

Metadata Working Group

Minutes

September 14, 2009

Present: K. Ananthan, M. Barnett, I. Beard, M. De Fino, R. Marker, L. Sun, M.B. Weber, C. Zimmerman

Excused: J. Otto

1. Hierarchical Geographic Headings- This item was put on hold since J. Otto was unable to attend the meeting.
2. Collection Naming/Hierarchies-

M.B. Weber, K. Ananthan, and R. Marker reported on the discussion of this topic which took place at the September 9 Cyberinfrastructure Steering Committee. A suggestion was made to include Portal Ids in collection records. They could be system assigned. Chad Mills is developing software that will create custom portals for our project partners. The project portals will use the same color as the institution's website. They retain the look and feel of the institution's other resources.

The committee also discussed the NISO MI metadata for collections that was used by Web Services. This schema was compared to Dublin Core's collection application and MODS elements for collections. The MODS metadata for collections appears to have been adapted from the NISO MI.

The RUcore metadata spreadsheet will be expanded to include a column for collection metadata. M.B. Weber and J. Otto will work on this.

R. Marker noted that this will become a specification for WMS release 5.2. The updated spreadsheet will be shared with Ron Jantz and Yang Yu so that they can incorporate the changes into a future WMS release. This decision will be conveyed to CISC; we will note that the MDWG is advocating implementing the NISO MI in our MODS implementation.

Collection hierarchies in the WMS and DLR edit were discussed. The WMS listing of collections has been newly organized in the OpenWMS. The relationship between collections and subcollections in WMS is brought into Fedora after ingest. There has been dissatisfaction with how collections are organized. There is a collection management module in the WMS. Once the custody of a collection is given to Fedora, people can change it. There are no organization records in the repository; they exist only in the WMS. We need to know how portals are expected to behave.

The committee agreed that members will look at the collection hierarchy documents and determine how we want to organize collections and how we want them presented to users. This decision will be sent to CISC as a proposal. R. Marker, K. Ananthan, and M. De Fino agreed to work on this. They will not work on collection naming conventions.

3. Update on AMIA Standards Subcommittee Review of OpenMIC- M.B. Weber

Thelma Ross, chair of the AMIA Standards Subcommittee, had been unable to download OpenMIC for use at her institution due to technical problems. A suggestion was made to add them to our system to permit them to work in lefty64 until OpenMIC is operational at Ross' institution.

A suggestion was made to register OpenMIC and OpenWMS in registries to gather public review of these resources. There was also a suggestion to register our metadata in a registry.

4. WMS Contact List and Policies- K. Ananthan

The list was reviewed and suggestions were made for revisions. M.B. Weber and K. Ananthan will provide training on how to add controlled vocabulary terms in the OpenWMS.

5. Other

The code freeze for WMS release 5.1 is September 25. Specifications for the next release must be submitted to the Software Architecture Committee by November 1.