

Bibliographic Control Committee Report 2006-2007

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Bibliographic Control Committee (BCC).

Membership

The Committee members this past year were Christine Alexander (Library and Archives Canada), Trudy Bodak (York University), (Chair), Anne Draper (Library and Archives Canada), Nancy Lemay (University of Ottawa), Donna Porter (Library and Archives Canada), Martine Rocheleau (Natural Resources Canada), Grace Welch (University of Ottawa), Frank Williams (University of Ottawa), and Alberta Auringer Wood (Memorial University).

We welcome our newest members Christine Alexander, Nancy Lemay and Martine Rocheleau, who bring to BCC new ideas and perspectives. With the retirements of Velma Parker and Alberta Auringer Wood, BCC will be looking for a new representative on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing and the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials. We hope to find a replacement who will continue to represent the interests of the Canadian cartographic cataloguing community. As Alberta Auringer Wood mentions in her report to BCC, "it is urgent that there be a voice for ACMLA regarding rules relating to cartographic materials."

Workshops

In response to the feedback we received from last year's workshops, BCC has planned another workshop for the CARTO 2007 Conference in Montreal. Nancy Lemay and Martine Rocheleau will be leading a

Geospatial Metadata Workshop, in which they will present several metadata portals and will focus on the practicality of creating, editing, importing and exporting metadata records. To compliment this conference workshop, BCC also helped to organize a **Panel on Geospatial Metadata** where experts can share their knowledge, experiences and challenges. Nancy Lemay will be moderating this panel, which will be held on May 10, 2007.

Cataloguing

Velma Parker served on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC), representing ACMLA for many years, before she retired. Alberta Auringer Wood, graciously agreed to be ACMLA's interim replacement on CCC, and has written a report on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing for 2006-2007. Alberta's report, which is very thorough and includes background information on the mandate and work of the Committee, is attached.

In December, several BCC members attended a meeting in Ottawa with representatives from LAC (Library and Archives Canada) to review the status of maps in AMICUS, discuss map cataloguing issues and plan our next workshop for CARTO 2007 in Montreal.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to the Committee members for their work this past year. It has been a pleasure chairing such a Committee of dedicated and inspiring colleagues.

Respectfully submitted
Trudy Bodak, Chair BCC
April 2007

Date: April 6, 2007
To: Trudy Bodak, Chair ACMLA BCC
From: Alberta Auringer Wood
Subject: Report on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing for 2007

Velma Parker ably and with dedication served on the Canadian Committee for Cataloguing (CCC) representing ACMLA for many years, and I've agreed to serve in an interim capacity until someone more intimately and directly involved in cataloguing can take my place. Hopefully, this will be by the time of the annual meeting, if not before. It is urgent that there be a voice for ACMLA regarding rules relating to cartographic materials. From reviewing documents already submitted by Velma to comment on proposed revisions, it is apparent that a close watch is needed. For those who are new to what this CCC is, as I am, I thought a bit of information about it might be in order. It has a mandate with four aspects:

1. To formulate policy on questions concerning cataloguing and bibliographic control, including subject analysis and classification, referred to it by any of the organizations represented on the Committee. Any other bodies or individuals are also invited to refer to the Committee questions requiring a statement or interpretation of policy.
2. To represent Canada as one of the authors of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules.
3. To provide representative Canadian opinion within its field of interest for representation at international meetings and through correspondence with organizations, committees and working groups outside Canada.
4. To serve as an advisory body to Library and Archives Canada on cataloguing policy and practice.

Membership includes two voting members each from three organizations (the Canadian Library Association (CLA), the Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation (ASTED) and Library and Archives Canada (LAC)) and non-voting representatives from eight Canadian organizations, including ACMLA. In addition, a Library and Archives Canada representative to the CCC will represent the CCC on the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR (JSC). Curiously, the JSC has changed this project so that it is working towards a new standard called: RDA: Resource Description and Access, which is scheduled for release in early 2009. From their web page, I found further that:

Work on the new standard began in 2004, and in the same year the Committee of Principals for AACR appointed Tom Delsey as the Editor. In December 2004 a draft of part I of AACR3 was made available to the constituencies for review. In 2005 a new approach was agreed on, and the decision made to adopt the title: "RDA: Resource Description and Access". In December 2005, the draft of RDA part I was made available for review. The structure of RDA has since been refined, and RDA will now have two parts (parts A and B) instead of the three parts (parts I, II, and III) originally proposed. Part A will cover description and access elements and part B will cover authority control for the form of access points. In June 2006 a draft of RDA Part A, chapters 6-7 was released for review.

Each release of a draft of RDA is followed by a period of constituency review. Following the conclusion of the review period, JSC discusses the drafts and all the constituency responses at its next meeting. The decisions taken by JSC and the plans for further action arising from these discussions are communicated as quickly as possible after the meeting.

The schedule for the work at this point is as follows:

- March-June 2007: Review of revised chapter 3
- July-September 2007: Review of revised chapters 6-7
- December 2007-March 2008: Review of part B
- July-September 2008: Review of complete draft of RDA
- 2009: Release of RDA

ALA has recommended that AACR2 not be used alone as the source of ideas and practices for RDA. As a result “the JSC affirmed the role of the IME ICC draft Statement of International Cataloguing Principles as the basis for the cataloguing principles used throughout RDA, and the role of the FRBR and FRAD models as the basis of RDA parts A and B respectively. RDA will be used to create metadata that supports user tasks, and represents the entities and attributes/relationships identified in the FRBR and FRAD models. The JSC and Editor will prepare a scope statement for RDA to articulate more clearly the role of the models.”

The JSC meets from April 16-20, 2007 in Ottawa. At this meeting, the JSC will discuss the detailed constituency comments on the June 2006 draft of Part A, Chapters 6-7, some aspects of Chapters 1-5, Part B, and general revisions. The CCC submitted a 10 page response regarding Chapters 6-7 in September. The draft of Chapter 3: Carrier, and any comments received, will be discussed at the JSC meeting in October 2007. The JSC representatives are asked to submit their formal constituency responses by July 16, 2007. Each constituency committee will set its own internal deadlines for comments in the lead up to July 16. Chapter 3 has considerable items of interest to map cataloguers! It includes a glossary of terms with these of particular notice: “Cartographic. Content representing the whole or part of the Earth or any celestial body at any scale.” and “Three-dimensional form. Content expressed through a form or forms intended to be perceived visually from more than one side.” ACMLA needs to ensure that review is done and comments submitted well in advance of the deadline that will be set by the CCC. The JSC includes statements in the material accompanying the draft of the Chapter 3 indicating that “specific feedback” is requested regarding any issues related to the treatment of cartographic materials in it.

As a side issue, a 2005 update is available on the ALA website for *Cartographic Materials; a Manual of Interpretation for AACR2, 2002 Revision. Second edition*. It has a couple of rule updates:

http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=18

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