

## **OLAC CATALOGING POLICY COMMITTEE MIDWINTER MEETING REPORT**

The meeting was held in the Chicago Hilton, January 17, 1986 at 8:00 pm. The [minutes of the last meeting](#) were approved.

Michael Gorman briefly described planned revisions to Chapter 9. As an introduction, he stated that the Joint Steering Committee is planning to publish a consolidated edition of AACR2 in 1988. In order to have the manuscript to the publisher by mid-1987, the JSC will hold two meetings in 1986 to decide questions which are still outstanding, particularly in Chapter 9. Michael Gorman has produced a draft of Chapter 9 based on JSC discussions held in August 1985. He also has a synopsis of responses to the draft, and input from national groups, all of which will be grist to the mill. Highlights of the revision of Chapter 9 include:

1. The chapter will focus on computer files, i.e., data or programs that are machine-readable. Commercially produced microcomputer software will be incorporated;
2. Sources of information will be liberalized to move beyond information contained in the file to include the container and documentation;
3. The edition statement will be defined and clarified;
4. Area 3 (material or type of publication specific details) will be utilized to resolve the problem of using the physical description area (area 5) to describe file size;
5. Area 5 will be a true physical description, rather than a file description;
6. The gmd will be changed from "machine-readable data file" to something containing the word "computer;"
7. A more detailed system requirements note will be designed and designated as the first note;
8. In all chapters, certain notes will be prescribed as first notes.

Gorman thanked Glenn Patton, Nancy Olson, and Ben Tucker for their input on revising chapter 9.

Susie Koch reported on the literature search performed by Sheila Intner, Bob Mead-Donaldson and herself. The committee produced a list of generic and specific terms for machine-readable data file found in academic and popular computer literature. "Software" was the most used term by at least 6 to 1. Bob Mead-Donaldson recommended in a letter keeping the present gmd because it appears in literature from large agencies that own collections of data. CAPC decided to forward to CC:DA the draft proposal asking for the gmd to be changed to computer software and to include a description of the findings of the literature search. Sheila Intner volunteered to type the letter and deliver it to Dorothy McGarry, chair of CC:DA.

General discussion followed concerning the merits of Area 3 in chapter 9, with a variety of opinions being expressed.

Dorothy McGarry announced that the CC:DA meetings would include a forum Saturday afternoon, and that Chapter 9 would be the first thing on the agenda Sunday morning.

John Attig began a discussion on the need for a serials format for nonprint materials with some background information and an explanation of the problem. Serial nonprint materials don't fit smoothly into either serial or nonprint formats, causing numerous problems, including the time and expense of double searching, the inability to do serials check-in, the inability to do union listings, the creation of duplicate records, and the need for analytics. LC has done extensive internal review of the idea of format integration. In principle, format integration is simple, but in practice it would be expensive and difficult to program and implement. Glenn Patton said that OCLC would be able to handle a change, but individual libraries would have to look at what would be involved for each of them. MARBI has been aware of the nonprint serials problem since 1981. Verna Urbanski, Sheila Intner, and Dorian Martyn will draft a letter to MARBI (with copies to the networks) listing our concerns.

6.5D1. The proposal for rule 6.5D1 was accepted, with the addition of "analog" in the examples.

Dorian Martyn presented the template of a cataloging manual created by John Lashbrook. The difficulty of preparing a manual that is not system- or library-specific was pointed out. The committee is not sure of the direction of this project, so the matter will be brought to the Executive Committee of OLAC for clarification at the Sunday evening meeting.

The possibility of a proposal to MARBI concerning a subfield code for parenthetical qualifiers in corporate names and subjects was discussed. Nancy Olson will draft a letter to the networks asking for two search keys, one that goes up to the left paren and one that searches on the entire statement.

Sheila Intner suggested that CAPC become responsible for reviewing the revisions of Chapter 9, especially since OLAC has been designated as OCLC's official MRDF user's group. Dorothy McGarry said that anyone can get a CC:DA subscription to materials under review, and explained the process for draft revision. Verna did not feel comfortable at this meeting about reacting to the current draft document as a committee since half the committee had not seen the documents. The committee agreed. Nancy Olson, Susie Koch, Verna Urbanski and Sheila Intner will read draft revisions documentation supplied by CAPC member and RTSD AV liaison to CC:DA, Martha Yee, between now and summer ALA, and prepare a reaction to it for CAPC's approval.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Koch,  
secretary for the session.