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BIBLIOGRAPHIC STANDARDS AND AUTHORITY CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE OF AALL NETWORK COMMITTEE

The following have been named to the Bibliographic Standards Subcommittee:
Jane Hammond, Cornell Law Library, chairperson; Francis Gates, Columbia University
Law Library, member; Larry Wenger, University of Virginia Law Library, member;
Christian Boissonnas, Cornell University Libraries, advisor; Paul B. Gloeckner,
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, & Garrison, advisor; Phyllis Marion, University of
Minnesota Law Library, advisor; and Pat Piper, University of California Law Library,
advisor.

It is hoped that this group will be able to produce finished documents for
approval by the Association in June 1979. In order to cover all the needed aspects
of the subject, specific assignments have been made. Christian Boissonnas will
draft a statement on what standards should be set and what deviations should be
permitted in the use of AACR II; Phyllis Marion will draft a statement on what
standards should be set for subject headings; Pat Piper will investigate the
present state-of-the-art concerning authority file control; and Paul Gloeckner
will conduct a survey and report on the standards that librarians in private
libraries want and will be willing to follow.

As can be seen from the above assignments the subcommittee is devoting itself
primarily to a discussion of standards for the creation of the record. It was
concluded that standards for communication of the record, such as tagging and
coding, are fairly well set by existing systems and that time would be better spent
evaluating creation of the record. Phyllis Marion and Sonya Sasuta will be
reviewing a new document on national standards for coding and tagging and will
relay their feeling on this document to the subcommittee.

It is hoped by the subcommittee that anyone who wishes to express their
opinions about bibliographic standards for a law library network do so. Send
your comments to the individual listed above who is working in the area of your
concern.

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AACR 2 EDUCATION EFFORTS

As you probably have heard the implementation of AACR 2 has been delayed until January 1981. When we asked the Executive Board for approval of a one-day workshop on AACR 2 for administrators to be offered in January 1979 and a three-four day institute on the new rules for catalogers prior to the 1979 convention it was agreed that the programs would be offered if the rules were to be implemented in 1980. Since this date has been changed to 1981 both programs have been cancelled, to be rescheduled at a time agreed upon by the sponsors of the program. Any programs offered by AALL will be coordinated with those educational programs offered by ALA which will help meet the needs of law librarians.

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

I've just made my mid-year report to the Executive Board concerning the activities of both the Cataloging and Classification Committee and the Technical Services SIS. I'd like to summarize my reports for all the members of these sections.

The Cataloging and Classification Committee continues to have as its main concern the study of AACR 2. Cecilia Kwan is directing the work of the Committee in this area. There are many individuals involved in studying specific parts of the new rules. It is hoped that these studies will allow AALL to make some positive contributions to further developments of AACR 2.

The Technical Services SIS has one major project going--a subject heading study under the direction of Peter Enyingi. Peter will report on this project in this newsletter. The Section will be sponsoring two programs for the San Francisco meeting. The first, part of the regular program, is an LC update for non-technical services librarians and is under the direction of Cecilia Kwan. The other program will be a Sunday meeting on serials and is under the joint sponsorship of the Technical Services SIS and the OCLC SIS.

Phyllis Marion

TECHNICAL SERVICES SIS QUESTIONNAIRE

The chairperson is in the process of tabulating the responses to the membership questionnaire that was mailed in September. Response has not been overwhelming--only 39 responses out of a possible 104. If you still have your questionnaire please mail it back. It will help the officers plan future programs based on the make-up of the Section and the needs of the membership.

CONVENTION SCHEDULING

The officers are trying hard to juggle all the necessary meetings in San Francisco. We have programs, merger discussions, and business meetings to account for. If you need to meet with a subcommittee or a project group please let the chairperson of your section or committee know as soon as possible so that the space and time can be arranged. Absence of conflicts can't be promised but problems can be minimized if your needs are known early.

BAR ASSOCIATION LISTINGS

Curt Conklin, BYU Law Library, 358-A JRCB, Provo, UT, 84601, has a listing of all the LC corporate entries for the fifty state bar associations, about 90 entries in all. Also included are a few of the international, national, and city-county associations. The publication is available from Curt for \$2.50 and he'll enclose an invoice to avoid the pre-payment hassle.

NEW "SPEC" KIT AVAILABLE

Planning for the Future of the Card Catalog; it is kit no. 46, available from: Association of Research Libraries, Office of University Library Management Studies, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Cost: \$15.00. It is 171 pages.

OCLC/SIS NEWS NEEDED ON GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Nancy P. Johnson, Chairperson, Government Documents SIS has written to invite members of the OCLC/SIS to submit any news items dealing with OCLC and Government Documents to their newsletter Editor, Mr. Larry Cheeseman, Supreme Court Library, Room 349, Supreme Court Building, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

SAN FRANCISCO PROGRAMS

Two programs are in the works for San Francisco. The first is an exhibit of OCLC and BALLOTS; this "hands-on" experience will provide a unique opportunity to compare the two systems. The second projected program is a serials workshop. This is still very much in the planning stages. If there is anyone in the SIS who would

like to submit ideas for the programs, please contact Cherylyn Briggs, Chairperson OCLC/SIS, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Library, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003.

OCLC SIS BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES
June 26, 1978

Genesee Room
Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn
Rochester, New York

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Christain Boissonnas at 7:55 a.m.

A copy of the minutes of last year's meeting were circulated for approval. No corrections nor additions were made by the members present.

Jill Brophy, Secretary/Treasurer, reported that the present balance on hand was \$192.24, and that the only outstanding bill was that for the business meeting breakfast. When this is paid the balance should be \$113.49.

She also reported that the section had conducted a survey among law libraries in the United States and Canada to determine how many libraries were members of OCLC or were considering becoming members of OCLC, and of these how many desired or saw the need for uniform statistical reporting. The results of the survey indicated that there was no consensus of opinion among law libraries responding to the questionnaire on the definitions of "editing," "corrections," nor "local variations." However, most law libraries using OCLC favored uniform statistical reporting and were willing to keep various statistics. She recommended that if the section decided to pursue the project next year, that it begin by formulating standard definitions for the various terms so that libraries will be better able to communicate with one another.

Boissonnas reported that the section's by-laws had been approved by the AALL Executive Board.

Cherylyn Briggs reported that no work had been done on an OCLC SIS newsletter since the section's news had been easily disseminated through The Law Cataloger.

Boissonnas called for nominations for next year's officers. The officers nominated and elected were Cherylyn Briggs, Chairperson, Gayle Edelman, Vice-Chairperson, and Joanne Scanlon, Secretary/Treasurer. Suzanne Thorpe and Margaret Axtmann were elected to the Advisory Committee.

Boissonnas announced that the Cataloging and Classification Committee had offered the section the opportunity to use The Law Cataloger as its official organ of communication. He indicated that if we accepted, a letter of appreciation to the Committee would be in order. Cherylyn Briggs said it would be easier to use The Law Cataloger to disseminate news than to start our own newsletter. Boissonnas moved that we accept the offer. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Stone of McGeorge School of Law Library reported that he had been asked by a number of BALLOTS users to approach the OCLC SIS with a suggestion that the OCLC SIS be expanded to include BALLOTS and/or MARC record users. Boissonnas introduced a resolution that the group appoint a subgroup of three members, one to be a BALLOTS user, to meet with members chosen by the Cataloging and Classification Committee and the Technical Services SIS to resolve the issues of how many SIS's in these areas there should be and what kind of representation each should have in the organization. This subgroup would report at the AALL Mid-Winter Meeting or at the next Annual Conference. Gayle Edelman suggested that working with BALLOTS users in the same SIS would prevent duplication of work and foster a spirit of cooperation. Boissonnas observed that passage of the resolution would not commit the OCLC SIS to anything but an investigation of the possibilities for reorganization. Roger Jacobs reminded the members that while there are a number of organizational possibilities, the original intention in forming the OCLC SIS was to provide a forum to discuss common problems vis a vis OCLC. The resolution passed. Stone agreed to serve as the BALLOTS user representative on the subgroup. Edelman and Diane Hillmann volunteered to be the other two members of the subgroup.

Briggs called for suggestions for topics for next year's program. Axtmann suggested the formation of a Program Committee. Briggs said that since we had such a small group, perhaps a committee would not be necessary. Boissonnas suggested serials as a topic of interest. The recommendation was made for a program comparing OCLC and BALLOTS. Chris Nelson, representing OCLC, offered support in planning such a program. She will also suggest to OCLC that they exhibit at the AALL Annual Conference next year. Other suggestions for programs included training workshops (especially for serials), updating OCLC procedures, and interlibrary loan. Axtmann suggested an introductory program including dial-up access for new users. Edelman suggested a program on "clustering."

Boissonnas suggested that the section take on the problem of statistics next year and present a proposal regarding statistical reporting at the next meeting.

Jacobs thanked Boissonnas for being the person primarily responsible for the establishment and direction of the OCLC SIS over the past two years.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Brophy
Secretary/Treasurer

SUBJECT ANSWERS FROM LC

Q: The subject headings for the 5th ed. of Computers and Law, by Roy N. Freed were changed from INFORMATION STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS - LAW - UNITED STATES and LEGAL RESEARCH - UNITED STATES - DATA PROCESSING to COMPUTERS - LAWS AND LEGISLATION - UNITED STATES. Can you tell us what the scope of these three headings are?

- A: The headings on all editions of the work you cite have been changed to COMPUTERS--LAW AND LEGISLATION, because it was felt that the headings originally assigned were too narrow in scope. The heading COMPUTERS--LAW AND LEGISLATION is intended to be all-encompassing, and to include such topics as computer crimes, the relationship of copyright to computers, computers and right of privacy, etc. INFORMATION STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS--LAW is not limited to computerized systems. LEGAL RESEARCH--DATA PROCESSING is limited to the application of computers to legal research.
- Q: Is there any chance of a subject heading being established for foreign lawyers as there is for foreign doctors? (See the heading, "PHYSICIANS FOREIGN.) The publication on the Joint Conference on Bar Admissions of Foreign Law School Graduates, Chicago, 1976 indicates such a need.
- A: The heading LAWYERS, FOREIGN has been established, and appears in the forthcoming 1977 annual Supplement to LCSH.
- Q: Another subject for which there seems to be a need for a new heading is "Pre-trial release". Several publications have been issued within the last year that encompass that part of pretrial criminal procedure dealing with bail, release on own recognizance, etc. This subject is not to be confused with PRE-TRIAL INTERVENTION.
- A: PRE-TRIAL RELEASE has now been established as follows:
- Pre-trial release (Indirect)
 - sa Bail
 - x Bail alternatives
 - Pre-conviction release
 - Preconviction release
 - Pretrial release
 - Recognizance, Release on
 - Release, Pre-trial
 - Release on recognizance
 - xx Arrest
 - Criminal justice, Administration of
- Q: Do you think a clarified scope note might be forthcoming to help distinguish between LOCAL TRANSIT and URBAN TRANSPORTATION? Can you give us any help in distinguishing them?
- A: The present scope notes under URBAN TRANSPORTATION and LOCAL TRANSIT, when read in conjunction with one another and with the explanation of the subdivision --TRANSIT SYSTEMS in the Introduction to the 8th edition of LCSH, indicate that the former is used for the topic in its broadest sense, while the latter is limited to the public transit system of localities.
- Q: Can you tell us if FOREIGN LICENSING AGREEMENTS is now subdivided geographically? The last supplement does not have this change listed yet.
- A: FOREIGN LICENSING AGREEMENTS has not been divided by place; the example you cite is an error which we will correct.

- Q: In the January-September 1977 supplement to LCSH a new X reference "Litigation" has been added to the subject ACTIONS AND DEFENSES. Several LC cards seem to be applying this heading in accordance with this reference. Can you tell us the difference between this "interpretation" of ACTIONS AND DEFENSES and the heading TRIAL PRACTICE?
- A: ACTIONS AND DEFENSES is broader than TRIAL PRACTICE, and includes litigation not associated with trials. Our practice is to add the heading TRIAL PRACTICE if a work has sufficient emphasis specifically on trial litigation to warrant bringing this out. This does represent an evolution in practice in recent years, inasmuch as the two headings had formerly been used almost synonymously.
- Q: Would you expand on the distinction made in the introduction to LCSH between the subdivisions SAFETY MEASURES and SAFETY REGULATIONS? Is there some pattern of geographical subdivision used with each? i.e., Subject - Geographical Subdivision - SAFETY MEASURES and Subject - SAFETY REGULATIONS - Geographical Subdivision. In light of the explanation of "free-floating" subdivisions given in the January-September 1977 supplement, it would be most helpful to know if such patterns exist since these headings will no longer be established in the LCSH.
- A: --SAFETY MEASURES is used for safety techniques, and has little application to law cataloging. --SAFETY REGULATIONS is the legal subdivision.

Questions compiled by
Peter Enyingi

EDITORIALY YOURS

For those of you who have ordered back issues, please be patient. I have been collecting back orders so that I could have them reproduced all at once. You should be receiving them shortly.

Some other news notes: Ballots has a new name: RLIN (Research Libraries Information Network) pronounced Arlin. RLIN is going to be a part of RLG (Research Libraries Group) and will be managed by a group of 50-100 co-owner research libraries. Ed Shaw has been elected to the position of Executive Director of RLG. Cornell is currently investigating the possibility of becoming a co-owner. Some of the law libraries which have recently gone on or decided to go on RLIN are: Columbia; Yale University; University of Michigan; NYU; Rutgers-Camden; Oakland County; Paul, Weiss, Rifkin, Wharton & Garrison.

I would like to encourage all of you to submit items for the newsletter. I hope the next issue will come out in March so please submit articles, conference reports and news items by the end of February.

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