Metadata Working Group
Minutes
February 15, 2016

Present: Kalaivani Ananthan, Isaiah Beard (videoconference), Yu-Hung Lin, Rhonda Marker, Caryn Radick, Li Sun, Mary Beth Weber (recorder).

Absent: Melissa De Fino, Jane Otto, Krista White

1. Announcements

Radick- Has applied for two grants that could generate digital projects: the National Digital Newspaper Project, and the New Jersey Historical Commission. The NJ Historical Commission proposed grant project is for World War I era correspondence and materials. The level of access to these materials (by item or folder) remains to be determined.

Marker- Peter Konin and Li Sun are helping her to process SOAR deposits while Jane Otto is on sabbatical. There was rush of submissions in the 48 hours that followed Dr. Barbara Lee’s announcement of SOAR to the university community. There have been about 100 deposits a month.

Ananthan- Ananthan and Melissa De Fino provided new archivists Zach Johnson and Sheridan Sayles with an overview of the WMS and RUcore.

Lin- Reported that he’s been working with OOI Cyberinfrastructure staff on the OOI project. The original goal was to have OOI metadata available online in mid-December 2015. Lin is currently still working with OOI project staff to locate key asset information that will be used to create DOIs. The project includes 800 instruments that will require digital images, which are difficult to locate in the OOI system. Progress has been slow, and he’s unable to do batchloads at this time because the information provided by the OOI project staff is inaccurate and inconsistent.

Lin and Marker are also serving on the Research Data Exploratory Team (RDET). There are currently five data projects in the review process. Andrew Goldstone’s project has been completed and Ron Jantz is the project manager.

Establishing relationships between the resources for this project has been a challenge.

Sun- Reported that she’s been working on SOAR faculty deposits.

Sun will be away March 27-30 for a conference.

Weber- Reported on her discussion with Dr. Robert Goodman, Dean of the Natural Resources and Agriculture Department, regarding the Lester R. Brown collection. Brown’s Earth Policy Institute website is being archived, but it’s not clear by whom. The collection consists of books, journals, and memorabilia. The memorabilia could make an interesting digital collection.

2. New Rights Event Type for Cover Sheets- Marker

Marker discussed the ability to provide custom wording for cover sheets. Some wording is automatically supplied and cover sheets will include some publisher information. However, the cover sheet can’t be changed once it’s ingested and it also can’t be edited in Fedora. Marker proposed adding publisher specific rights information to Rights metadata, which will save it in the MXL, where it can be displayed. It will also allow us to edit this information after a resource has been ingested.
Two elements were proposed: Type and Detail. Marker had been recording this information in the “miscellaneous” tab and creating a rights event. If this information needs to be edited in DLR Edit, it will pull from the rights event.

The proposed workflow is:

Add rights event: Type=Publication notice; Detail=”publisher statement”
Update AP for journal articles (SOAR AP) to accommodate right events.

Otto will also need to update her SOAR LibGuide since Marker is unsure if anyone else is authorized to update it.

The proposed workflow will be submitted to software.libraries.

3. Establishing a Relationship Between Resources- Ananthan, Lin, Marker
Resources such as journal articles can be superseded. Ananthan, Lin, and Marker discussed how to link to different versions of an article. The information isVersionof and hasVersion is captured in MODS and is always paired. No external relationships are recorded in the Related Item field in the WMS.

A research data project record is equal to a collection record. A collection record is described using IsDataOf/hasData. If a data set includes software, it’s described using isSoftwareOf/HasSoftware. How can we automate some of this and make it automatic in RUcore? Anyone working on a project that needs to establish relationships needs to consult Ananthan or Marker.

Processing administrative documents shouldn’t display license and other information in the Research Portal since it’s a dark archive.

The challenge is to identify the metadata elements in WMS and to explore the options to standardize relationships based on supplied values.

3. MODS Review (Continue with Subject)-All
This item was tabled until the next meeting. The goal had been to finish the review so that new information could be included in the next release, but that’s no longer possible.

4. Software.libraries Entries
This item was tabled until the next meeting.

5. WMS tips
This item was tabled until the next meeting.