

Cataloging 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

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GODORT Cataloging Committee

Washington Marriott (WASH) – West End A

Sunday, June 27, 2010, 10:30 am-12:00

Chair: Gregory Wool

Attendees

Members: Gregory Wool, Su Min Yu, Rich Gause, Richard Guajardo, John Stevenson.

Non-members: Jim Noel, Scott Whittaker, Amy West, Manish Bhattacharyya, Chelsea Dinsmore, David Griffiths, Helen Marvin, Kathryn Westley, Laurie Hall.

The GODORT Cataloging Committee met in the West End Ballroom A of the Washington Marriott Hotel from 10:30 to 11:45 AM. Thirteen people were in attendance, including five members of the committee. Laurie Hall and Manisha Bhattacharyya from GPO were also present.

Chelsea Dinsmore (International Documents), Gregory Wool (Federal Documents), and Rich Gause (State and Local Documents) reported on the meetings of their respective Task Forces. Karen Weaver, CC:DA liaison was absent.

Amy West (Univ. of Minnesota) led a discussion of current efforts to bring bibliographic control (or something like it) to various kinds of research data. It seems apparent that pieces of information in a collection of research data should be able to be searched for and found much the way catalog records are, but for the most part, they are not because methods of description and linking still wait to be developed. At the same time, however, such projects as the OSTI semantic web and latent semantic analysis show promise in going beyond frequency-based discovery to incorporate and exploit latent relationships in the data.

Topic from the audience included the separate GPO formats policy creating a long time lag for cataloging, a contract problem for processing microfiche records at GPO (exacerbated by the laying off of most of the catalogers involved), the general slowness of converting multiple 856 fields in bibliographic records to single 538's, and the impending load of 240,000 records from MARC Report into OCLC WorldCat.

The meeting adjourned at approx. 11:45 a.m.

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