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AALL REORGANIZATION OF TECHNICAL SERVICE GROUPS

The AALL Cataloging and Classification Committee, Technical Services SIS, OCLC SIS, and Ballots users are considering a major reorganization that came out of discussions in Rochester. It seems that there is a great deal of overlap in the interests of these groups. Many people feel that a new unified organization would be better able to coordinate the activities of the various groups so that people would not miss out on programs or duplicate efforts. On the other hand, several people expressed concern that the specific interests of the current groups should not disappear under a new superstructure. A committee was formed to explore and develop a plan for this reorganization. Two members of the merger committee are currently working on a draft of a SIS structure which will be published in the next Law Cataloger. If you have ideas or questions about the merger, please write to one of the people listed below:

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TECHNICAL SERVICES SIS
MINUTES

The annual meeting of the Technical Services Section of the American Association of Law Libraries was held on Monday, June 26, 1978, at 8:20 a.m. in the Holiday Inn in Rochester, New York. The acting chairperson, James Mullins (Indiana University Law Library) was in the chair and the acting secretary was present.

The first order of business was to elect officers for the new section. Peter Enyingi (Los Angeles County Law Library) nominated the following slate:

Chairperson - Phyllis Marion (University of Minnesota Law Library)
Vice-chairperson/Chairperson elect - Sonya Sasuta (Cornell University Law Library)
Secretary-treasurer - Cecelia Kwan (University of California-Davis Law Library)
Members-at-large (2) - Frances Woods (Yale Law Library)
Peter Enyingi (Los Angeles County Law Library)

The slate was elected by a show of hands, with 30 of the 45 members present in favor.

Possible structures and responsibilities for the section were discussed including the possible inclusion of the Cataloging and Classification Committee. Tom Hanley (University of Kansas Law Library) moved that the section break into five committees of open membership: serials, acquisitions, descriptive cataloging, classification, and subject headings. Jozsef Miklosvary (University of California-Davis Law Library) moved to amend the motion to include a steering committee for the 3 committees on cataloging. The amendment failed with 14 opposed and 13 in favor. The main motion passed 27 to 8.

Sonya Sasuta announced the newsletter of the Cataloging and Classification Committee, The Law Cataloger, would be also available, with a new descriptive subtitle, to the Technical Services Section and the OCLC Section as an official

newsletter if desired. Peter Enyingi moved that the section adopt The Law Cataloger as its newsletter. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Enyingi brought the problem of sponsorship of summer 1979 Institute on AACR2 to the attention of the section. It was generally agreed that the section was interested in such a program but time did not permit full discussion. Dennis Hyatt moved that the officers of the Cataloging and Classification Committee, the acting officers of the Section, and Executive Board liason Lorraine Kulpa meet to resolve the problem. The motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

Ellen C. Sandmeyer,
Acting Secretary

CATALOGING & CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

The chairperson, Phyllis Marion, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on June 25, 1978, in Rochester, New York.

The chairperson recognized the chairpersons of the following special committees to give a brief progress report:

CIP Project	- Gayle Edelman - Complete
Subject Headings	- Cecilia Kwan - Continuing
Cataloging Manual for Small Law Libraries	- Brian Polley - Continuing

There was no past business.

Current business:

I. Relationship to Technical Services S.I.S.

Since the purpose and objectives of the Technical Services S.I.S. appear to be similar to those of the Cataloging and Classification Committee, a discussion developed on the desirability for the Cataloging and Classification Committee to merge with the Technical Services S.I.S. and OCLC S.I.S.

A number of people felt strongly that since membership in the Cataloging and Classification Committee was limited to only ten people, the merger should proceed as soon as possible. Others felt the work of the Committee was not yet complete and further study of the S.I.S. and its direction needed to be made before such a merger took place.

Christian Boissonnas proposed that the chairperson appoint a committee of three people to discuss and study the possible merger with the Technical Services S.I.S. The proposal carried by a vote of 9 to 1.

II. The Cataloging and Classification Committee has proposed to the Education Committee the following two institutes:

1) A one day workshop in early January on AACR II. The institute would be aimed towards the library administrators to inform them of changes brought about by the new rules and demonstrate the need for catalogers to attend continuing education programs.

2) A three day institute prior to the San Francisco Convention on the AACR II for catalogers.

III. Newsletter - Sonya Sasuta proposed that our newsletter, The Law Cataloger, become the official publication of the Cataloging and Classification Committee, Technical Services S.I.S. and the OCLC S.I.S. The motion passed.

Paul Weiss from the Library of Congress was available to comment on the response L.C. had received from the subject heading survey and indicated some of the changes L.C. anticipates making.

Cecilia Kwan proposed several projects pertaining to AACR II which the committee might wish to consider. They were: 1) Use of model library to implement the new rules; 2) prepare a list of constitutions in the vernacular; 3) prepare a list of countries and their entry for administrative regulations; 4) prepare a list of uniform titles for ancient law, and 5) study subject headings with the dropping of form filing titles.

Tillie Krieger of the University of Illinois proposed that we prepare a comprehensive list of legal periodicals to assist those catalogers who are attempting to classify legal periodicals in K 1-30. If you are interested, please contact her directly.

The chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

CATALOGING AND CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
1977-1978

The Cataloging and Classification Committee continued to participate, in a limited sense, in the revision of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules. Several presentations concerning the rules were made to the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of the AACR. They indicated concern that the proposed rules did not reflect the needs of the law library community. There was also a continued effort to come to accord with the Canadian and British library associations about the new rules.

Volume 3 of the Law Cataloger, edited by Sonya Sasuta, was published. Due to increased postal costs a subscription charge of \$1.00 was introduced. The newsletter is currently sent to 106 paid subscribers, with an additional 38 copies sent free to various AALL officers and members of the Committee.

Two new sub-committees were established. One will deal with the problem of legal form sub-division for subject headings; the other will investigate the possibility of producing a cataloging manual for small libraries.

The project to encourage law book publishers to participate in the CIP program was completed with a letter to 516 publishers explaining the program and giving instructions on how to participate. The results will be analyzed in late 1978 to determine the project's impact.

In response to a notice by the Library of Congress welcoming suggestions for changes in their subject headings a letter was sent to each member of AALL urging them to communicate with LC concerning any changes they would like to see in LC subject headings. Since a June 1, 1978 deadline was imposed by LC and there was no time for the Committee to work up a procedure for pre-screening the responses, it was urged that a copy of the suggestions be sent to the Committee for collation and interpretation.

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Curt Conklin	Gregory Koster	Jo Anne Scanlon
Virginia Davis	Cecilia Kwan	Evelyn Smith
Joseph D'Ottavio	Nancy Miller	Nancy Stuart
Jean Eisenhauer	Judith Norcross	Alexander Sved
Peter Enyingi	Jenni Parrish	Judith Westhous
Peggy Fisher	Jerry Phillips	Brian Polley, Vice-Chairman
Paul Huang	E. Ann Rae	Phyllis Marion, Chairman

AACR II REVIEW

At the 1978 annual convention of the American Association of Law Libraries, it was decided that as soon as the final draft of the Special rules for law in AACR II becomes available, a voluntary experimentation team would be set up to review these rules critically. Each participating library would be fully briefed on the rationale behind all the rules for law and would be assigned one or two rules for intensive study. Such intensive study includes application of those rules on the on-going cataloging or on their retrospective cataloging on an experimental basis in order to determine areas needing improvement and to formulate recommendations to be made to the new committee at ALA responsible for the amendment of AACR II. Librarians who are willing to help should write immediately to Cecilia Kwan, Law Library, University of California, Davis, CA 95616.

WORKSHOP ON AACR II FOR LAW LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS

The Cataloging and Classification Committee, in conjunction with the Education Committee, will be holding a Workshop of AACR II for Law Library Administrators on January 6, 1979, at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. This workshop, on the day following the AALS meeting, will not be a detailed examination of the rules. It is intended to be an informational meeting for law librarians who will not need to deal with the rules themselves but will be in a position to make administrative decisions about the many problems that will arise when AACR II is implemented within a library. Complete information along with a registration blank will be available in the AALL Newsletter to be published in early September.

When the AALL Newsletter comes, please call your director's attention to it and encourage attendance, particularly if she or he will already be in Chicago for AALS. It should be a profitable introduction to the problems arising from AACR II for those who will be called upon to decide implementation question.

PRE-CONVENTION INSTITUTE ON AACR II

The Technical Services Special Interest Section and the Cataloging and Classification Committee, in conjunction with the Education Committee, will be sponsoring a 3-4 day institute on AACR II just prior to the 1979 convention. The institute will be under the co-directorship of Peter Enyingi, Los Angeles County Law Library and Albert Brecht, University of Southern California Law Library. The institute is still in the early planning stages, so if you have any ideas about what you would like to see on the program, who you would like to hear speak, or physical arrangements and the like, please get in touch with either of the directors. They welcome your suggestions.

SIS-COMMITTEE MERGER DISCUSSION SUMMARY

As reported in the minutes of both the Cataloging and Classification Committee and the Technical Services SIS there was discussion at the convention of a proposed merger of both of the above committees and the OCLC-BALLOTS SIS. It was decided that three members of each group would meet before the end of the convention to prepare a proposal to be presented to all the groups involved for further consideration at the 1979 convention. Representing the Cataloging and Classification Committee were Dennis Hyatt, Elizabeth Mathews and Nancy Miller. The Technical Services SIS was represented by Sonya Sasuta, Evelyn Smith and Ellen Sandmeyer. OCOC-BALLOTS SIS members present were Diane Hillmann and Gayle Edelman. It was agreed that a report on the merger and how it could take place would be published in late 1978 or early 1979 so that members of all the groups could give it consideration before a discussion and vote at the 1979 meeting.

RESPONSE TO LC'S CALL FOR SUBJECT HEADING CHANGES

Paul Weiss of the Subject Cataloging Division of LC indicated that by far the greatest number of responses to LC's call for subject heading changes was received from law librarians. Anita Anderson of the University of Minnesota Law Library staff is now in the process of analyzing the duplicate cards that were sent to the Cataloging and Classification Committee. The analysis will be published in a later issue of the Law Cataloger.

TECHNICAL SERVICES SIS SUBJECT CATALOGERS ORGANIZE TO REVIEW LEGAL SUBJECT HEADINGS

Law Libraries traditionally have modified LC subject headings to make them more suitable to their specific needs. In a practical sense, it is mute to argue

today whether the adaptation was justified in the era of manual processing. To make local changes in MARC cataloging does not make sense any more.

The necessity of freezing the Library of Congress card catalog and changes required by the acceptance of AACR II in toto (desuperimposition) prompted LC to review its current subject heading system. Suggestions for terminology changes were solicited by the Library of Congress and should have been submitted by June 1, of 1978. While it is understandable that the Subject Cataloging Division is anxious to start the work on the review of subject headings in order to make the changes ready for the 9th edition it was hoped that it would be possible to respond as a group at a somewhat later deadline. Correspondence with the Subject Cataloging Division assured us that this would be possible. Mrs. Mary K. D. Pietris, chief of the division wrote to me stating that it would be impossible to make as much change as the division hoped before 1980 and that desirable changes may be introduced after that date. Mrs. Pietris realizes that a comprehensive review which would include structure, subdivisions and terminology require an extended time to prepare and correspondingly, extended time for LC to review it.

She encourages us to proceed with a review of subject headings which should prove useful even if it cannot be implemented before 1980.

This is a rare opportunity for the law library community to suggest changes in legal subject headings. Another event proves that the time for action is now, namely the preliminary work on a law network by AALL. Recommendations nine through twelve of the Butler report on LAWNET deal with authority control and standard subject headings. Exploratory contacts have been established with the LAWNET Committee of AALL for a possible cooperation in this matter between the LAWNET Committee and the Technical Services Section.

These recent events suggest that law catalogers should take an investigative look at subject heading practices in law libraries.

Lack of time at the Rochester meeting prevented the formal organization of a working Subject Cataloging Committee of the Technical Services Special Interest Section. An informal group among the members of the T.S./S.I.S. believes in the feasibility of a comprehensive review of legal subject headings. Another year cannot be wasted to start working on such a project.

If you are interested in joining this informal group, there are three prerequisites:

You should be:

- 1) a member of the Technical Services Special Interest Section;
- 2) willing to work on the project;
- 3) able to meet reasonable deadlines.

(Note to "willingness to work." Only members who are interested in participation should respond. The group intends to solicit opinion inputs at a later time and publish its findings.)

Interested persons should contact, as soon as possible,

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LC CLASS K DEVELOPMENT

The Subject Cataloging Division is considering altering the notation previously announced for many of the countries in Class K for which schedules have not yet been developed. The order and arrangement of countries would be changed little if at all. However, it has become evident that altering the notation would provide most countries of the world with a three-letter span. Such a change would eliminate potential crowding of material particularly in Asia and Africa, where up to 15 countries are currently to be included in one three-letter subclass. Altering notation would also affect notation for the law of Latin America, Europe, the Soviet Union and Australia.

If these changes are put into effect, work on the new notation for countries covered in subclasses KG through KZ would begin in 1979 after the completion of the schedule for the law of Germany.

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LC SUBJECT HEADING-KF SCHEDULE
CROSS-REFERENCE DELAYED

The previously announced publication date of summer 1978 for the Brigham Young University Law Library's cross reference of the LC5H with the KF class schedule has been delayed. This was done in order to incorporate the Gale Research Company's 1974-1977 Cumulation of Additions and Changes which will be published around December 1978. An estimated publication date for the cross reference guide is now Spring 1979. The cost will be around \$5 due to University subsidy. If you are interested in placing an order, write to

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