

BIBLIOGRAPHIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE TASK FORCE ON DCRM and RDA

Background

In response to the discussion paper prepared by John Attig and Bob Maxwell, "Reconsidering DCRM in the Light of RDA: A Discussion Paper," which appeared in late 2010, (http://rbms.info/committees/bibliographic_standards/committee-docs/DCRM_RDA-DP-20101214.pdf) and subsequent discussion of the paper and the issues it raised at the BSC 2011 Midwinter Meeting in San Diego, BSC chair, Stephen Skuce, called for the formation of a Bibliographic Standards Committee Task Force on DCRM and RDA at the BSC 2011 Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Deborah J. Leslie agreed to head the task force, which also includes members Catherine Uecker and John Attig.

The Attig/Maxwell discussion paper analyzes the relationship of DCRM – as exemplified in the published modules for Books, DCRM (B) and Serials, DCRM (S) – with AACR2 as the current accepted cataloging standard for general materials. Once RDA is fully implemented, that relationship will need to be redefined. Attig and Maxwell present four possible options for revising DCRM in response to the implementation of a new cataloging standard, and suggest that BSC choose one of these options as soon as possible, in order to establish a general direction which would guide and inform a more thorough analysis of changes which would have to be made.

In addition to the issue of the overall relationship of DCRM and RDA, Attig and Maxwell also identify other areas in DCRM that will be affected by RDA, such as DCRM terminology; structure and arrangement of DCRM standards; selection of a standard for those parts of the record not covered by DCRM; ISBD; and LC policy on application of DCRM (B).

Lively discussion by BSC at the 2011 Midwinter Meeting reflected varying opinions on these issues, including which of the four options might best serve the special materials cataloging community, highlighting the need for additional in-depth analysis of the issues, assessment of options, and recommendations for action.

(See Item 7 of BSC 2011 Midwinter Minutes

<http://www.rbms.info/committees/minutes/2011/bibstandminutes11m.pdf>)

Task Force Charge

In light of the recommendations of the Attig/Maxwell discussion paper, and the need for further analysis of issues involved in modifying DCRM in response to implementation of RDA, the Task Force is charged, in general, to develop recommendations on the relationship between DCRM and RDA for consideration by Bibliographic Standards Committee (BSC). Specifically, the Task Force is asked to:

1. Submit a report containing an expanded, more in-depth analysis of the issues and options presented in the Attig/Maxwell discussion paper, along with recommendations for next steps by BSC.
2. Assist BSC in coordinating decisions on particular DCRM/RDA issues which would affect DCRM modules currently being developed; and, using those decisions as a guide, create a single set of implementation decisions for all DCRM modules, including those already published.
3. Coordinate with moderators of BSC-sponsored discussion session on DCRM and RDA at 2012 Preconference in San Diego to insure consistent presentation of issues and recommendations.
4. As necessary and appropriate, suggest rewording to JSC of problematic areas of RDA related to rare materials cataloging.

Timeline

The Task Force will present its report, including analysis, recommendations, and discussion of possible outcomes at the BSC 2012 Annual Meeting in Anaheim.