she is happy to do so. All members present agreed that they would like to have the ability to post content to ANSS Web. Members not present who desire these permissions will let the chair know, who will then provide Erin with a full list of names of interested committee members. The members present agreed
that they would be willing to post content for any committee member who prefers not to post to ANSS Web.

5. The committee discussed further options for outreach to the greater ANSS community regarding cataloging. Carolyn volunteered to post announcements to the ANSS Facebook page whenever a new Q&A is added to ANSS Web. We still hope to catalog ANSS Web, the Q&As and the subject heading lists in the future.

6. Members discussed the pros and cons of holding virtual meetings. All agreed that virtual meetings can be useful for conducting routine business and in special situations when a large number of members cannot be present or when an extra meeting is required between ALA conferences. The members also agreed that in-person meetings hold more value in terms of robust give and take of ideas and spontaneity, both in terms of intellectual discourse and attendance. It is difficult for an interested ALA/ACRL member to sit in on a meeting when we meet virtually. Ideally, we will eventually be able to hold hybrid in-person and virtual meetings to encourage broader participation.

7. Carolyn McCallum and Wade Kotter will be co-chairs in the new term beginning July 1, 2012. Meanwhile, Lars will submit the minutes of this virtual meeting to the ANSS Chair for reporting at the Executive Meeting on Saturday, June 23rd or Monday, June 25th.

8. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.